
The Responsibility of the Gifts (We Need Your Anointing)

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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Lesson Text

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1 Corinthians 12:20–26 (AV)²⁰ But now *are they* many members, yet but one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. ²² Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: ²³ And those *members* of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely *parts* have more abundant comeliness. ²⁴ For our comely *parts* have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that *part* which lacked: ²⁵ That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another. ²⁶ And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

Introduction

As we stated last week, there are over 20 spiritual gifts mentioned in the Bible, as well as many other spiritual and natural abilities, talents, callings and anointings.

In the previous message, we looked at how to discover them, but today we want to look at the significance of them.

We live in a world of have and have-nots, rich and poor, powerful and impotent, significant and insignificant. Unfortunately, this mentality (Big I's, Little You's) has crept into the church.

Matthew 20:25–27 (AV)²⁵ But Jesus called them *unto him*, and said, **Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.** ²⁶ **But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;** ²⁷ **And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:**

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When it comes to our Spiritual Gifts, many in the church have unfortunately allowed themselves to think this same way; that somehow one gift (such as prophesy, apostle, or pastor) is more significant, important, or necessary than another.

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The truth is that every member of the body is not only necessary, but the ones we don't know or see, the ones that operate behind the scenes, are actually the more necessary.

Today we want to look at not only the benefits, significance, and blessings each of our gifts bring to the Body of Christ, but our responsibility to make sure that we fulfill their purpose!

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“Your Anointing Profits the Body, is Necessary to the Body, and Blesses the Body”

I. Your Anointing Profits the Body

1 Corinthians 12:4–7 (AV)⁴ Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

The first responsibility we have concerning our gifts to make sure we profit each other.

To profit means to benefit or obtain advantage; to give assistance, value, or help.

From a business perspective, profit is financial gain based on the difference between the amount spent and the amount earned. It moves us out of the red (loss), into the black (gain).

From a spiritual perspective, profit is the spiritual gain we bring each other after the loss we experience from life and the cares of this world. To take us from spiritual red to black.

We know that life is going to spend and take from us. It's going to take and create spiritual poverty. It's going to subtract and cause broken hearts. It's going to hold us in captivity. It's going to blind us with mistakes. It's going to devastate and give us bruised and crushed souls.

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT)⁷ A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

When life subtracts from one, God gives us spiritual gifts, a spiritual anointing to help each other profit from their loss.

Romans 15:1–2 (AV)¹ We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let every one of us please *his* neighbour for *his* good to edification.

“I know you just experienced a loss, but God gave me an anointing to help you profit! You've been in the red long enough, I'm here to get you back in the black.”

II. Your Anointing is Necessary to the Body

1 Corinthians 12:20–22 (AV)²⁰ But now *are they* many members, yet but one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. ²² Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

The second responsibility we have concerning our gifts is to understand how necessary we are to the Body. How important it is for us to do our part, hold up our end.

The 22nd verse speaks about “More Feeble” members of the body. Feeble here means frail, shaky, meager, ineffective, hopeless, unsuccessful, insignificant, or weak.

And this is how the enemy attacks the body. He convinces us that we are feeble, ineffective, unsuccessful, or simply too weak to make it. That we are useless, helpless, and hopeless.

We’re not the Pastor or First lady, we’re not an Elder or key leader in the church, we don’t prophesy, preach, or lead praise and worship; simply put, we don’t matter!

And the more people the enemy can convince that they are weak, the weaker the body becomes.

But the bible didn’t say we were more feeble or weak, it said “***which seem to be more feeble***”.

It’s all just a mirage, an illusion! Just because we are hidden, just because we are not known or recognized, just because we are not known or famous doesn’t mean that we are not necessary. It actually means the opposite; that we are most necessary.

1 Corinthians 12:22 (NLT)²² In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary.

1 Corinthians 12:21–22 (The Message) Can you imagine Eye telling Hand, “Get lost; I don’t need you”? Or, Head telling Foot, “You’re fired; your job has been phased out”? As a matter of fact, in practice it works the other way—the “lower” the part, the more basic, and therefore necessary. You can live without an eye, for instance, but not without a stomach.

“Just because they don’t know you, doesn’t mean that they don’t need you!”

Your anointing is important, your anointing is significant, your anointing gives hope, your anointing is necessary.

III. Your Anointing Blesses the Body

1 Corinthians 12:25–26 (AV)²⁵ That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another. ²⁶ And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

When God put His Spiritual Gifts in us, He gave us the responsibility to profit and benefit each other, to understand the significance and necessity to each other, and finally to be a blessing to each other.

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Our lesson text speaks of a ***schism in the body***. This means that the body is no longer working properly; its members are not in harmony with each other. The body is literally breaking down. The reason why a body breaks down, gets sick, and stops working is because part of it, some of its members stop working and doing their job.

The heart stops pumping blood properly, the lungs stop exchanging air properly, the stomach stops digesting properly, the kidneys stop regulating and filtering the blood properly, the liver stops detoxifying the blood properly.

We can't see these parts of the body, but without them doing their job, the body breaks down. The body gets no profit, loses their necessary functions, and misses out on all their blessings.

1 Corinthians 12:25–26 (NLT)²⁵ This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.

Your anointing brings harmony to the body, your anointing keeps the body from breaking down, your anointing blesses the body.

Deuteronomy 28:3 (AV)³ Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.

Deuteronomy 28:6 (AV)⁶ Blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.

Proverbs 10:²² The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

We need your anointing to Profit Us when we're losing; We need your anointing to because it's Necessary to Us, and We need your anointing because it Blesses Us.

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Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Responsibility of the Gifts (We Need Your Anointing))

Lesson Text

- 1 Corinthians 12:4–7, 1 Corinthians 12:20–26
- Book: [“The Complete Guide To Understanding The Holy Spirit”](#): Read “Discovering and Recognizing Your Gifts”

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. Your Anointing Profits the Body

II. Your Anointing is Necessary to the Body

III. Your Anointing Blesses the Body

Questions

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. Do you exercise to strengthen your body? What are your results?
2. Before hearing this sermon, which spiritual gift have you heard the most about? What do you think about it now?

II. Into the Bible

1. 1 Corinthians 12:31 NIV says, “Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.” What are the “greater gifts” that this verse is referring to?
2. The Apostle Paul, follows his discussion of the gifts in 1 Corinthians 12, with a discussion on charity in the following chapters... What is the significance of charity in these chapters and how does charity work with gifts?
3. Why did Paul tell the Corinthian church to “desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy”, [1Corinthians 14:1]? Is prophecy a better gift?

III. Life Application

1. Give an example of a time when one person’s spiritual gift is used to help another person rebound from a losing position in life to one where he or she is profiting in life.
2. What scriptures will you rely on to overcome untrue and discouraging thoughts that say that your spiritual gift is unnecessary or insignificant?