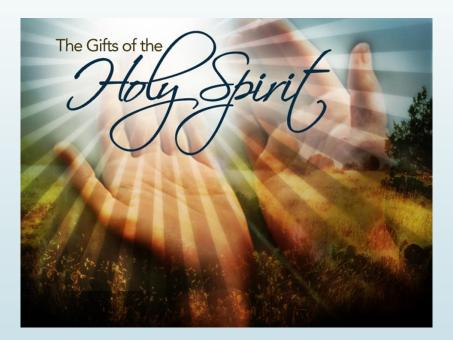
Your Giftings, Call, and Commission...





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Gifts of the Spirit...



¹ Corinthians 12:4-11 NIV "⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

The Gifts of the Spirit...

- Wisdom
- Word of Knowledge
- Faith
- Gifts of Healing
- Gifts of Miracles
- Prophecy
- Distinguishing Spirits
- Speaking in Tongues
- Interpretation of Tongues





What Gift Do I Have?

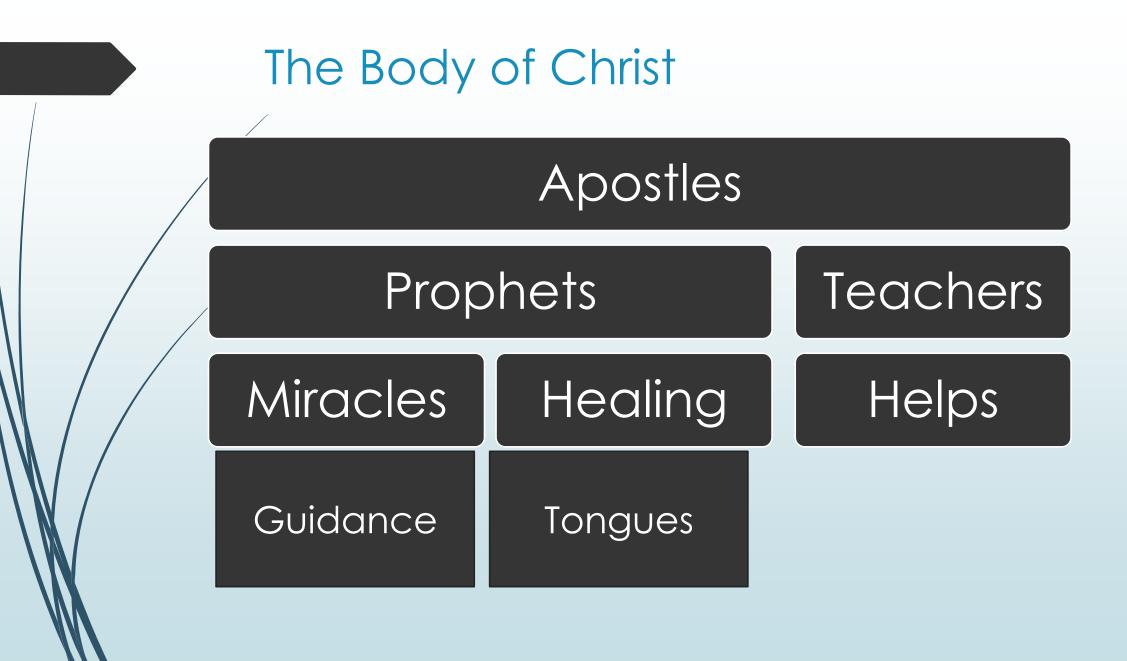
- Seek answer through the Holy Spirit in prayer and reading the Word
- Ask friends and family what you are good at etc?
- Talk to your pastor, youth leader, etc..
- Go to <u>www.spiritualgiftstest.com</u>

The Body of Christ...

1 Corinthians 12:27-31 NIV

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.





Most Excellent Way

1 Corinthians 12:31, "And yet I will show you the most excellent way."

"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.² If I have the <u>gift of prophecy</u> and <u>can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge</u>, and if I have a <u>faith that can move mountains</u>, but do not have love, I am nothing.³ If I give <u>all I possess to the poor</u> and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.⁸ Love never fails. But where there are <u>prophecies, they will cease</u>; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. "

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 NIV



Your Call...

- Romans 11:29KJV "²⁹ For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance."
- Psalm 139:13-16 NIV
 - ¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
 - ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful,
 - I know that full well.
 - ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
 - when I was made in the secret place,
 - when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
 - ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
 - all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.



Your Call...

- The word "calling" in Hebrew is: chashak.
 - Which means: to be dark (as withholding light), transit. to darken:-be black, be (make) dark, darken, cause darkness, be dim,hide.
- Your giftings and call were put inside of you when the Lord knit you in your mother's womb. It is always with you, even before you came to a place of repentance and salvation.
- This is why we see people with many talents and gifts in our society who are not believers because God placed that call and gift on their lives before they were born. However they are choosing to use those God-given gifts and abilities for themselves and not for the Lord. They are not fulfilling the call He has on their lives.











What is a Call ?

- from Merriam Webster Online:
 - " "a strong inner impulse toward a particular course of action especially when accompanied by conviction of divine influence."
- Who brings us this conviction in our hearts?
 The Holy Spirit



Your Calling...

John 16:13-15 NIV



¹³ "But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

Different Types of Callings...

- Teacher
- Missionary
- Musician
- Athlete
- Entrepreneur
- Doctor
- Lawyer
- Pastor
- Writer
- Massage Therapist
- Nurse
- Police
- Firefighter
- Computer Technician
- Plumber
- Electrician
- Architect

etc...



Your Calling...

- You may not be in a place right now fulfilling your calling.
- You may be in a stepping stone period of your life to get to the place where you can fulfill your calling.
- Do not be discouraged or give up. Continue to bloom where God has put you in this season and be faithful. Continue to do what you can to pursue what God has placed in your heart. Let it be known to others that you trust what God has placed within you and keep walking in faith. God is more than able to open the right doors, bring the \$ you need, the right people etc... All you have to is be obedient to what God is telling you to do and He will get you to where you need to go.

Your Commission:

Matthew 28:18-20 NIV

^{"18} Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make <u>disciples of all nations</u>, <u>baptizing them in</u> <u>the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy</u> <u>Spirit</u>, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have <u>commanded you</u>. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you.

> > Matthew 28:19-20a The Great Commission

Your Commission:

Mark 16:15-18 NIV

¹⁵ "He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

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Gifts+ Calling+ Commission =

- We are to take the gifts that God has given us in the Calling that God has placed us and go fulfill the commission of Christ.
- Our Commission is that others are saved, healed, set free, in the name of the Jesus.
- Sometimes we are called to be the one that plants a seed in a person's life, other times to water the seed, or to harvest. Sometimes God will have minister to a person from seed to harvest.





Luke 8:5-8 NIV

- 5 "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. ⁶Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown."
- When he said this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

Luke 8:11-15 NIV



¹¹ "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. ¹² Those along the path are the <u>ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ Those on the rocky ground are the <u>ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.</u> ¹⁴ The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. ¹⁵ But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop."</u>

- We do not know where someone is on their journey. Perhaps they have heard the word but the enemy has stolen it from their hearts. Or perhaps they heard the word, but because they have no root when hard times come they fall away. Or maybe the worries and fears and pleasures of this life come and those who heard the word are choked and do not mature.
- We want to seeds the mature and grow on good soil so that they do not fall away. We want them to produce a harvest.
 - God may have us in our Callings, pray for someone, speak life into their life, be a light, love on them, share the gospel. We have to be sensitive to where the people are at. They may not be ready to receive everything, like a seed that is first starting out. But as we continue to water, the seed will grow and mature and produce a harvest. From that one person many can come to know the Lord. Just as in nature one fruit can produce hundreds of seeds which can grow into fruit trees.



Matthew 9:35-38 NIV "³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "<u>The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.</u> ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."



I believe we are entering into a season of one of the greatest spiritual harvests this world has ever seen. This will be a time of great spiritual awakening, miracles, etc... We must be on our guard that we do not get caught up in the things of this world, or while we are trying to help others out of the fire, that we fall away ourselves. We must be strongly rooted in Christ our firm foundation and in His word. Always praying and seeking the Holy Spirit for guidance and direction so that we can always be ready when He asks us to help bring forth His harvest...

To the Journey, Michelle☺

