
The Gift of Helps (The Power to Serve the Church)

The Works & Sign Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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Sermon: The Works & Sign Gifts of the Holy Spirit: The Gift of Helps (The Power to Serve the Church)

New Series Messages: “The Works & Sign Gifts of the Holy Spirit”

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 - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 28
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 - The Stirring of the Gift of Discernment (Save the Deceived)

Lesson Text

Acts 6:1–4 (AV)¹ And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. ² Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. ³ Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. ⁴ But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

Introduction

Whereas the Foundation Gifts Establish and Build the Church, the Works & Sign Gifts are the Worker Bees that do the Works of the Church.

So far we’ve looked at the Gift of Faith (Wonder-Working Faith to encourage the rest us when we doubt), and the Gift of Discernment (To Detect and Expose Deceiving and Seducing Spirits)!

In the next two messages we will look at the Gift of Helps, and the Gift of Leadership (Administration or Governments).

1 Corinthians 12:28 (AV)²⁸ And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

When God calls an Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher to establish a work, the leader of that work is initially tasked to do everything (Greet, Usher, Encourage, Raise the Offering, Cook, Clean, and more).

The problem is as the ministry grows, so does the work. And if those who have the gifts and responsibility for the foundation of the church continue to do the administrative work of the church, it will ultimately exhaust, drain, weaken, and overwhelm them.

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To overcome this problem, God has given us the Gift of Helps to Support and Serve the church.

Acts 6: ² Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

So, God gifts some of us to serve tables; to support and serve the church with a gifting that helps the church and benefits the foundational gifts of the church.

Those that support and serve the church (deacons, deaconess, adjutants, armor bearers, ushers, finance, praise and worship leaders, greeters, food service, and others tasked with the administration of the Church) have been given and need the gift of helps to effectively administer their service with the Power of Holy Ghost.

Series and Sermon: The Works & Sign Gifts of the Holy Spirit: The Gift of Helps (The Power to Serve the Church)

“The Purpose, Work, and Stirring of the Gift of Helps”

I. The Purpose of the Gift of Helps (Support the Church)

Acts 6: ² Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

The Gift of Helps are given to us first to Support the Pastor, Prophet, Apostle, Evangelist, and Teacher in their assignments.

Most people fail in their ministries and callings primarily because they just get burnt out.

Every month 1,500 Pastors quit their assignment; that’s 18,000 each year. Why? They just get to the point where they can’t take it anymore. This is what happened to the Prophet Elijah.

1 Kings 19:1–8 (AV)¹ And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time. ³ And when he saw *that*, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which *belongeth* to Judah, and left his servant there... ⁷ And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise *and* eat; because the journey *is* too great for thee. ⁸ And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

When the Gift of Helps are not properly stirred up and in operation in the church, the Pastor, Prophet, or Apostle can become vulnerable, weak, exposed, and even burnt out.

The bible (Hebrews 13:17) teaches us that we should support our leaders, contributing to their joy, and not their sorrow, because they watch over our souls.

We don’t want an exhausted, aggravated, frustrated, discombobulated Pastor or Prophet.

Acts 6: ⁴ But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

We need our Pastors to be in prayer, our Prophets and Apostles in the Word, our Evangelist and Teachers in constant prayer, fasting, and studying the Word. So, we need the Gift of Helps!

II. The Works of the Gift of Helps (Serve the Church)

Acts 6: ¹ And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.

Now the way the Gift of Helps support the church is by serving the church.

There are several reasons why a church grows and matures. The purpose and size of their assignment, the fertility of the ground where it's planted, the abilities or limitations of the leader(s), but most importantly, the operations of the Gift of helps.

The Work of the Gift of Helps contribute to the Church's Administration, Growth & Maturity.

1 Corinthians 3:6 (AV) ⁶ I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

The Gift of Helps are the planters and waterers that provides the seeds of growth; without it the church produces weeds that choke out the growth.

The Gift of Helps fertilize and help the church to increase; and without it the church produces plant and grass killer that kills everything it touches.

The Gift of Helps produces water that douses the fires of the Church, or else the church will produce gasoline that causes the flames to explode in the Church.

III. The Stirring of the Gift of Helps (Power the Church)

Acts 6: ³ Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, **full of the Holy Ghost** and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

The Purpose of the Gift of Helps is to Support the Church by helping the Pastor, Prophet, and Apostle. The Works of the Gift of Helps is to Serve the Church by contributing to Planting, Growing, and Protecting the Church.

Finally, the Stirring of the Gift of Helps comes from being filled with the Holy Ghost.

Anybody can serve, but not everybody should serve. It takes the power of the Holy Ghost!

Without the Holy Ghost, our ability to serve becomes infected by the world.

Matthew 20:25–28 (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: ²⁸ Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.**

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First, the Holy Ghost gives us the Power necessary to Serve. Power to be Ministers and not Lords over people! Power to be Servants and not be Chiefs over people!

It takes the Power of the Holy Ghost to serve nasty people, hurtful people, mean people, and wicked and evil people. It takes the Power of the Holy Ghost to serve our spouses, our fellow church members, family, co-workers, enemies, and friend-nemies.

But secondly, the Holy Ghost gives us Power to Strengthen the Church as we serve.

Acts 1:8 (AV)⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Luke 10:19 (AV)¹⁹ Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Gift of Helps (The Power to Serve the Church))

Lesson Text

- Acts 6:1–4
- Book: [The Complete Guide To Understanding The Holy Spirit](#): Read “Works Gifts, Helps”

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. The Purpose of the Gift of Helps

II. The Work of the Gift of Helps

III. The Stirring of the Gift of Helps

Questions

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. How did you spend your Thanksgiving holiday?
2. What are you thankful for?

II. Into the Bible

1. What can happen to a Pastor/Prophet/Apostle when they do not receive enough help or support? What can happen to the Church when it does not receive enough help or support?
2. Please explain 1 Timothy 3:5 in your own words. This verse uses the word “man”. Is it referring to men only?
3. Could the above verse apply to those with the gift of helps also? Explain why or why not.

III. Life Application

1. What are the ways you operate in the gift of helps in the church?
2. Describe how the Holy Spirit empowers you personally to serve the church?