

# **“Identifying, Understanding & Operating in Your Gifts”**

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## **Part 1: Identify and Understand**

- ❖ How does God view my gifts?
  - They are expressions of His Grace – 1 Pet. 4:10-11
  - They are manifestations of the Spirit – 1 Cor. 12:7-11
  - They are God-purposed and irrevocable – Rom. 11:29
  
- ❖ Why me? You were chosen by God – Eph. 1:3-13
  - Your gifting is the result of God’s Will – 1 Cor. 12:11
    - Your uniqueness is a part of God’s Will – Rom. 12:4
  
- ❖ Is the gift all I need? NO
  
- ❖ Why is it important to know my gifts?
  - So that the Body does not lack
  - Wherever this is an unmet need, there will be an unrevealed or missing gift
  - So that you can find your place – Rom. 12:3-8
  
- ❖ Your gifts are God purposed – Eph. 2:10; James 1:17; 1 Pet. 4:10-11
  
- ❖ How can I identify my gifts?
  - Prayer
  - Awareness
  - Frustration
  - Passion
  - Ability
  - Curiosity
  - Provision
  - Purpose – Mat. 4:18-22

## **Part 2: Understanding**

### **Your Gifts Matter Exercise**

#### **The Value of Your Gifts**

- ❖ How God views the gifts
  - They are expressions of His Grace – 1 Pet. 4:10-11
  - They are manifestations of the Spirit – 1 Cor. 12:7-11
  - They are God-purposed and irrevocable – Rom. 11:29
  
- ❖ We should not neglect the gift – 1 Tim. 4:14
- ❖ Your gifting is the result of God's Will – 1 Cor. 12:11
  - Your uniqueness is a part of God's Will – Rom. 12:4
  
- ❖ How other's value your gift doesn't determine the true value of your gift -
  - Know when enough is enough – Mat. 7: 6, 10:14
    - The pearl is still a pearl regardless of the pig's perception of it

#### **Your Gift Requires Development**

- ❖ Obviously, we need to know how to operate in whatever capacity God expects of us – Pro. 4:7; Psa. 33:3; Pro. 1:7
  - You can have the desire and ability and yet lack knowledge – Rom. 10:1-4
- ❖ As believers, we must grow to the point that ignorance is no longer an excuse or accepted – Eph. 4:17-22 (KJV & MSG); Acts 17:30



## **Wrap Up**

Appreciating Gifts

Replenishing Gifts

Restoring the Gifted

No More Excuses

How Will You Leave Lodebar

❖ 2 Sam 9; Lo-negative; debar: pasture