

## Neglect Not the Gift

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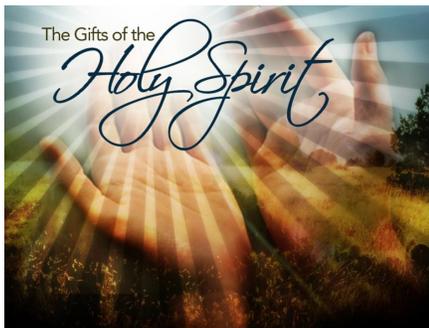
The Lord gave His body, the church, the Holy Spirit and nine gifts. I am hard pressed to find believers who appreciate and understand how important the Holy Ghost and His gifts are. The lack of flowing in the gifts is evident. God's people are living way below where they should be. I have met a lot of Christians who see little benefit in having the Holy Spirit. Their pastors taught them it was just an "experience", so consequently the Spirit was largely ignored.

**Acts 2:38 Be baptized into the Name of Jesus (born again) for the remission of sins, and you will receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost.**

The Holy Spirit brings with Him nine gifts, but the Holy Spirit will always be the most important. The gifts are nothing without the Holy Spirit, they will not manifest without Him. This is not a fair question, but I ask it from time to time. "Which of His nine gifts are the most important?" Depending how big the group is, I usually start up a lively debate. The most important Gift is the one you need at the time!

All nine of the gifts are important, there are no second rated gifts. Considering the current state of the world, there is one gift that is very much needed.

### The Gift of discerning of spirits.



The devil has managed to worm his way into the church and people in general are clueless. The devil is so wily and Christians are so passive. Many of them are defending the devil's doctrine. I will use the Bible to demonstrate how the Christians are cooperating with the devil in our churches.

**Genesis 18:20-21 The Lord said, the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, because their sin is very grievous. I will go down and see...**

**Jude 1:7 Even as Sodom and**

**Gomorrah and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.**

The folks in Sodom and Gomorrah were indulging in homosex and God judged them. Those folks are in hell right now on account of their sin. Now what are some churches doing today? Performing same-sex marriages and in some cases they ordain homosexuals. If the righteous point out this sin they are "haters" and can be charged with a hate crime. Christians for the most part do not know how to discern a spirit or they don't care to. Did God change His mind? Did homosex cease from being a sin?

We must not be persuaded by people who are led by their emotions. They can make a strong argument to justify anything God calls sin. Every day we must choose who we will please. Men or God? The blessing of same-sex relationships is the doctrine of devils. If we neglect the Gift and gifts of the Holy Spirit, we will put our lives in jeopardy.

# Deception is a Choice

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There is no good reason for a born again, Spirit filled, believer to be deceived. If we will do what the Word says, we will not be deceived. It is when we neglect the Word that we expose ourselves to the wiles of the devil.

**Mathew 24:4** And Jesus said unto His disciples, take heed that no man deceive you.

If you pay attention, you won't be deceived. If you don't take heed, you can be deceived. Deception is our choice. Jesus went on to warn us that many will come claiming to have the Master's anointing. We Christians have been too quick

**Hebrews 5:14** Strong meat belongs to them that are mature, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Every believer will be put to the test, some everyday. The devil will never abandon every attempt to deceive a Christian. No believer will ever be off limits to the devil, he is constantly looking for that chink in our armor. He will send some of the nicest people you ever met to lead you away from the rock of revelation. Strong meat is God's Word spoken directly to you by the Holy Ghost. If you have been tried by the devil and you read the Word to resist him, you are a candidate for strong meat. If you cannot discern between good and evil, how will you discern what the Lord says to you? Religion interprets the Bible, believers discern it by the Spirit.

**2 Timothy 3:13** Evil men and seducers will wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

As we approach the very end of the world, the devil will unleash his greatest deceivers. The devil has managed to get God kicked out of our schools and he has convinced Christians that abortion is justified. I of-

ten wonder what the Apostle Paul would say if he came to the earth. The church in general has embraced same-sex marriage and some pastors are homosexuals. He turned a man over to satan because he was having his father's wife, and he rebuked the entire church.

**Jude 1:4** Some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's grace allows us to live immoral lives.

Jude tells us that these deceivers have entered our churches and they are teaching the doctrine of devils. Someone did not discern the spirits of these deceivers! They did not give heed to what Jesus warned them of. Some of the students in our youth group declared that they did not need to accept Jesus at this time in their life. They read something on the internet that told them that when you die you stand before God and then you choose Heaven or Hell. These students needed to be corrected and shown the truth.

**Acts 17:30** The times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commands all men everywhere to repent.

to accept the word of strangers who call themselves believers. When someone has a doctrine and that's all they talk about, you better start discerning.



# The Spirit of Truth

Deceivers and their deception is all around us. The Lord did not leave us to fend for ourselves. If you depend on the Lord to be the final authority in your life, you will not be deceived. If you habitually inquire of the Lord, you will have the mind of Christ. Pilots depend on air traffic controllers to guide them safely through the skies. The Holy Spirit is our heavenly air traffic controller.

**John 16:13** When He, the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all truth...

The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of truth, He can only speak truth. He is not a man that He should lie. Before the Holy Spirit can lead us into all truth, we must be surrendered to Him. If we enquire of the Lord occasionally. We will be deceived occasionally. The devil is relentless, he is constantly seeking ways to separate us from the Master. But if we will draw near to the Lord, He will draw near to us. The voice of our Lord should be just as common as the voice of our best friend. Spirits don't sleep like you and I, the devil is walking around seeking whom he may devour.

**Mathew 7:15** Beware of false prophets, which come to you

*in sheep's clothing but inwardly they are ravaging wolves.*

You cannot identify a deceiver by personal appearance, they all look like Joe - Christian. The Spirit knows all the things, if we look to Him He will reveal all things. My brother and sister, this is not to be an option. We must



daily enquire of the Lord who they are that labor among us. The devil will use some very handsome people, young and old. When you're led of the Spirit, over the years you will learn a lot of the devil's tricks. Let me share with you one of his favorite covert operations. He will send a "real nice" wolf to your church and that wolf will abide their time endearing themselves to the people. Once they "become" one of the flock, they begin to slowly release their "pet doctrine"! I have seen this trick dozens of times, but if your congregation trusts you, you can effectively deal with the "plant"!

**1 Corinthians 14:12** Even though you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that you may excel in edifying the church.

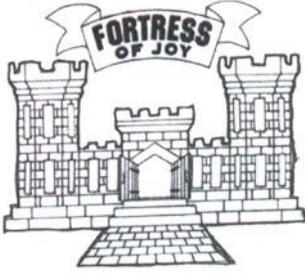
If a church is built up on the Word of God, they will be equipped to deal with wolves. Deceivers always come in quietly but they leave with much fanfare. They have no discernment. They have no clue they're being used of the devil. They would sooner die defending their "doctrine" than to admit they were deceived. No one likes to be wrong but the sincere will cleave to

correction. The devil has used me in my ignorance and I'm ashamed to admit it. I will never listen to that creep again, I will never allow him to deceive me ever.

**2 Timothy 2:25** In meekness instruct those that oppose themselves; if God will perhaps give them repentance when they acknowledge the truth.



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## Buyer Beware

I hope you're convinced that the devil is offering us his best selection of deception. We do not need to fear him, we just need to take heed that he fails when he tries to deceive us. God could not hold us accountable if we had no protection from deception. The more you deal with him, the more proficient you become in defeating his tactics.

**I Timothy 4:1** Now the Holy Spirit speaks expressly that in the last days many shall depart from their faith in Jesus, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

Jerry Savelle says the devil has held his best deceivers in check until the last days. We know the devil is the master deceiver, but I would just as soon talk about Jesus, the Master of all things. We must never forget that the devil must bow to the Name of Jesus. So we should be talking more about Jesus than the one he destroyed. The more time you give Jesus, the less time the devil gets.

If the devil's lips are moving, he is lying. If you hear the Lord's thoughts, truth is flowing. Do you know how they train a bank teller to spot counterfeit bills? They show them the real bills because nothing looks quite like them. If you will give yourself to the Word of God, you won't be fooled because there is nothing else like it.

