

## I. Series Review

- A. There are three primary roles of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. In all three of these roles the purpose is the same; The Holy Spirit reveals the knowledge of Jesus (who He is and what He is like) to humanity in order to produce fiery burning love for God in the hearts of humanity.
1. Salvation - The Holy Spirit secures our relationship with Jesus. The scriptures use words such as dwells, abides, lives, seals, and joins to talk about this reality.
  2. Sanctification – Transforms our minds and hearts in love conforming us to the image of Christ. The manifestation of this transformation is called the Fruit of the Spirit.
  3. Sent – Shows His love through supernatural power to others. The manifestation of being sent is called the Gifts of the Spirit.
- B. There are two different aspects and manifestations of the filling or baptism of the Holy Spirit talked about in scripture. Without both of these aspects of the filling of the Spirit we will lack in our love for Jesus that He desires us to have.
1. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit -This takes place at the moment of conversion or saving faith of an individual. This filling of the Spirit happens once and is a permanent unchanging reality in the life of the believer and produces love for Jesus and in turn the Fruit of the Spirit.
  2. The outpouring of the Spirit – The gifts of power upon an individual to give supernatural witness of Jesus to others. These gifts are given by grace and increased when we intentionally desire and ask for them.
- C. The Gifts of the Spirit listed in scripture can be placed in two categories and in order to function as Jesus intended they require intentional relational community and must be administered and covered in love.
1. Foundational Gifts (1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11) - Apostleship, Prophecy, Teaching, Evangelistic, and Pastoral

Gifts and Manifestations of the Spirit  
Administered and Covered in Love (Part 2)

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(1 Cor. 14:1, 12)

2. Expanding Gifts (1 Cor. 12:7-11) - Word of wisdom, Word of knowledge, Faith, Healings, Working miracles, Discerning of spirits, Varieties of tongues, Interpretation of tongues, Helps, and Administrations.
  
3. Administered and Covered in Love – Fruit of the Spirit (Mat. 5:3-12; 1 Cor. 13:4-7; Gal. 4:22-23) - Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Humility, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control, Humility, Mercy, Meekness, Purity, Spiritual poverty, Compassion, Peacemaking, and Spiritual Hunger.

D. Unique physical manifestations often occur and should be expected during seasons of revival and renewal. These types of manifestations have been recorded all throughout church history and have always carried with them some level of confusion or even controversy. The leaders of revival and renewal movements came up with 5 distinguishing marks of the work of the Holy Spirit that could be discerned in the following days and weeks after these types of encounters.

1. Does the individual carry a desire to bring honor and glory to Jesus?
2. Does it produce a greater hatred of sin and a greater love for righteousness?
3. Does it produce a greater regard for Scripture?
4. Does it lead people into truth?
5. Does it produce a greater love for God and neighbor?

E. We are endeavoring to cultivate a culture where we are intentionally pursuing both the increase of gifts in our midst but also in maturity in administering the gifts. There are five aspects of us intentionally pursuing this greenhouse reality.

1. Gracious expectation of immaturity
2. Embracing the variety of gifts.
3. Desiring, recognizing, and setting gifts in place
4. Encouraging the gifts
5. Life producing feedback

## **II. Gift Specific Guidelines in Pursuit of Love (1 Cor. 14:1-40)**

A. In our intentionality to administer gifts of the spirit in a love centered environment we want to give some guidelines for a few specific gifts in order to pursue biblical and cultural precedents that promote love within these specific gifts. These guidelines will be applied to any ministry that happens under the banner of Restoration Fellowship.

1. Guidelines for words of Prophecy

- a) Always try to give scripture with your word.
- b) Mature Prophecy will ultimately encourage, exhort, and comfort.
- c) Always premise your words with “I feel or I think the Lord”, Refrain from using language such as “God or the Lord told me” or “Thus sayith the Lord”
- d) Acknowledge the receivers permission to weigh and judge your word and give them time to do so.
- e) Intentionally refrain from flattery, manipulation, and drawing attention to ourselves in order to validate your word.
- f) It is not biblical to say I cannot help it, or stop myself when it comes to ministry timing or urgency of ministry.
- g) Avoid speaking words with mystery to gain a response or to seem more spiritual.
- h) Acknowledging missed words and errors.
- i) Be very cautious with primary reliance on dreams to determine what God is saying.
- j) Operating in strong gifting is not a biblical qualification to be a church leader. Church leadership qualifications never mention gifting level but rather proven authentic Godly character in community.
- k) Be very cautious giving words that involve “Moves, Dates, and Mates”
- l) If you have a word for the corporate body seek out a leader to submit it to and submit to their decision of how or when to give the word.
- m) If you give a corporate body word expect a debrief with leadership about your word either after the gathering or in the near future.

2. Guidelines for public/corporate tongues

- a) If you feel you have a tongue to bring to the corporate family seek out a leader and submit to their decision of how or when to give it.
- b) If a corporate tongue is offered we will first wait upon the Lord to bring additional tongues (no more than 2) then we will wait upon the Lord to bring an interpretation and confirming interpretations (no more than 3). We desire to have this all done with the microphone so everyone can hear.
- c) We do not feel that singing or praying corporately in tongues violates the protocol set forth in scripture for tongues because the focus is building our spirits up corporately rather than building up our understanding.
- d) Be mindful of those around you when you feel led to intercede or commune in tongues, be mindful of your volume level and whether or not it may be a stumbling block to them encountering Jesus.

3. Healing/Deliverance

- a) Never place the burden of healing on the individual. Examples would be blaming the individual for “Not having enough Faith” or “Having unrepentant Sin”
- b) Do not encourage someone to lie about being healed as a way of stirring up their faith. We believe there is a healthy place for declarations of faith in healing intercession but not in general confession of ailments.
- c) Never tell an individual to stop going to the doctor or stop taking their medicine to prove their faith to be healed.
- d) Avoid placing the individual your praying for in a situation that they feel the need to exaggerate a healing in order to get you to stop praying.
- e) Encourage them to see a medical professional to confirm their healing.
- f) When casting out or binding evil spirits be very sensitive how the individual is receiving deliverance ministry and if need be take the time to explain or debrief with the individual.
- g) If you find yourself in a ministry situation that you’re unsure of how to handle, never hesitate to ask for help.