

## **Community of Faith Bible Church Ministry Seminar**

### **THE MISSION OF GOD ,THE CHURCH AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

- I. The Mission of God (What is God doing in this World?)**
  - A. God is saving souls from the power, penalty, and soon the presence of sin. (Ephesians 2:1-10, Colossians 1:12-14)
  - B. God is maturing saints into the image of Jesus Christ. (2Corinthians 3:18, Romans 8:29-30)
  
- II. The Movement of the Church (How is God using the Church?)**
  - A. God is using the Church through evangelism to save souls. (2Corinthians 5:18-20, Colossians 1:3-6)
  - B. God is using the Church through Discipleship to mature saints into the image of Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20, Ephesians 4:11-15)
  
- III. The Movement of Members of the Church (How Does God use individual members?)**
  - A. God uses individual members in the church through their spiritual gifts. (1Peter 4:10, Romans 12:3-6)
  - B. Through these gifts we are expected to bear burdens, meet needs, and proclaim the Truth. (Galatians 6:1-2, Titus 3:14, 2Timothy 4:1-5)
  
- IV. The Matter of Spiritual Gifts (What are they, were do they come from?)**
  - A. Spiritual Gifts are divinely supernatural endowments/abilities given to every believer and empowered by the Holy Spirit for the common good and benefit of the Church. (1Cor. 12:1-7, 1Peter 4:10-11)
  - B. Spiritual Gifts come from God the Holy Spirit who distributes them according to His will. (1Cor 12:1-7, 1Peter 4:10-11)
  
- V. The Motive of Spiritual Gifts? (Why Did God Give the Church Spiritual Gifts?)**
  - A. For the common good or benefit of the Church. (1Cor 12:7,1Cor 13:1-3)
  - B. For the edification or building up of the Church. (Eph 4:11-15, 1Cor 13:1-3)

## THE DIFFERENT SETS OF GIFTS MENTION IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- VI. The Mentor Gifts** – *Offices of authority within the church with supernatural abilities connected to the offices accordingly; These offices of authority are given by God to specific men in the Church to equip the Saints for the work of service. The work of service in essence is character and faith development in Jesus Christ our Lord (Ephesians 4:11-15).*
- A. Apostle - One that is sent with the authority of another. One who is chosen and commissioned by Christ with miraculous powers to establish the church, and to receive and write down Word of God (the Bible), This was a special office at the beginning stage of the formation of the Church. They were given special revelation from God to be proclaimed to the Church. In order to be an apostle one had to have been chosen by Christ, accompanied Christ during his public ministry, or be an eyewitness of the resurrected Christ. (Ephesians 2:20, Ephesians 3:1-5, Acts 21:10-12, 11:28, 2Corinthians 12:12, Acts 1:12-26, Act 5:12-16)
  - B. Prophet - One who was given direct revelation from God to speak to man. They were used during the foundation of the 1<sup>st</sup> century church. (1 Cor 14:3-4, 29-32 Eph 4:11, Eph 2:11-20, Eph 3:5, Rom 1:1-2, Heb 1:1, 1Peter 1:10, 2Peter 1:16-21)
  - C. Evangelist - One to whom God has given a special ability to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (Eph 4:11, Acts 21:8, 8:4-8, 6:8-7:60, 2Tim 4:5)
  - D. Pastor-Teacher - One to whom God has given the ability to protect, guide, lead, instruct and care for the children of God in a local congregation. (Acts 20:16-31, Eph 4:11-15, 2Tim 3:1-7, 1Peter 5:1-4)
- VII. The Manifestation Gifts** – *Supernatural abilities given at certain times at the will of the Holy Spirit during the formation of the first century Church, the introduction of the Gospel, and the writing of the New Testament Scriptures. (Hebrews 2:1-4, 1Corinthians 12:1-11, 1Corinthians 2:1-16, Acts 6:8-7:60)*
- A. Word of Wisdom - The ability to give wisdom and insight into doctrinal truth; it was necessary in the early days because there was no New Testament Scripture that laid out all the doctrine. Now all believers can give words of wisdom as they study the Word of God and share that insight accordingly. (1Cor 12:8, Act 6:8-11, 2Peter 3:14-15)
  - B. Word of Knowledge - The ability to apply doctrinal truth to life; this ability was necessary in the early days prior to the New Testament Scripture being complete. Now all can apply doctrinal truth to life as they seek the wisdom of God through the Word of God. (1Cor 12:8 )
  - C. Faith - An unusual amount trust in God. (1Cor 12:9)
  - D. Healing - The ability to cure; to restore back to full health; it also included the ability to restore back to life from physical death. Used to confirm the message and messenger of the Gospel. (1Cor 12:9, Acts 3:1-8, 5:15-16; 8:5-7, 12:9:32-35; 14:8-10; 19:11-12; 9:36-42; 20:9-12)

- E. Effecting of Miracles - The ability to cast out demons; inducing physical disability; performed by the Apostles and those closely associated with the Apostles. (1Cor 12:10, Acts 5:16;16:16-18;19:11-12;2:43;5:12;6:8; 8:6-7; 2Cor 12:12) Used to confirm the message and the messenger of the Gospel.
- F. Distinguishing of Spirits - The ability to differentiate the Word of God proclaimed by a True Prophet from that of a Satanic deceiver. This was necessary prior to the New Testament Scripture being complete to provide the complete wisdom for discernment which is now available to all Believers through the Word of God. (1Cor 12:10; Act16:16-19, 5:1-11, 2Cor 11:14-15)
- G. Various kinds of tongues - The ability to communicate in an unlearned, known foreign language or dialect; it was a known language or dialect unknown to the one speaking; it was a tool to proclaim the Gospel to the Jews at Pentecost and a sign of coming judgment to the unbelieving Jews for rejecting the Gospel. (1Cor 12:10, Acts 2:4-11, 1Cor 14:21-22)
- H. Interpretation of Tongues - The ability to interpret an unlearned, known foreign language. ( 1Cor 12:10, 1Cor 14:27)

***Key Point to Consider:*** *The Apostles and Prophets were gifted men that God used to organize the first Church, proclaim the Gospel message and formulate the New Testament Scriptures (Ephesians 2:11-20 2Peter 1:19-21). To confirm the authenticity of the messenger and the message, the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, the effecting of miracles, distinguishing spirits, and various kind of tongues were given to the apostle and prophets and various individuals accordingly (Heb 2:2-4, Mk 16:20, Acts 14:3, 2Cor 12:12). Now that the Word of God has been completed, the Church foundation laid, and the Gospel message authenticated, these offices of authority and gifts have seemingly served their purpose. Although God can do anything at any time He wills, we believe that He is not using these particular offices of authority and gifts at this time in this local church. However, we do embrace the reality that God still heals and works miracles according to His will and good pleasure.*

**VIII. The Ministry Gifts** – *Supernatural abilities God has given to members of the Body of Christ to serve one another in this day and time. These abilities have been put under our stewardship to manage accordingly. (Romans 12:3-8, 1Peter 4:10-11)*

- A. Prophecy/Perceiver - The ability to proclaim and apply God's Truth so that believers may be edified, encouraged, consoled and non-believers convinced. Men and women who have this gift are to function in this gift according to their male/female role distinctions. (Rom 12:6, 1Tim 2: 9-15, 1Cor 11:3-16)
- B. Service - The ability to help others in their ministries by aiding them in practical ways; these are persons who labor behind the scenes. (Rom 12:7, 1Pet 4:11)
- C. Teaching - The ability to instruct believers in the knowledge of the Christian Faith. Men and women who have this gift are to function in this gift according to their male/female role distinctions. (Rom 12:7, 1Tim 2: 9-15, 1Cor 11:3-16)
- D. Exhortation - The ability to come along side and motivate people through encouraging words to live practical Christian lives. (Rom 12:8)
- E. Giving - The ability to support the Lord's Work materially and monetarily. (Romans 12:8)
- F. Administration - The ability to organize and guide human activities in such a way that Christ's Program is carried out. Men and women who have this gift are to function in this gift according to their male/female role distinctions (Rom 12:8, 1Tim 2: 9-15, 1Cor 11:3-16)
- G. Mercy/Compassion - The ability to empathize with hurting people and to translate that into cheerful acts of service. (Rom 12:8)

**WHAT WE EXPECT OF MEMBERS AT COMMUNITY OF FAITH BIBLE CHURCH**

- IX. The Mindset of Members (How should you think about Spiritual Gifts?)**
  - A. We expect every member to be in pursuit of understanding their spiritual gift(s).
  - B. We expect every member to commit to serving in a ministry according to their gift(s).
  
- X. The Mobilization of Members (How will the Church help me get started?)**
  - A. We plan to give you a spiritual gift assessment to help you discover your gift(s).
  - B. We plan to help you find a place to serve according to your gift(s).

**XI. The Methodology of Members (How should I apply this information?)**

- A. Obey what God has revealed in His Word. (John 14:21, John 8:31-32)
- B. Take a Spiritual Gift assessment and identify your spiritual gift(s).
- C. Seek wise counsel. (Proverbs 12:15, 15:22, 19:20)
- D. Identify what you enjoy doing for others that blesses them and glorifies God and select a ministry accordingly. (Matthew 5:12-16)
- E. Start training for and serving in that ministry!

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## MINISTRY COVENANT

**Initial all that apply:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have attended the Community of Faith Bible Church Ministry Seminar on the date written below, and do agree to find a ministry at CFBC to serve in accordingly.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to submit to the leadership of that ministry and be a good steward over my ministry gifts accordingly.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to continue my process of being assimilated into CFBC by attending an upcoming missions seminar, when possible.

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