

NOTES & QUOTES

week four
OCTOBER 15

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Spiritual Gifts and Character

DID YOU MISS SUNDAY'S SERVICE?

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CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. Have you experienced a time when someone was operating out of their spiritual gifting but lacked godly character? How did it make you feel?
2. Why is character so critical when it comes to using our spiritual gifts?
3. Gift tension happens when we become focused on our own gifting that we minimize the gifting and role of others. We must be careful not to put our expectations or understanding of a gift setting on someone else. Remember all 21 gifts are significant. Where have you experienced 'gift tension' in your own life, or have seen it at work between others?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Read Romans 12:3-8. What do verses 3-5 say to all of us about the way we should see ourselves (as modeled by Christ) and how we should think of our relationship with one another? Think about the encouragement Paul gave to those with the gift of giving: "give generously" and for mercy, "do it cheerfully." What is he trying to get people to avoid doing?
5. Read Galatians 5:22-25. "Gifts are primarily related to what we do, while the fruits are about the development of our character. An individual will not have all of the spiritual gifts, but every person is called to have all the fruit of the Holy Spirit." – Jon Thompson. What are your thoughts about this?

6. Read 1 Corinthians 13. Why do you think Paul wrote this passage on relating to one another immediately after writing about spiritual gifts?
7. Read Colossians 3:15-17. What guidance do you get from these verses about the ways you can actively participate in the body of Christ, using your gifts and character?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

8. When it comes to spiritual gifts and character, are you easily tempted to think more highly of yourself than you ought to or think too lowly of yourself? Why do you think that is? What can you do to avoid living at either end of the spectrum?
9. What is a character trait that you have worked on or that you would like to incorporate into your life? How could you do that this week?
10. Use 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 as a prayer, inviting God to transform and develop you to be more like him.

PRAYER OF SURRENDER AND COMMITMENT:

Lord, I want to know my gifts and I am eager, but I acknowledge they are yours to give, so I ask for the gifts you want me to have and will depend on you to lead me in using them for your glory not my own.

AMEN