

**THE ASSOCIATION OF VINEYARD CHURCHES
SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN THE CHURCH AND MARKETPLACE**

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1 INTRODUCTION

Over the next few hours we will study the what, when, how and who of Spiritual Gifts. Background assumptions:

- 1.1 A Worldview of Divine-human _____
- 1.2 The Kingdom of God as the dynamic breaking in of God's rule
- 1.3 "Everyone gets to play" - and the meat is _____

2 WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT? 1 Corinthians 12:13

- 2.1 John 14:16-18, 25-26; 16:7-14 He is a Divine Person, worthy of love, obedience, worship and relationship.
- 2.2 We need to cultivate an _____ of Him, His Presence, direction, empowerment, and conviction.
- 2.3 This will involve coming to terms with your own "stuff", seeing yourself "in Him", exchanging your life for His, and taking the "advantage" Jesus promised you (John 16:7).
- 2.4 How Jesus ministered: Luke 4:18, Acts 10:38 - Therefore we may expect to _____ His ministry (John 20:21-23)
- 2.5 Ignorance of: our position, the Holy Spirit, the "gifts", how they work, the nature of the church, the dynamics of Grace etc. leads to PARALYSIS (see I Corinthians 12:1)

3 WHAT ARE THE GIFTS ? (1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28-29)

- 3.1.1 The "Charismata" (1 Cor 12:8-10) Grace-gifts

- 3.1.2 Appointed by God (1 Cor 12:28-29) - more "regular" in usage

- 3.1.3 Ministries or Motivational Gifts (Rom 12:6-8)
Established in *practice* in a local body

4 HOW TO EXERCISE SPIRITUAL GIFTS 1 Cor. 12:7-11; Acts 2:4

- 4.1 The Model Acts 2:4
 - 4.1.1 The "_____ " of the verb (doing what is being done to you)
 - 4.1.2 Practising on the "_____ " ones (tongues). Use it to build up your _____ (Jude 20), but don't stop there !
 - 4.1.3 Working from the _____ to the _____ (1 Cor 14: 13-14. 18-19)
 - 4.1.4 The concept of "_____ " (1 Cor 12:7)
 - 4.1.4.1 "*Phanerosis*" which means "_____ "
 - 4.1.4.2 You are a conduit, not a container. Pass it on, and wait for more!
 - 4.1.4.3 The gathered church is the practice ground - the game begins when we scatter!
- 4.2 How to release spiritual gifts
 - 4.2.1 Remember the "work with" principle (Acts 2:4)
 - 4.2.2 How He usually operates:
 - 4.2.2.1 Gen1:2 - His Presence "hovering"
 - 4.2.2.2 Gen 1:3 - His Word commanding
 - 4.2.2.3 His Purpose ordering
 - 4.2.3 The sequence in spiritual gifts:
 - 4.2.3.1 _____ "here am I"
 - 4.2.3.2 _____ receive His Presence
 - 4.2.3.3 _____ "Speak, Lord, I am listening". How does He speak to you?
 - 4.2.3.4 _____ do what is being done to you
 - 4.2.4 Keep in mind our 5-step model:
 - 4.2.4.1 Contact and setting
 - 4.2.4.2 Interview and diagnosis
 - 4.2.4.3 Prayer selection
 - 4.2.4.4 Prayer engagement
 - 4.2.4.5 Post-prayer direction

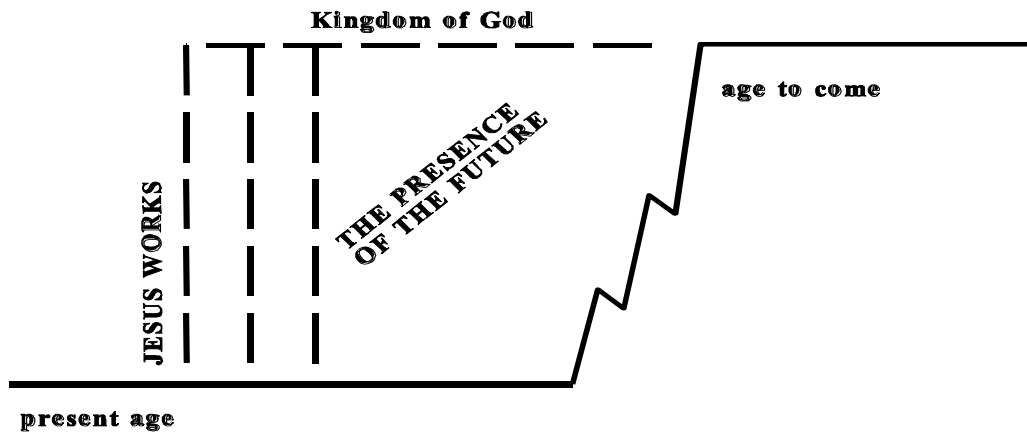
5 80% OF LIFE IS SHOWING UP!

- 5.1 Gifts are not given because of any merit of ours, nor does their operation denote maturity. (1 Cor 12:31; Lk 11:9-13).
- 5.2 Gifts are manifested in an atmosphere of faith. When the Spirit moves you, be bold! Practice your gifts in an environment where it is OK to fail.

6 THE GOSPEL - HOW A KINGDOM IS GIVEN AWAY

6.1 In Jesus' ministry: Kingdom, gospel and worldview are connected (Mark 1:14-15)

6.2 A diagram:



6.3 In His mandate to us, signs and wonders (via the use of spiritual gifts) are a part of the gospel (Mark 16:16-20)

6.4 Jesus and His Church:

Same _____

Same _____

Same _____

7 WHAT IS EVANGELISM? (I Thessalonians 1:4-8)

7.1 The NT uses several Greek words meaning: to speak; to bear witness; to announce good news; to proclaim a message; to reason; to cause to follow.

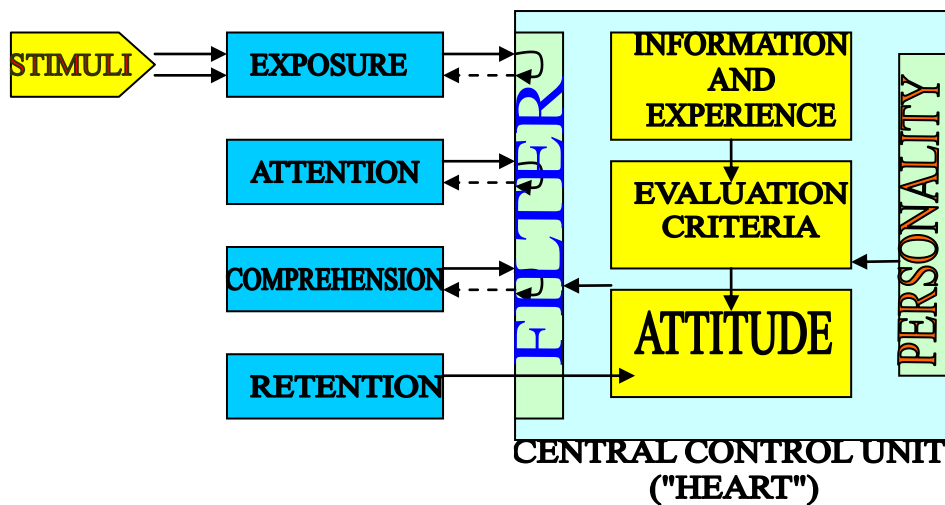
7.2 It is _____ the _____ about Jesus in such a way as to provoke a _____ of _____ and _____ individuals to receive Christ as Saviour and follow Him as Lord.

7.3 The Content of the Gospel: (I Corinthians 15:1-4)

8 POWER EVANGELISM

8.1 "A presentation of the gospel which is rational, but also transcends the rational. It comes with the demonstration of the power of God through signs and wonders and introduces the 'numinous' or 'otherliness' of God" (John Wimber)

8.2 Information versus transformation - The Engel Model



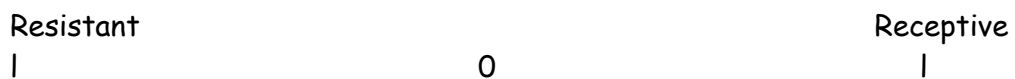
(From: Engel, James: "Consumer Behaviour", 1973)

8.3 The Engel Scale of Disciple-making

Stage 1-	IGNORANCE OF CHRIST (exposure without attention)	-10 - 9	
Stage 2-	AWARENESS OF CHRIST (sees Christ as an option)	-8 -7	
Stage 3-	UNDERSTANDING OF CHRIST (what knowing Christ means)	-5	-6
Stage 4-	PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT WITH CHRIST (what Christ could do for me)	-4 -3	
Stage 5	DECISION (VERDICT) FOR CHRIST (I want or don't want Christ)	-2 -1	
Stage 6-	REGENERATION (Disciple-making – theologically)	<u>0</u> +1	
Stage 7-	INCORPORATION INTO CHURCH (Disciple-making – strategically)	+2	
	PHASE II – "Training Disciples"	+3	
Stage 8-	WITNESSING FOR CHRIST	etc.	

The Resistance-Receptivity Axis:

Nations or sub-groups within nations have been historically open or resistant to the Gospel. Individuals also fit somewhere on this axis:



Supernatural power added to evangelistic proclamation can bypass the normal resistance/filters of an individual or group and alter their place on the resistance-receptivity axis.

9 FORMS OF POWER EVANGELISM (countering the filters)

9.1 Divine Appointment (Does God Exist?)
When God encounters human beings as individuals or groups through spiritual gifts and phenomena

9.1.1 New Testament Examples

9.1.2 Contemporary Example

9.2 Human Predicament (Does God care?)
Often also using spiritual gifts, God uses pain as a pathway to bring people to Himself

9.2.1 New Testament Examples

9.2.2 Contemporary Example

9.3 Power Encounter (Which is the true God?)
When God reveals His power, often over against demonic or other power, to establish His claims over people

9.3.1 New Testament Examples

9.3.2 Contemporary Example

10 GOING WITH EXPECTANT INTENT

10.1 The Premise (Acts 2:17)

10.2 The Practical (Matthew 10:6-14)

10.3 The Lessons for today's church