

Discovering Your Gifts #6

Working of Miracles

1 Cor. 12:7-11

We continue to look at the gifts of the Spirit from 1 Cor. 12:7-11. We are examining what have been known as the *power* gifts: the Gift of Faith, the Working of Miracles and Gifts of Healings. Working of Miracles is usually instantaneous; Gifts of Healings are often gradual.

We have discussed avoiding 3 common errors:

- A. Confusing the gift with the package
- B. Assuming gifts are a reward for maturity.
- C. Believing gifts are under control of gifted (gifts vs. manifestations).

While the gifts are always under the control of the Spirit, we can mature in our being used to the point that an area of giftedness becomes in us a recognized ministry.

God is more willing to use us than we are willing to be used. Tonight we'll look at the second of the power gifts: the working of miracles. The working of miracles is supernatural intervention in the ordinary course of nature, a temporary suspension of the accustomed order through the Spirit of God.

Examples:

I. In the Old Testament

- A. Moses and Aaron. Ex.7:8-12; 14:13-16, 21-22
- B. Josh.10:12-14
- C. Elijah. 1 Kings 17:8-16; 2 Kings 2:8
- D. Elisha. 2 Kings 4:1-7; 6:1-7

II. Jesus

- A. Jn.2:6-11
- B. Jn.6:8-14
- C. Jn.9:1-7; Miracles affirm the goodness of Jesus. Mk.9:38,39

III. Disciples

- A. Acts 3:2-8 lame healed
- B. Acts 8:5-7 Philip c.
- C. Acts 19:11-12 Paul
- D. Acts 13:6-13 Paul & Bar-Jesus

IV. Modern Examples

- A. Metal disappearing from bodies in Randy Clark and Bill Johnson's meetings
- B. The dead raised. Randy Clark documenting multiple examples. Grandmother raised her grandson from the dead
- C. Food multiplying
- D. The "Hand of the Lord" coming upon a man in my meeting in England

Uses

- A. To meet needs: water to wine, multiplying food
- B. Divine judgment: Pharaoh, prophets of Baal, Ananias & Sapphire
- C. To display God's power and magnificence d. Restore to wholeness

D. Deliverance

1 Cor 14:1 AMP

EAGERLY PURSUE and seek to acquire [this] love [make it your aim, your great quest]; and **earnestly desire and cultivate the spiritual endowments (gifts)**, especially that you may prophesy (interpret the divine will and purpose in inspired preaching and teaching).