

The spiritually maturing believer is in some measure engaged in serving others in the body of Christ

Servant leadership is not enough, we must allow that spiritual knowledge to transform our thinking so that we are serving

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THE DOCTRINE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Spiritual Service

A.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NASB)

- 1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant;
- 2 But know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led;
- 3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit;
- 4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit;
- 5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord;
- 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all;
- 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all;
- 8 But to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,
- 9 To another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,
- 10 To another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues;
- 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

B. The doctrine of Spiritual Service:

1 Every church age believer is in **full-time Christian service** at the instant of regeneration.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB)

- 18 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.
- 19 But it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.
- 20 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—
- 21 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

John 13:14-15 (NASB)

- 14 If now I have washed your feet, and you have seen another, will I have loved you, that you also have one another?
- 15 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

At the point of salvation the believer is given one or more spiritual gifts, **and is also**

1. **adopted** into the royal family of God

Ephesians 1:5 (NASB)

- 5 Having predestined us to **glorification**, it was by His grace we obtained, according to the purpose of His will,

which gives certain responsibilities

2. in terms of being a **royal priest**

1 Peter 2:9 (NASB)

- 9 But you are a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the goodness of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light

3. in terms of being a **royal ambassador**.

1 Corinthians 2:15 (NASB)

- 15 We know them not as they appear to the world, for though God was showing through us, we explain you as if we were foolish, for we are made so foolish.

Christian service is related to all three of these.

"Full-time Christian service" does not restrict itself to full-time professional or vocational Christian work

It may not be your vocation but it is your avocation

Full-time Christian service would include evangelism, justice, missionary, ministry, etc.

2 When you do in terms of activity around a local church, that isn't important

It's your status as a **Christian filled with the Spirit**, and that determines the legitimacy of your Christian service. What we do in terms of Christian service, has to be done under the filling ministry of God the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 (NASB)

- 18 And do not let us be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,
- And sing and make music to the Lord with psalms and hymns, spiritual songs, which are sung with psalms and hymns, and with the organ and harp, and with psalms, as if you were making a musical melody of the Spirit with psalms.

When you do one day by way of Christian service while walking in the Spirit,

You cannot do the exact same thing the next day and be carnally minded, and that service be second try and draw

Scripture always draws a distinction between **absolute carnality**, and **absolute spirituality**

Because of many ministers misunderstanding of spiritual service, they emphasize Christian service as a means to spiritual growth

3 While **Christian service** is very important in the outworking of the plan of God, it is **not the means of salvation** or **the plan**

It is part of the plan but not the means.

Galatians 6:10 (NASB)

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Christian service though very important, it is the by-product or consequence of spiritual growth, not **the means of spiritual growth**.

This is the thrust of the main passages dealing with the gifts of the spirit 1

Corinthian's 12, Romans 12, and Ephesians chapter 4

We grow through the nourishing transforming power of God's word, as we are in fellowship with the Holy Spirit

The outworking of spiritual service is only possible under the filling of the Holy Spirit

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