

GIFTS & CALLINGS SERIES

# Love Holds *Together*

Our Gifts & Callings

# THE PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

WEEK 1

## CALLING

*Love God. Love People.*

## GIFTS

*Given by God. Made plain.*

## MINISTRY

*The overflow.*

*"...you will receive power  
when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,  
and you will be my witnesses  
in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria,  
and to the end of the earth."*

*Acts 1:6-8*

### 3 Sources of Gifts

## 01 Father

ROMANS 12

Natural gifts — inherent from creation.  
It is who we are.

Living sacrifices, (surrendered lives)

Testing/Discerning God's will by dying  
to self

WEEK 2

## 02 Son

EPHESIANS 4

Ascension gifts, not what, but who.  
Jesus gives these people to his church  
For the equipping of the saints  
We need all in balance  
We recognize them by their fruit  
Not about titles

WEEK 3

## 03 Spirit

1 CORINTHIANS 12

Supernatural Gifts —  
Given by the Holy Spirit for the common  
good.  
Gifts of Revelation/Power/Utterance  
Love is the foundation

WEEK 4

## THREE STREAMS OF GIFTING

# Gifts from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Paul's three major presentations — each revealing a different stream of how God gifts His people:

### THE FATHER

Week 2

*Romans 12:6-8*

- › Prophecy
- › Service / Administration
- › Teaching
- › Exhortation
- › Generosity / Giving
- › Leadership (with zeal)
- › Mercy (with cheerfulness)

#### Varieties of Gifts

From the Father activated for God  
Started by us as a living sacrifice

### THE SON

Week 3

*Ephesians 4:11-12*

- › Apostle - SENT
- › Prophet - SEES
- › Evangelist - SOULS
- › Pastors - COMMUNITY
- › Teachers - DOCTRINE

#### Varieties of Service

Gifts from the Son expressed in Service  
Not what the gifts are but who

### THE HOLY SPIRIT

Week 4

*1 Corinthians 12:8-10*

- › Word of wisdom
  - › Word of knowledge
  - › Discerning of Spirits
- Revelation Gifts
- › Faith
  - › Healing
  - › Miracles
- Power Gifts
- › Prophecy
  - › Various kinds of Tongues
  - › Interpretation of Tongues
- Utterance Gifts

#### Varieties of Activities

Gifts from the Spirit empowering all  
For the common good

# What We Learned Across Four Weeks

*"You will receive power to build my church. When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, he will clothe you with my power. And then you will know what it means to be my witnesses from here to the ends of the earth." — Acts 1:8*

## WEEK 1

### Right Philosophy

*Acts 1:6-8*

The right heart toward ministry shapes everything. Centrifugal not centripetal. Overflow of intimacy.

## WEEK 2

### Father's Gifts

*Romans 12:1-8*

The living sacrifice is where it all starts — the hardest part. Transformed minds discern God's will.

## WEEK 3

### Son's Gifts

*Ephesians 4:7-16*

The ascended Christ gave himself — in the form of people. Not what the gifts are, but who.

## WEEK 4

### Spirit's Gifts

*1 Cor 12-14*

Nine manifestation gifts — freely given for the common good. Love is the only foundation.

## WHAT KIND OF CHURCH DO WE WANT TO BE?

### A Praying Church

*Sees and hears what God reveals*

### A Humble Church

*Speaks what God says*

### A United, Faith-filled Church

*Walks in the power that God displays*

*"When these attributes are functioning healthily, God can't help but move powerfully."*

# Considering what kind of church we want to be

*A praying church*

*A humble church*

*A united, faith filled church*

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## 3 Questions Josh asked us before we started the series

### 01

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Am I living my own life, supplemented by God's mercies/blessings?  
(Seeking after my own things?)

Using our gifts as a living sacrifice

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Am I living with my own intentions rather than as a steward?

A philosophy of ministry being centrifugal not centripetal\  
Gifts to be used for the common good and God's purposes

### 03

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Are we asking God, "How do you want to use me?"

Discerning the will of God by laying down my life

# The Parable of the Good Samaritan

v25-26

*On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”*

*“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”*

v27-28

*He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’ and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’*

*“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”*

v30

*But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?”*

# The Parable of the Good Samaritan

v30–32

*"A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers ... A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite ... passed by on the other side."*

v34b–35

*"The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense.'"*

v33–35

*"But a Samaritan ... came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him ..."*

v36–37

*"Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" ... "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."*

# The passage

- Jesus highlights the priest and Levite -- those who should have known what loving their neighbor looks like.
- Then he names a Samaritan as the one who truly cares for the man on the road.
- The Samaritan uses what's in his hands -- bandages the man, uses his own donkey, pays the innkeeper, and promises to cover any extra cost.
- The priest and Levite knew the full extent of the law, and what was required -- yet they passed by. – Leviticus 19:16/18
- Why does it matter that it was a Samaritan? - The Jews and Samaritans didn't get along. (John 4:9)
- In the parable, the person the teachers of the law had a grudge against, truly loved his neighbour and used what was in his hands.

**Go and do likewise**

# Every Gift Has Love at Its Root

WEEK 2

## Gifts of the Father

*Romans 12:6-10*

Natural gifts — part of who we are

Right after the gifts in Romans 12:6-8, Paul writes: "Love must be sincere... be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves." Natural gifts exercised as living sacrifices have love at the root..

WEEK 3

## Gifts of the Son

*Ephesians 4:11-16*

Ascension gifts — equipping the church

"Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head... the whole body builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." (Eph 4:15-16) Gifts expressed in service, cause the Body to build itself up in Love.

WEEK 4

## Gifts of the Spirit

*1 Corinthians 12-14*

Manifestation gifts — for the common good

Between 1 Cor 12 (the nine gifts) and 1 Cor 14 (the order — pursue love, desire gifts), Paul places 1 Cor 13 — the most excellent way. Without love, gifts are empty noise. Love is the only solid foundation.

*Father · Son · Spirit — all three gift streams are motivated by love and build the body up in love*

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**Love must be our motivation. It holds together our gifts and calling**