

Outline of Spiritual Gifts Curriculum

Introduction:

Session 1 – Psalm 37:4 – “Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart”

- A) When we delight ourselves in the Lord, many times He gives us what we want... but that’s not what our relationship with God is about.
- B) When we delight ourselves in the Lord, He gives us passions and desires that are above and beyond ourselves.
- C) Examples of the passions He gives to people:
 - a. Saul/Paul – for bringing people to Christ & building church bodies – II Corinthians 11:2b for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin
 - b. David – to God & to see Him glorified
 - c. Moses – To free the people of Israel
 - d. John the Baptist – to prepare the way for the Messiah
 - e. Leaders in the group –
- D) Verse 5 – He gives us the tools we need to fulfill these life passions and desires

Gifts of the Holy Spirit – I Corinthians 12:1-11

Session 2 – Part I – The Knowledge Gifts

The Gifts and their meanings

- 1) Word of Wisdom
- 2) Word of Knowledge
- 3) Distinguishing of Spirits
- 4) Interpretation of Tongues

Examples of how this is played out both in the Bible and in modern times

Session 3 – Part II – The Action Gifts

The Gifts and their meanings

- 5) Faith
- 6) Gifts of Healing
- 7) Miracles
- 8) Prophecy
- 9) Speaking in Tongues

Examples of how this is played out both in the Bible and in modern times

Spiritual Roles

Session 4 – Ephesians 4 – Roles Given by Christ

Roles & what they are

- 1) Apostles
- 2) Prophets
- 3) Evangelists
- 4) Pastor / Shepherd

5) Teacher

How they apply to us

Session 5 – Romans 12:1-8 – What we are to do in who we are as the Church/Body

Roles & what they are

6) Repeated Roles – Prophecy & Teaching

7) Service

8) Exhortation

9) Giving

10) Lead

11) Show Mercy

How they apply to us

Using These Gifts and Roles

Session 6 – *We* as the Body – I Corinthians 12:12-26 – Applying the Gifts

Body has many differing parts

Every one of us has different gifts of the Spirit & needs to play a role

There is no useless gift. Every one of us is important in the body

Discovering and Understanding our Spiritual Gifts & Roles

Spiritual Gifts Inventories???

How can we be involved – Get youth involved – Options & teams

Session 7 – Love – I Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

Without Love the gifts are meaningless

What does it mean to love one another?

How do we show Christ's love to others?

Other Notes and Possible Options

- Session 6 “We are the body” may be better fit before session 2 or between sessions 3 & 4 (in I Cor 12 it's between the gifts of the Spirit & the spiritual roles)
- I Corinthians 12:27-31a is another listing of what we do in who we are as the church body. As such it could fit in with Romans 12 or it could be a session on its own. Much of it is an overlap of what is mentioned elsewhere but arguments could be made that helps and administration are different than serving, leading, & pastoral. Time constraints are going to make all of these sessions difficult to get all of the information in as needed so adding these to other sessions may be more of a hindrance than a help.
- Also of note and quite possibly worthy of inclusion if possible. The trinity in action yet again! – (these concepts definitely needs more research & fleshing out to verify & better establish but for the most part it all appears pretty clear)
 - HS: Giftings of the Holy Spirit – I Corinthians 12:4
 - Christ: Body of Christ & Roles appointed by Christ – I Corinthians 12:5,27 & Ephesians 4:7-11
 - God Father: Works in our lives in different ways, but the same God. – Faith, Hope, & Love that abide – I Corinthians 12:6; 13:1-13