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Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

“Spiritual Gifts” – February 3, 2019

Lesson – “Edification of the Body”

Scriptures – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; 14:1, 12

Introduction to lesson

The members of the church should edify one another. What does edify mean? It means we should work to encourage and build up one another. When encouraging edification in the church, the Bible uses terms like comfort, support, and be patient (1 Th. 5:11, 14). We are to consider each other in order to encourage love and good works (He. 10:24). Do you remember your parents saying, “If you can’t say something nice, don’t say anything at all?” There is a Biblical backing to that statement (see Ep. 4:29). We should always seek to build up and not tear down. To help us edify and build up each other in the Lord, God has given us a variety of spiritual gifts in the church.

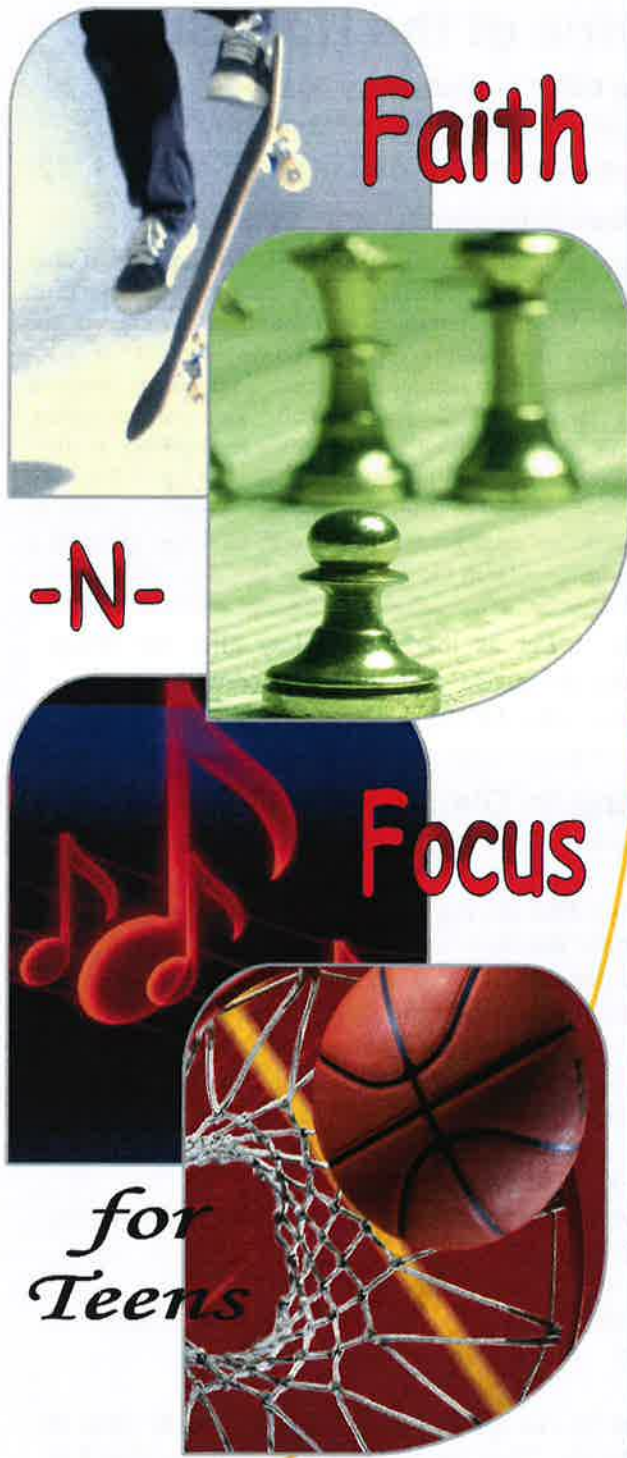
Key Verse: “Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace and things wherewith one may edify another” (Ro. 14:19).

Questions to Discuss:

- ✚ Why did the apostle Paul write about spiritual gifts? (1 Co. 12:1)
- ✚ What was Paul saying about the relationship between Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit? Who does the Holy Spirit magnify and glorify? (v. 3; Jn. 15:26; 16:14)
- ✚ Where do the spiritual gifts come from? (vv. 4-6)
- ✚ When the Holy Spirit works through individual members, who does this profit and benefit? (v. 7)
- ✚ In the coming weeks, we will study the gifts of the Spirit. List all nine of the spiritual gifts mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12. (vv. 8-10)
- ✚ Who determines how the gifts are given and when they are operated? (v. 11)
- ✚ Should we desire spiritual gifts? (1 Co. 14:1)
- ✚ In our desire for spiritual gifts, for what should we seek? (v. 12)

Think about it: The spiritual gifts are given for the good of the whole church. They should operate within the church to build up and unite, but never tear down and divide. In 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Paul went on to explain that the key to edification in the working of spiritual gifts is love. When the spiritual gifts work in the church being prompted by God’s love, the gifts will work to edify and build up the body of Christ.

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"Spiritual Gifts" – February 10, 2019

Lesson – "Wisdom and Knowledge"

Scriptures – 1 Cor. 12:8; Eph. 5:17; Prov. 4:5, 7

Introduction to lesson

Today we will be discussing wisdom and knowledge. Knowledge is simply an accumulation of facts. Someone may be knowledgeable about cars, cooking, chemistry, electronics and many other things. If one wants to gain knowledge, they need to read books or listen to someone who has experience and knowledge on the subject of which they desire to learn.

Wisdom is different from knowledge. Wisdom is the ability to take facts and make choices which are profitable. For example, an Army general needs wisdom. During a war, he receives a massive amount of intelligence as to his enemy's position and capabilities. However, a "wise" general is one who knows how to process those facts and use them to take a profitable course of action. If he wants wisdom, he needs to read, and listen to those who have been successful. He should listen to their advice and study their strategies. As Christians we understand God has all knowledge and wisdom. We should crave to know what God knows! Divine wisdom and knowledge come from the Bible.

Key Verse: "For the Lord giveth wisdom; out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2:6).

Questions to Discuss:

- ✚ What are the differences between wisdom and knowledge?
- ✚ Where does the Christian go to gain wisdom and knowledge?
- ✚ Can God move on someone in the church to give wisdom and knowledge to the congregation? How does that happen?

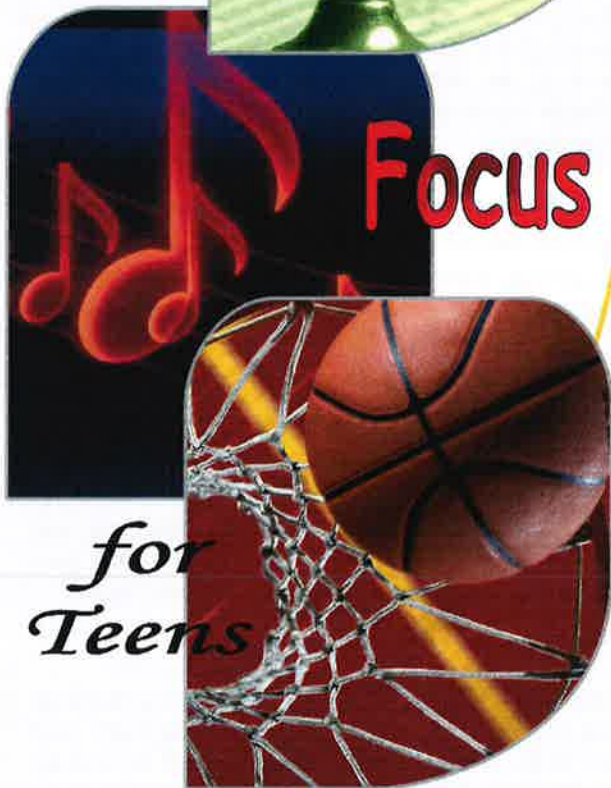
Think about it: In discussing the "Gifts of the Spirit" in 1 Corinthians 12, the Apostle Paul speaks of the "Word of Knowledge" and the "Word of Wisdom." To understand these gifts, let's break down these phrases. What is a word? "Words" are the means people use to communicate a thought or to convey a message to other people. What is "Knowledge?" "Knowledge" is the accumulation of facts or truths. Therefore, a "Word of Knowledge" is a gift of God's Spirit which enables a Spirit filled child of God to communicate God given understanding to the rest of the church. For example, a teacher may receive insight into what a scripture means and be given insight on how to communicate that truth to the congregation in a manner which is easily understandable. Communicating that Divine insight to the church is a "Word of Knowledge." What is "Wisdom?" "Wisdom" is the ability to make profitable judgments or to take profitable actions. God is "all wise" for God knows the future and the outcome of every action or decision. Therefore, God always knows the wisest course of action in any given circumstance. A "Word of Wisdom" is a gift of God's Spirit which enables a Spirit filled child of God to share insight from God as to the wisest course of action. We see examples of this throughout the Book of Acts (Acts 15:13-22; Acts 16:9-10). As Christians, we should search the scriptures for knowledge and wisdom from God. We should also crave to hear the words of wisdom and knowledge God shares through others in the church, especially preachers and teachers (1 Pet. 2:2).

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Spiritual Gifts – February 17, 2019

Lesson – Faith: Impossible Made Possible

Scriptures – Matthew 17:20; 21:17-22; James 2:17-26

Introduction to lesson

What was once impossible has been made possible by faith! Acceptance with God, serving the Lord, and following Him are only possible through faith, for we must believe in Jesus to have everlasting life (John 3:16). In this lesson, we will see how the Mission Impossible becomes Mission Possible. First, the impossible becomes possible by the ability to believe, embrace, trust, obey and serve the LORD – The Measure of Faith. We also will learn how the impossible becomes possible through the force of faith – The Power of Faith. Finally, we will look at a divine enablement exercised by the Spirit to help the individual personally and the church reach its fullest potential – The Spiritual Gift of Faith.

Key Verse: “But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Hebrews 11:6).

Questions to Discuss:

- ✚ What size of faith must one have to move a mountain? (Matthew 17:20)
- ✚ How big is a mustard seed compared to other seeds? (v.20)
- ✚ Why was it important for the fig tree to have fruit on it? (Matthew 21:18)
- ✚ What happened to the fig tree and why? (v. 19)
- ✚ What was the reaction from the disciples when they saw the withered fig tree? (v. 20)
- ✚ What was Jesus’ response to the disciples? (v. 21)
- ✚ What are the action words Jesus spoke in this verse? (v. 22)
- ✚ If we put faith into action, asking and believing, what will the result be? (v. 22)
- ✚ Can faith stand by itself? (James 2:17)
- ✚ How can one show others their faith? (v. 18)
- ✚ Abraham & Rahab were justified by works—how? (vv. 21,25)
- ✚ Fill in the blank – “. . . by works was faith made _____.” What do you think is perfect faith? (v. 22)

Think about it: Mission impossible is made possible by FAITH. To each one is given a measure of faith to move mountains. Through the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, we establish our faith in Christ and grow in the power of faith, so that we can ask in prayer and receive from God what is needed in our lives. Then as we see the working of the spiritual gift of faith within the church, the whole church will continue believing and asking for even greater works. Always remember our mission must be to please God; and to complete that mission we must have faith!

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“Spiritual Gifts” – February 24, 2019

Lesson – “Healings and Miracles”

Scriptures – Mt. 8:13-17; 1 Co. 12:9-10; Ep. 3:20

Make no mistake about it, gifts of healing and the working of miracles were common occurrences in the life and ministry of Christ and on throughout the New Testament (Mt. 8:13-17; Mk. 1:40-45; Lu. 7:22). During Jesus’ earthly ministry, he healed many with different kinds of sicknesses and diseases (Mt. 9:35). We should remember that our need for healing is sometimes more than physical, for Satan doesn’t attack our bodies only. He also seeks to poison our minds with carnal thoughts and fear (1 Co. 10:5-6; 2 Ti. 1:7) and to corrupt our spirits with the evidence of the works of the flesh (Ga. 5:19-21). Therefore, the Lord has provided healing for the whole person: soul, mind, body, and spirit. Before Jesus ascended back to the Father in heaven, he promised to send the Holy Spirit to us. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, the Lord has placed gifts of healing and the working of miracles in the church in order to empower its ministry, convict sinners, build up the body of Christ, and to prove to the world that he is still at work through his church (1 Co. 12:9-10). Zion Assembly must continue to realize our need for God’s divine favor; we must be in a condition spiritually where the Spirit will use us for the honor and glory of God (Ep. 3:20).

Key Verse: “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us” (Ep. 3:20).

- ✦ What would be some of the reasons for not seeing miracles and healings? What would hinder the Holy Spirit from working in our lives?
- ✦ Since God desires to do the miraculous in and through his church, do you individually make sure that you are spiritually conditioned for him to use? How can you spiritually prepare yourself to be used by the Holy Spirit?

Think about it: Zion Assembly has an important role to fulfill in this world in being God’s church. As his church, we must honor God through obedience to his Word. We must also live close to God by being filled with the Holy Spirit. How will Zion Assembly shine brightly to the world around us? Not only will the church be the light of the world by proclaiming the whole truth of God’s Word, but Zion will also be seen by the working of the Spirit within her through signs and wonders, healings, and the working of miracles. However, in order to be used of the Spirit, we individually must be spiritually conditioned. The power of God working through us individually is conditional.

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