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GOOD NEWS

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## "LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY"

### THIS IS MY PRAYER!

*By Glenn Griffith*

God help me to stand in the gap — as we stand with our backs against the sunset of the dispensation of Grace.

Help me to pray until my heart burns within me to do His will and to weep over precious souls for whom Christ died.

This is my prayer — Oh God, help me to pray until the place is shaken where I am. Help me to pray until a real Pentecost blazes in my soul, and until my entire past, present, and future, my reputation, my all — rests surrendered to God, to be hurled against this mighty foe to defeat him in the hearts of men.

Help me to pray until my faith embraces a warm Calvary; until the Word of God will not only be my source of authority, but the answer to the sin question in every heart I contact. Help me to pray until I realize the value of a lost soul, slipping into hell. Let me pray till I am moved with such compassion for the lost, that I will forget the price of rescue, and go everywhere preaching the Gospel to neverdying souls.

Help me to pray until messages both negative and positive burn within my heart and that peculiar unction of the Holy One comes upon me. Then let me preach! Let me preach! Let me preach the Word! Let me preach it in the streets, in missions, in little churches and big churches. Help me to preach it until men are slain under a sense of conviction of their own sins, and turn from Satan to serve the living God.

All this I ask, in the name of Christ. Amen.

— The Voice of the Nazarene

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season;  
reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."  
II Timothy 4: 2

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"The words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life. (John 6: 63)

## NEWS LETTER

From  
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October 1962

Dear Friends;

Hearty greetings and very best wishes in the love of Christ.

Thank you for everything; Your prayers; Your letters; Your orders for books and tracts; and your generosity. Now I pray that God shall supply all YOUR need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:18-20. My family joins me in gratitude and prayer.

It seems most of you now know that we moved from Dallas, Texas to Oakland, Cal. early in September. The Lord prospered the moving operations and graciously undertook for much of the extra expences. I had to get everything in order within one week in Oakland, in order to keep my appointment in Columbus, Ohio.

On September 14 I arrived in Columbus and Rev. David Skeen, Pastor of Broadstreet Methodist Church met me at the airport. It was a real joy to be the guest of David and Nina. Both are Spirit-filled and blessed in the ministry. Saturday 15th they took me to the Full Gospel Business Men's Banquet. Bill Swad, the chairman, did an excellent piece of moderating. Rev. Dennis Bennett of Seattle, Wash., brought a powerful testimony and message. I did my share of speaking and prayed for quite a number at the close. Several were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Sunday morning I first ministered to Nina's Bible Class and then preached for David from the Broadstreet Methodist pulpit. What a privilege and delight to stand in the pulpits of famous old churches to preach the message of PENTECOST without any restrictions. Sunday evening I ministered in an Assembly of God.

Monday, Sept. 17, ministers arrived from Canada and from the states of Washington, New York, Montana, Texas, Michigan, Florida, Indiana, Massachusett, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Illinois, South Dakota, New Jersey, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, California, and Ohio. They were Congregational, Reformed, Mennonite, Lutheran, Episcopal, Baptist, Methodist, Anglican, Presbyterian, and myself Pentecostal. Almost all had received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit during the past six years. This is the first time in history that so many ministers from so many churches and states, (there came one from Australia), gathered in one place, and all spoke with new tongues according to Acts 2:4. This gathering lasted from Monday evening till Friday morning after breakfast.

During the first two gatherings everyone testified. This helped to introduce each one to all and then we felt ONE IN SPIRIT.

When I listened to the testimonies of these ministers my heart was stirred. I wished all Pentecostal Leaders could have heard what God was doing in the Historic Churches. This was the FIRST and most truly PENTECOSTAL Ecumenical Meeting of this nature that I have ever attended. I believe it was the first such meeting in history. Only 40 attended, except when some visitors came in, and most of them left "speaking with tongues."

It was Dean John Weaver of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Detroit that had been instrumental in getting free board and lodging for four days for 40 ministers on this beautiful old farm, and so he acted as our HOST. I was recognized as the CONVENOR. That was all the organization to the whole affair.

The accomodations were deluxe and all meals were delicious and abundant. In every respect it was a most delightful setting and a perfect atmosphere. There was a rich measure of the FRUIT of the Spirit. YES . . . LOVE, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance seemed to pour out of every happy heart. In this truly FIRST CORINTHIANS THIRTEEN climate the MANIFESTATIONS of the Spirit were in evidence all the time . . . for this is the MORE EXCELLENT WAY along which the Holy Spirit seeks to MANIFEST HIS GIFTS. We heard and saw it all. The WORD of wisdom, the WORD of knowledge, faith, healings, prophecy, discerning of spirits, divers kinds of tongues and interpretation of tongues. Indeed, it was all one great MIRACLE.

On condition that we follow the principle of 1 Cor. 14: 30 — "IF any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace," I agreed to take the lead and do the teaching from the Scriptures. It was a privilege and joy beyond description to teach such a body of humble Spirit-filled men from the best colleges and seminaries of Protestantism in America. YES . . . I did the teaching . . . BUT OH, how much I learned. How much each of us learned . . . when the Holy Spirit used one to edify the others. It was truly a perfect pattern of the kind of service that St. Paul describes in 1 Cor. 12. Right there in the gathering . . . we could see it . . . hear it . . . experience it . . . actual MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT (1 Cor. 12:7). To one the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge, to another prophecy, to another tongues, to another interpretation. Joel 2 also was fulfilled, for we had visions and dreams that blessed all.

Wednesday morning, 7 a.m., we enjoyed, what someone called a Pentecostal Episcopal Eucharist. An Episcopal Priest, Father Dennis Bennett of Seattle, conducted the meeting. Other ministers participated, reading from the Prayer Book. Oh what depth there is in that Prayer Book when the SPIRIT makes the letter to live in the souls of men. All felt that here we enjoyed TRUE ECUMENICAL COMMUNION. Many of those present had never before shared in a communion service with those of other Confessions. Thank God for the UNITY OF THE SPIRIT which we find among MEN even if it does not show among churches and organizations.

Thursday morning 7 a.m., we gathered again in the same little Chapel where we had the Communion. This was a DEDICATION SERVICE. No one laid hands on any one. According to Romans 12:1, each one presented his body, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. This was TOTAL commitment, ABSOLUTE surrender to the service of God. My eyes seemed like two fountains as I wept when I heard the humble prayers of my brethren. No one SAID a prayer, but everyone prayed from the depth of his heart. Occasionally there came a burst of PRAISE AND PRAYER in song.

During these meetings no resolutions were called for or passed. No message was framed to give to the church or the world. No officers were elected to perpetuate the fellowship. AND YET . . . from letters that now reach me, I learn that each one had resolved something for his life. Each one felt the BOND OF LOVE that will perpetuate this fellowship. Each one now had a new and fresh message for his church and for the world. It seems the Acts

of the Holy Spirit has begun anew in each of us. I expect these men will be writing new chapters to the Acts of the Holy Spirit in this generation.

Thank God for the great blessings with ministers, most of whom are from churches of the National Council and World Council of Churches. These men were full of the Holy Spirit and of LOVE. They had heard of objections from my Pentecostal Brethren against my ministry in N.C.C. and W.C.C. circles. I assured them that I would not WITHDRAW from my Pentecostal Fellowship on this account, and I did not expect my brethren to take action against me

On Thursday night late, after the close of the conference, I called my wife to share the glory of it all with her over the phone. It was then that I learned a letter had come from the headquarters of the Assemblies of God in Springfield, Mo., saying: "It is the decision of the Executive Presbytery that your relationship with the Assemblies of God as an ordained minister is now terminated." In my last letter I had assured the Brethren I did not wish to resign or to withdraw, and I asked them to take whatever action they deemed proper. I would never have believed that they would drop me for a ministry into which THE SPIRIT BADE ME GO.

Over the weekend of September 23 I enjoyed wonderful services in the First Assembly of God in Girard, Ohio. I also met with some of the Presbyterian Ministers in Youngstown and on Sunday afternoon spoke to a prayer group in a Presbyterian Church. Monday evening I was in Ardmore, Oklahoma, attending a C.F.O. Meeting where I heard Tommy Tyson say: "I have discovered that all those that are against the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and speaking with tongues, are people that have NOT yet received this blessing, BUT all those that have the blessing are FOR IT and anxious to share with others." I understood that around 100 received the Baptism in the Spirit at this conference. I was thrilled to meet for the first time Brother Mandus from England. God bless him. I also enjoyed moments of fellowship with Dr. Bill Reed, my very dear friend.

September 26, 27, and 28, I spent in Lubbock, Texas, with the Full Gospel Business Men in their Regional Conference where I was the Bible Teacher in the afternoon services. Here again I met with Methodist, Baptist and Christian Ministers that have recently received the Baptism in the Spirit, and I prayed with some that received the blessing right there in those meetings. This Regional was another tremendous blessing to all who came from many Pentecostal and Protestant Churches.

From Lubbock I went with Neil Eskelin to El Paso, Texas, where I had morning and evening services in the First Assembly of God of which the pastor, Rev. William Hageman, is also vice-chairman of the Ministerial Association. He arranged that I should be the speaker at the monthly luncheon of ministers. This was an excellent meeting attended by over 60 ministers. I had great liberty in speaking to them. Just before I went to the luncheon I heard over the Radio that Walter Schirra, the new astronaut had shouted HALLELUJAH when they said he could complete all six orbits. This cheered my heart greatly. That day the word HALLELUJAH was echoed throughout the world by millions upon millions . . . PRAISE THE LORD. A business man from Kansas that came to the luncheon as a guest of one of the ministers, had breakfast with me the next morning. He asked for prayer and the Lord marvellously baptized him in the Spirit in my room. Quite a number received the Baptism in El Paso.

On my way to Phoenix, Arizona, I stopped off in Tucson for the afternoon to visit my good friends George and Harriet Gillies. George met me at the airport and we stopped at Catalina Methodist Church where I enjoyed a good visit with the pastor Dr. Haven Sears. The Gillies home has become a real Bethel for many who received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit under the teaching and guidance of these faithful Witnesses.

In Phoenix I ministered again every morning and evening in the First Assembly of God. Rev. V. Ernest Shores the Pastor had arranged a FREE Breakfast for all ministers of the city at the

YMCA on Saturday morning. Over 100 sat down for breakfast. Dr. Mitchell, a Methodist, was the first speaker. He was followed by Dr. Burns, a Lutheran. Both gave inspiring talks on the Holy Spirit and paved the way for me to speak with great liberty for a whole hour. I expected every one to be glad to rush out of the place to go to their offices. Instead most of them just stayed on to ask questions.

This Saturday Breakfast shook the hearts of the ministers. Men who had preached against each other and denounced each other suddenly saw their folly. A meeting for Executives of the various Councils and Associations and Fellowships in the Valley was arranged at the Central Methodist Church on the Monday, so that I could speak to them and pray with them once more. The outcome is that regular OPEN ministers meetings will be held monthly. Later in the week I spoke to the ministers and staff of Central Methodist Church and Dr. Kermit Long encouraged his people to go and hear me at First Assembly Church. Then Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m. I met with about a dozen Methodist Ministers for fellowship. During the week I had several personal talks with ministers in my room.

The meetings in First Assembly were all very well attended. In some of the morning services there were from 4 to 10 Protestant Ministers present and many of their people. Quite a number received the Baptism. Every day at 2 p.m. I had a 15 minute Radio Talk. On Friday I was invited to a TV interview. The newspaper published a very favorable report of the Saturday breakfast. The Lord surely moved this city by His Spirit. I was usually up at 6 a.m. and got to bed at midnight. It was a very busy week but it was glorious to see many saved and a number filled and Baptized in the Spirit. All messages were tape-recorded and are now available for rent or purchase. This is a powerful series of recordings.

Those of my friends who are interested in the testimonies and messages of Ministers that have been baptized in the Holy Spirit should subscribe to TRINITY MAGAZINE, P. O. Box 2422, Van Nuys, California. It is a large quarterly, full of the ACTS of the Holy Spirit and vivid pictures of people and places connected with this glorious Revival in the churches of America. Mail your \$5 subscription today.

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# THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

By LEO HARRIS

**"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."**

(1 Cor. 12: 7-11).

1 Corinthians, chapter 12, 13 and 14 are closed to many Christians today. In fact they are closed to most preachers today. These three chapters are dealing in the greater part with the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit and their operation in the Christian church.

If we are to accept the argument that these nine spiritual gifts are not for today, then these chapters are almost valueless as far as we are concerned. However, once it is realized that the gifts of the Spirit have been "set" in the church for the entire duration of its earthly existence, then 1 Corinthians 12 to 14 is a passage that is of inestimable value for instruction and guidance.

Thank God we have discovered that the nine gifts of the Spirit are for today. They have been for every generation of the Christian church, but in this generation millions of people are being baptized in the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts are being evidenced in a wonderful and inspiring way.

Let us consider seven fundamental and practical points concerning the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

## 1. THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE FOR TODAY.

This is an indisputable fact. The only people who seek to deny the present-day reality of the gifts of the Spirit are those who have never experienced them. The only preachers who attempt to explain away their reality are those who know nothing of the operation of these spiritual gifts.

There is not one word in the entire New Testament which indicates the cessation or removal of these gifts during the history of the church on earth.

On the other hand there are many scriptural indications that God intended supernatural gifts of the Spirit to continue throughout this dispensation. Once the gifts

of the Spirit were explained away as one of the unsound and exaggerated claims of Pentecostal people. Today, these same gifts of the Holy Spirit are being experienced by ministers and people of almost every Protestant denomination in various parts of the world.

During our visit to the United States two years ago we either met personally, or heard about on good authority, ministers and members of orthodox Protestant churches who have not only been baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues but are experiencing the manifestation of the nine spiritual gifts listed for us in I Cor. 12. We heard of services held in Episcopalian (Anglican), Lutheran, Methodist, and other churches which continued until the small hours of the morning as the Holy Spirit was poured out and the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit were in operation.

## A SUPER CHURCH OR A SUPERNATURAL CHURCH?

We are surely living in the days when God is pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh. The world-wide trend is clearly revealing a great cleavage occurring amongst Christian people of all denominations. There are those who are looking for an organized "world church," and on the other hand, there are those who are being filled with the Holy Spirit and entering into the reality of a Spirit-filled organism, as members of the Body of Christ share a testimony of spiritual power and blessing in these days.

The gifts of the Spirit are a fact! They are here today. They have never been withdrawn. They are not for Pentecostal churches only, but for the entire body of Christ.

## 2. GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT AND FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT.

The nine gifts of the Holy Spirit, which we shall give in more detail shortly, are listed for us in the scripture quoted above.

There is also a nine-fold fruit of the Spirit as mentioned in Galatians 5: 22-23. This fruit of the Spirit is summarized in the "LOVE" which Paul writes about in I Cor. 13.

This is just where people who, rejecting the reality of scriptural gifts today, have thought they have found a scriptural argument against them. They quoted the words of Paul — "But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet I show unto you a more excellent way. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not

love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal . . ." People have read this scripture superficially and assumed that Paul was urging the Corinthian Christians to have love rather than gifts. But was he?

Would Paul write two whole chapters (12 and 14) explaining the use of scriptural gifts, and exhorting believers to "covet earnestly the best gifts" and yet in the middle of his entire exhortation tell them that gifts are not necessary anyway and they should seek after love?

## WHAT IS THE "MORE EXCELLENT WAY"?

Then again, is love the "more excellent way"? People have assumed it is, but that is not what the Apostle Paul taught.

We have a summary of his teaching on the more excellent way in chapter 14 verse 1 . . . "Follow after love, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy." In fact we could remove the entire 13th chapter without destroying Paul's line of argument. In that case it would read as follows . . . "But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet I show you a more excellent way. Follow after love and desire spiritual gifts . . ." However, the wonderful 13th chapter gives us a more detailed exposition of the "more excellent way," and has provided us with a most thrilling treatise on Christian love.

Some have said love is the best gift. Nowhere does the Bible teach that love is a gift. It is a fruit. Gifts don't grow — but fruit must grow. Fruit is what we ARE. It is the development of Christian character. Fruit is not produced overnight — it is the result of spiritual growth. Fruit is what we ARE, but spiritual gifts are what we HAVE — they are bestowed upon us by the Holy Spirit at His will.

This distinction between what we have (gifts) and what we are (fruit, or love) is clearly presented in the 13th chapter . . . "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels (gifts) and have not love (fruit). I am become as a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal, And though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith (gifts), so that I can remove mountains, and have not love (fruit) I am nothing."

Here Paul is not belittling spiritual gifts, nor is he advocating love at the expense of gifts. He is presenting the case for gifts operated in love and with love, as against gifts operated at the expense of love. He said that if he had these wonderful gifts without love, then, "I am nothing."

That applies to us today. We should covet earnestly the best gifts and yet simultaneously we should "follow after love," for without it we are nothing, neither can we use the gifts of the Spirit to the greatest advantage.

What then is the more excellent way? It is not having love at the expense of gifts, any more than it is having gifts at the expense of love. The more excellent way is having the gifts of the Spirit, AND showing forth the love of God in our lives as well.

### **3. WHAT THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE.**

The nine spiritual gifts fall naturally into three sets of three.

There are the three gifts of utterance — tongues, interpretation of tongues, and prophecy. There are three gifts of power — gifts of healing, working of miracles, and faith. There are three gifts of revelation — wisdom, knowledge and discerning of spirits.

In other words, there are three gifts to SPEAK, three gifts to DO, and three gifts to KNOW.

These gifts are better described as in chapter 12 verse 7 . . . "But the MANIFESTATION of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." This is where the emphasis is to be laid. We should not think so much that we possess a gift, as that we are being used for a manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

Each gift is a manifestation of the Spirit for the blessing and edification of other believers. These manifestations are given to every man "to profit withal." In a local church each Spirit-filled member may be used by the Holy Spirit with any one of these gifts or manifestations for the purposes of edifying the church.

The word translated "gifts" means "free favours." They are not given because you are holy or because you are deserving. They are given at the will of the Holy Spirit that others might be edified.

### **4. THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT.**

All the questions that are raised as to the value of spiritual gifts today may be answered by the simple fact that God ordained that they should be in the church.

There is no point to be gained in a discussion on the basis of personal opinions. What God has set in His church let no man remove!

Let us observe a few of the purposes served by the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit in the church today.

First of all let us understand that the gifts of the Spirit are a means to an end, not an end in themselves. The fruit of the Spirit is an end in itself. The gifts of the Spirit are bestowed on the church merely to achieve a purpose.

### **"VOICE GIFTS" ARE FOR EDIFICATION**

They are for edifying, exhorting and comforting believers (1 Cor. 14: 3). Seven

times in that 14th chapter we read the words "edify," "edifying," or "edification." It is for this reason that the gifts of tongues is not to be exercised in a service unless there is someone present with the gift of interpretation (14: 28). This is also why Paul urges that prophecy is of greater value than tongues, because tongues require interpretation in order to be of edification to the church, whereas prophecy (inspired utterance in the known language) is of direct edification.

Yes, the three "voice gifts" in particular, are for the purpose of edifying the congregation.

### **"POWER GIFTS" ARE FOR DEMONSTRATION**

Then there are the three gifts of power which are for the purpose of demonstrating God's mighty ability, showing God in action, and bringing deliverance to the people.

The gifts of healing are obviously for the physical healing of the sick. The working of miracles, no doubt, includes certain types of physical deliverance, as well as the casting out of demons (Mark 9: 38-39). However, this gift embraces a much wider scope than physical deliverance. The gift of faith is a manifestation by the Spirit of the supernatural faith of God to meet a special need on special occasions.

### **"REVELATION GIFTS" ARE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND PROTECTION**

The gifts of revelation are for the purpose of administration and for the protection of the church.

The word of wisdom is a fragment of God's wisdom manifested in a believer by the Holy Spirit and is of particular value in the administration of the work of God. The word of knowledge is a fragment of God's omniscience manifested by the Holy Spirit to enable a person to know something that could not otherwise be known. Discerning of spirits is a gift exercised not only in the deliverance of men and women from demon power, but to enable a child of God to identify false spirits.

In these critical days we are about to witness a world-wide challenge of demonic power. The church will need this gift of discerning of spirits. Believers will need it individually. This gift is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit enabling us to identify what is of God and what is of the devil!

Yes, these spiritual gifts are desperately needed by the body of Christ in these vital age-ending times. God has provided them for the churches' edification, administration, protection and power.

A luke-warm, indifferent, orthodox church sees no need for these supernatural manifestations. However, as soon as the Holy Spirit is given His rightful place in the lives of believers and in the activities of the church, the need and purpose for the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit soon become obvious.

### **5. THE ORDER OF PREFERENCE IN THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT.**

The first order of preference is an obvious one. If you are going to choose between the fruit of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit (but remember you have no scriptural grounds for such a choice!) then obviously you should choose the fruit. However, the New Testament teaches that to have BOTH is preferable to having EITHER.

In other words, it is "more excellent" to have both gifts and fruit than to have either gifts without fruit, or fruit without gifts. It is infinitely better to have the gifts and the fruit than to have one without the other.

There is another order of preference given to us in the scriptures. Paul said that of the three gifts of utterance we should desire "rather that we may prophesy."

The question is not, which is the most spectacular of the gifts, but which is the most useful and edifying. We have already pointed out that prophecy is of more direct usefulness than tongues and interpretation. However, tongues and interpretation are ultimately of equal value with prophecy, as Paul wrote in 1 Cor. 14: 5, "For greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, EXCEPT HE INTERPRET, that the church may receive edifying."

Tongues and interpretation are twin gifts, but prophecy is of immediate and direct edification in the church.

### **6. RESTRICTIONS PLACED UPON THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT.**

There are certain restrictions which the Word of God places upon the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

#### **THE GIFTS OF UTTERANCE ARE LIMITED**

In chapter 14: 27 Paul stipulates that only "two and at the most three" should speak in tongues at any one service. And if there is no one present to do the interpreting then the gift of tongues should not be used at all. In 14: 29 Paul states that only two or three should exercise the gift of prophecy.

These restrictions are set for the logical purpose of preventing any one gift monopolizing the entire service.

#### **THE GIFTS OF POWER ARE ALSO RESTRICTED**

The Holy Spirit does not manifest them indiscriminately, but uses great discretion according to one's ability to exercise such a gift wisely and for the glory of God. They are also restricted according to the particular calling of a person. Obviously the Holy Spirit will manifest gifts of healing, for instance, through a person whose ministry and calling find use for such gifts.

#### **REVELATION GIFTS ARE RESTRICTED**

The same applies to the gifts of revelation. The word of wisdom, word of knowledge and discerning of spirits are not perm-

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# WHAT A BAPTIST PREACHER HAD TO DO TO FIND PEACE

by REV. MARVIN CROW

(Delivered at the Lubbock Convention of Full Gospel Business Men)

I thank the Lord for what He has led me into these last few years. It's indeed a blessing to be acquainted with men of such calibre that I've met in the Full Gospel Business Men's groups around the land. The FGBMFI is the only group where men and women can come together from every denomination, and every New Testament faith, on mutual grounds, not to discuss doctrine, not to discuss their differences, but to praise God.

Men and women, we need this today. There is a silent desperation in the hearts of men and women seeking fellowship one with another. We're sick and tired of being separated, and the barriers separating us from one another. God wants us to come together!

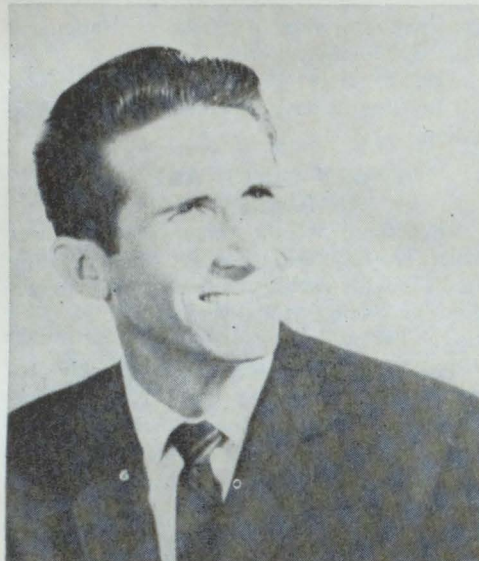
This Holy Ghost stream, and this flood of God's power that we've been experiencing and that is moving across this nation and around the world is rising. This river is rising higher than the denominational walls, and it's going over them! It is going over every denominational fence, and we're swimming together and having this fellowship. I am happy to be here in this great Lubbock convention and tell you what God has done for me through His Holy Spirit.

I was raised on the farm. My mother and dad were very humble people. They took me to church and I went often. Somehow I did not accept the claim of Christ upon my life, and I lived away from God even though I would go to church periodically.

During these times I was attending high school and I was very active in sports, even though I went and did things that I'm ashamed of. I do not speak often of those things, even though they've been forgiven. I did run around, and I did drink and I did curse, and I did those things that are unbecoming, and are considered to be wickedness in the sight of God.

While going to high school, I was interested in sports and was playing football and running track. I began to run around with a group of boys and we formed a boxing team. We'd go across to different cities and fight in amateur bouts. I began to fight in the "Golden Gloves" boxing tournaments, and began to have good success. After graduating from school I got married.

I worked out every day in a gymnasium with the men — vile and base men. I was not comfortable around them anymore, however, because now I had enough



**Rev. Marvin Crow, Southern Baptist preacher, who was under a terrific burden of conviction for the baptism with the Holy Spirit. But he waited upon the Lord, and God met his faith and filled him full!**

knowledge of God to be miserable in all of it.

I signed up to fight the first card in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Five of us men traveled from Dallas to Lake Charles, and we checked into a motel, and were resting before the fight. A Spanish boy was in the same room with me. While I was lying there, God had been speaking to me, and the Spirit moved upon me and began dealing with me about my soul.

The Spanish boy, a Catholic, who did not understand the Word of God, took up a Gideon Bible, and he opened it and started reading.

A riveting began inside my soul, and God began to speak to me, and I began to get afraid. There in that motel as this Spanish boy read the Bible, I got under the heaviest conviction I had ever felt.

However, I threw off the conviction and managed to get through the fight the next day, but I tell you, my conviction had struck home. When I went to church that Sunday I knew something was going to have to give!

I had heard about a friend of mine who'd had a tremendous experience with the Lord. He had been a juvenile delinquent in Houston, and was on narcotics, running with a gang getting into all kinds of trouble.

Freddy went to a Baptist church one night, and the power of God came in and saved his soul, and it changed him completely.

This fellow surrendered to preach the gospel. I found out he was preaching in the city where I was, so I went to hear him. God was dealing with me. I slipped in the back to hear him preaching in his revival meeting. He preached with unction and preached with power, and God said to me, "Listen, I am calling you. If you don't repent you'll die and spend eternity in hell."

I began to get under conviction. That night, during the invitation, I made peace with God. I tell you, Jesus saved me, and I was changed! I was happy. I felt clean inside, and I felt as though God had cleansed me and saved and transformed me. Since that time, I have never been the same!

A little later on, God called me to preach the gospel.

I went down to East Texas and enrolled in East Texas Baptist College. When I finished, I moved to Houston, but this was a testing time for me. In six weeks' time, all of our money was gone. We prayed and we believed in following the leadership of the Holy Ghost. I asked God to give me a sign. I wanted a church . . . to preach in a pulpit of my own. God gave me the sign, and miraculously filled our needs.

God called us to pastor a Baptist church in a poor town. I knew it was God, because they never before had had a student pastor.

I had pastored this church for six months and we had not had a move of God. Some would come and rededicate their lives, but not a person was saved during that time. I couldn't understand it because I preached the Bible and yet there wasn't a moving.

I have never gotten very much from God until I become desperate with Him, and for Him. I said, "God, there hasn't been a move. Let me see someone saved here!" I was getting discouraged at the point of desperation. I felt in my soul, after a night of prayer, that God was going to give the victory! And He did! In our service that day the power of God fell. All of a sudden, a woman who had been singing with the congregation threw up her hands and began to talk in an unknown tongue!

Now can you imagine that in a Baptist church? A Southern Baptist church? She jumped around. They stopped the song service, for that killed it dead. Then she

He was so desperate for the Holy Spirit that he climbed on his church roof to pray!



turned around and around and said, "Oh, Jesus is wonderful!"

I didn't know what it was, really. Then she said, "Oh, Jesus is wonderful! Oh, people, you just don't know what you're missing!"

That ruined the service! Those Baptists looked like a tree full of owls. We had planned the greatest service we'd ever had. The church house was packed out. All I knew to do was to take the offering, so I announced we'd take it. Everybody seemed stunned. The woman sort of settled back. No one moved! I just bowed my head on the pulpit and prayed.

I opened my Bible. "Alright, listen closely," I told the people, "I'm going to read the Scriptures." And I began reading in Acts 2.

I preached, and I gave the invitation, and the power of God came down and many were saved! During every service for the next six weeks, somebody got saved. During that six weeks we baptized 16 people into the church!

I began to read Gods' Word. I was hungry for the experience that this woman had had in my service—the experience that I thought had ruined the service, but had, instead brought down the power of the Holy Spirit and gave us a revival.

Now as a preacher I had talked about loving God, but it's one thing to talk about it and another thing to really love Him. I tried to show that I loved Him. I was so hungry for more of God that I was desperate. I was at a point of no return. I actually climbed up on the roof of my church to seek God — in the middle of the night. I straddled the roof and the moon was shining, and I opened my heart to God. I felt the Spirit of God coming down on that roof. I felt that Shekinah glory. But the devil started talking to me, and told me: "Get down!"

I continued to seek the baptism with the Holy Ghost. I heard of some kind of phenomenon that happened in a Baptist church in Houston. I went to this church, the Lakewood Church, a large Southern Baptist church whose pastor was Rev. John H. Osteen. This church had received the baptism with the Holy Ghost, some 190 members, along with their pastor. They pulled out of the church in order not to cause a split; they just bowed out because they had something no man could rob them of. They formed a New Testament church, where the gifts of the Spirit could operate, and they do.

I went to the church and I said, "Men, I'm here. You know what I'm here for. I need the baptism with the Holy Ghost." I didn't mince words. I got right down to it. I prayed until I fell on the floor exhausted. I went home. I didn't get any sleep.

I felt God. I knew that my time was drawing near when God was going to do something!

Later, we gathered around in another prayer meeting just before an ordination

service. I felt the power of God and I was relieved!

I was praising God, just glorifying His name. Suddenly, I felt something just rise up inside me and all of a sudden, my tongue went wild, and I began to worship God in a way I'd never known before! It

began to flow out and I worshipped Him and praised Him and the pent-up woes of my soul were poured out to God. I received my baptism!

**"God put a river inside me, and it's still flowing in me today!"**

— Full Gospel Business Men's Voice

## WORDS OF LIFE, INC. Of Austin, Texas Receipts and Expenditures For The Year 1962

### THE TEXAS HERALD

On Hand, January 1, 1962	\$ 5.70	
Received, 1962	1,222.50	\$1,228.20
Paid out — Printing, Postage, Supplies, Equipment		1,228.17
Balance on Hand		\$00.03

### BOOKLETS

On Hand, January 1, 1962	00.00	
Received, 1962	1,447.10	1,447.10
Paid out — Printing, Postage, Supplies		1,428.13
Balance on Hand		18.97

### INSURANCE POLICY TRACTS

On Hand, January 1, 1962	4.91	
Received, 1962	1,018.05	1,022.96
Paid out — Printing, Postage, Supplies		1,020.96
Balance on Hand		2.00

### NATIVE EVANGELISM — GHANA

On Hand, January 1, 1962	00.00	
Received, 1962	500.00	500.00
Paid Out, Native Evangelism, Ghana		500.00
Balance on Hand		00.00

### HONORARIUM FUND (Specially Designated)

On Hand, January 1, 1962	00.00	
Received, 1962	167.00	167.00
Paid to J. A. Dennis		167.00
Balance on Hand		00.00

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Thank you,  
J. A. Dennis

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# ELIJAH and ELISHA

By  
*J. A. Dennis*

Are you a "Do-it-yourself" Christian,  
or an Executive for God?

## ELIJAH

"And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

"Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

"Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under:

"And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken . . .

"And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down.

"And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the Lord came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:

"And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

"And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

"And he said, Do it the second time, And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

"And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

"And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

"Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

"Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

"And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God: the Lord, he is the God.

"And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal: let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there." (I Kings 18: 21-24, 30-40)

Elijah was a great prophet, a great man of God. But he was an individualist, a "lone wolf," a "do-it-yourself" type of person. He thought everything depended on him and his efforts, alone.

In this encounter with the prophets of Baal, Elijah displayed this "do-it-yourself" attitude in all the proceedings. He repaired the altar alone. HE found twelve stones and made them into an altar. HE put the wood in order. HE cut the bullock in pieces and placed it on the altar. HE dug a trench around the altar. He did ask some of the men to carry the 12 barrels of water and pour it on the sacrifice and the wood and fill the trench.

After the fire fell, thus revealing Jehovah as the true God, Elijah — alone — killed all 450 of the prophets of Baal.

After the rain came, Elijah girded up his loins and outran Ahab's chariot to the entrance of Jezreel. (I Kings 18: 46)

At other times, also, Elijah displayed this "do-it-yourself" bent in his character. At the widow's home in Zarephath, where he stayed for considerable time during the drouth, when her son died, Elijah took him from her and carried the boy upstairs into his room and there prayed until the Lord heard and the boy was made alive again. Then Elijah carried the boy downstairs and gave him back to his mother.

"Do-it-yourself" folks usually have great zeal and often do a great deal of good. But when the pressure gets too great, they break; for no man can stand alone against the onslaughts of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Elijah could face Ahab and the 450 prophets of Baal and the back-slidden hosts of Israel — alone. He rebuilt the altar, cut up the bullock, split the wood, and dug the trench — alone. He killed the 450 prophets of Baal — alone. He called down fire from heaven, and rain from the brassy sky — alone.

But when faced with a threat of death from Jezebel, Elijah broke. He "broke and ran" — 40 days and 40 nights, and God found him hiding in a cave on Mt. Horeb.

When God asked him what he was doing down there, Elijah replied:

"I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." (I Kings 19: 14)

Elijah thought everything depended on him — alone. But God put him straight about that:

"Yet I have left me seven thousand in Isarel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him." (I Kings 19: 18)

Though there aren't any Elijahs living today, there are millions living who have his "do-it-yourself" spirit and temperament.

"Do-it-yourself" has become a great fad and trade slogan, whereby many "do-it-yourself" type persons are inveigled into buying a "Do-it-yourself" kit of tools or lathe or other equipment, and thus encouraged to give vent to their "do-it-yourself" obsession by painting the house, or adding a room, or building a boat, or carving out some

furniture.

Most of us are "do-it-yourself" folks. This type thinks no one can do things just like they ought to be done, but themselves.

The "do-it-yourself" mother feels it is easier to "pick up" after her children than to teach them to properly put away their own things. She cannot "release" her sons or daughters, even when they grow up and are married. She must still worry over them and try to run their lives.

The "do-it-yourself" type of wife cannot trust her husband to guide her safely across a city street. She must look both ways to see if the way is clear, pull back when he pushes forward, crying out, "There's a car coming!" She doesn't trust his wisdom or his strength or protection.

The "do-it-yourself" husband doesn't trust his wife to buy the groceries or the children's clothes, or to do any of the dozens other things that must be done in the home. He must question the price, the wisdom, and the "why" of everything she does.

In business, the "do-it-yourself" type is usually the small, "one-man-outfit," kind of business man. No one can do things "just right" but himself. Therefore he has little confidence in his "help." He feels that he must "do their work over" for them.

I talked to one of these "do-it-yourself" business men just the other day, over the phone. I said to him, "I phoned your office the other day for some information, but the person I talked to didn't seem to know." He replied, "You ought to talk to me. No one here knows anything! And they don't try to know anything!"

He thinks he is a Big Business man — but he is just a little "do-it-yourself," one-man outfit. Everything depends on him. No one else knows anything, or can do anything. His business will never be great, for he can't trust other people to do things, so his business can only amount to as much as he can "do himself."

"Do-it-yourself" folks are usually tense, worried, harried, hurried, "burdened" by the many things they think "they must do." They have little confidence in their employees and can't "take their hands off" of anything they turn over to a subordinate to do.

This is bad in the natural, material, family, and business realm. But in the Spiritual realm, it is tragic.

But, alas, most of us are "do-it-yourself" Christians. We think, like Elijah, that "it all depends on us." We carry "great burdens." We sigh and cry, moan and groan, fast and pray, but are unable to "surrender" or "release" our burdens or our requests to God, who alone can bring the answer to our needs.

As the "do-it-yourself" business man has little confidence in people — his wife, his employees, his neighbors, the "do-it-yourself" Christian has little real confidence in God's properly handling the situation that he has brought to Him, and secretly believes that he himself "will have to do it if it is done."

That is why the "do-it-yourself" Christian's prayers are seldom answered. God is a faith God, and is moved by faith. **"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."** (Heb. 11: 6)

The "do-it-yourself" Christian is anxious, concerned, troubled, pressed, distressed, and often oppressed, with the great burdens that life rolls upon us all.

He prays, but the heavens are brass. He cries out to God, tells Him all the terrible "news," and wonders why God doesn't "do something." But he can't quite "take his

hands off" the burden and surrender the whole matter into God's hands, because he is a "do-it-yourself" Christian. He "prays hard," "hangs on," prays long prayers, but never really releases the problem to God with a joyful "not my will, but thine be done."

Most of us are "do-it-yourself" Christians — hence the smallness of our fruit-bearing, and the bigness of our burdens. We, like Elijah, feel that "it all depends on us."

In Elijah's case, God saw that it was time for a change, and told Elijah to go and anoint Elisha to take his place as the prophet of Israel.

## ELISHA

**"And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha; Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." (II Kings 2:9)**

Though Elijah was a great prophet, Elisha was a greater one. He received a double portion of the Spirit that was on Elijah, and performed twice as many miracles as Elijah.

Elisha was a "double portion" man of God because God gave him a double portion of his Spirit. But God was able to give him a double portion because Elisha had the characteristics that would enable him to RECEIVE and use a double portion — characteristics that Elijah did not have.

While Elijah was a "do-it-yourself" type, Elisha was an EXECUTIVE for God.

Where the "do-it-yourself" man must have his hand in and on everything, the executive takes his hands off, he turns the work over to someone else to do. He knows that he cannot do "everything," so he surrounds himself with men and women who can do the things he wants done, and leave him free to do what only an executive can do — see that the right person is in charge of each department of his business, then encourage them to take over the responsibility of their department and see that the work is done loyally and well — thus leaving him free to do the planning, the big decisions, the "big deals."

I once read that the big business corporations of America are ever looking — Looking — LOOKING — for men whom they can place in a beautiful office, and pay \$25,000.00 a year or more, just to sit at a mahogany desk for six hours a day, and gaze out the window.

They must be Executives. Men of ideas, men of judgment, men of vision, whose gazing out the window will not be idly wasting time, as the "do-it-yourself" man would probably think, but would be listening to the "muse," or the inner voice, or perhaps Heaven itself, — for plans, new ventures, new ways of making better merchandise and more money for their firm.

Executives do not "know it all," but they are wise enough to surround themselves with men who are experts in their different fields of endeavor, so that each in his place can do for the business what the executive himself cannot do. He therefore hunts for a man who knows all about manufacturing and places him in charge of production. He finds a man expert in salesmanship, and makes him Sales Manager. He finds an expert accountant and puts him in charge of the bookkeeping department.

He picks men in whom he has confidence. And when he turns a department or a job over to one of them, he EXPECTS him to do it, and TRUSTS him to do it well.

Contrary to a "do-it-yourself" person, an Executive trusts people. He has to, if he is an executive. He has

confidence in people, else he wouldn't be an executive, for the man who doesn't trust people, must forever try to do everything himself, and bemoan the failures of others to "do anything right."

An Executive, furthermore, has qualities of leadership that inspire men to do things for him, loyally and well, that he doesn't have the time or the "know-how" to do himself.

Like Big Business, God is looking — Looking — LOOKING — for executive type Christians to use in his Kingdom, and finding so few.

**"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." (II Chron. 16:9)**

God found such a man in Elisha. Elisha was a real Executive. Unlike Elijah, he turned everything possible over to someone else to do. To the little "do-it-yourself" man, this is laziness. To the executive, it is power.

Elisha's first miracle was the parting of the waters of Jordan. Instead of coming to the water's edge and praying earnestly for the river to open, he depended on Elijah's mantle and Elijah's God to do the job. Striking the water with the mantle, he cried out, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" In other words, "Show yourself. Make yourself known. Take over this job!" and the waters opened.

When three kings called on Elisha to save them and their armies from thirst in the wilderness, Elisha told them, **"Make this valley full of ditches."** (II Kings 3: 16) He did not call for a spade and begin digging, as perhaps Elijah would have done.

When the widow came to Elisha for help in saving her sons from being taken into bondage for debt, he told her what to do — he didn't go and do it for her.

**"Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbors, even empty vessels; borrow not a few."**

**"And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shall pour out unto all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full . . ."**

**"And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thine children of the rest." (II Kings 4: 3-4, 7)**

When the Shunammite's son died and she rushed to Elisha for help, he first told his servant to go and lay his staff upon the child's face. (II Kings 4: 29) But when the distraught mother said she would not leave until the prophet went with her, he went to her home and prayed over the child until his life came again. Then, instead of carrying the child down to his mother, as Elijah had done in a similar case, Elisha instructed his servant to call the woman and told her to "Take up thy son." (II Kings 4: 36)

When the sons of the prophets suggested to Elisha that they go to Jordan and cut down the trees and build themselves a more commodious dwelling, he said, "Go YE." But when they insisted, he went along.

When Naaman came to Elisha to be healed of his leprosy, the prophet never left his house, but sent his servant out with the command that Naaman go dip seven times in the Jordan and he would be cleansed. This refusal to come out and "do-it-yourself" so angered Naaman that he went off in a rage, but his servants persuaded him to obey the prophet and he was cleansed. (II Kings 5)

When the King of Syria sent a large army to Dothan to capture Elisha, the prophet was unhurried and unworried.

**"And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?"**

**"And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them."**

**"And Elisha prayed and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."**

**"And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the Lord, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha." (II Kings 6: 15-18)**

Elisha, being the real Executive that he was, did not attempt to explain to his frightened servant how God would handle the situation. Neither did he attempt to escape from the situation, nor did he pray for God to "Save us, please God, save us!"

Being an Executive, Elisha knew that certain things were his to do, but that many things were "not in his department." They were in God's department. His life, his safety, Elisha had turned over to God to handle.

So he calmly said, **"Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see."** ("That's in your department, Lord, and I expect you to handle it") And the Lord did.

When the surrounding army drew closer, Elisha again spoke, **"Lord, smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness"** And again the Lord took care of the situation.

Here is a tremendous truth that will revolutionize your Christian life — if you can lay hold of it and make it your own.

Executive type Christians know that they can't "do everything." In fact, they can do very little. If they are to be fruitful and victorious over the world, the flesh, and the devil, they must surround themselves with Those who know Their business, and must surrender the rule and authority over those areas in their life to the One in charge of that department, and TRUST Him to do the job and do it well.

The President of General Motors Corporation or the board of directors has placed an executive in charge of each branch of their great automobile business: one man President of Chevrolet, another President of Pontiac, another President of Oldsmobile, etc.

If the President of Chevrolet, for instance, called in his production manager and asked him if he could produce 100,000 cars next month, and the Production Manager replied, "Yes, Just say the word, and we'll have you 100,000 cars before the end of next month!" the President would be confident, without a shadow of a doubt, that when he called for 100,000 cars, they would be produced.

And if a friend of his would express doubts as to the cars being ready, the President would no doubt reply, "No! If John says he can get us 100,000 cars next month, he will do it. He has the know-how, and he has a great bunch of men under him. And, if necessary, he'll go to Canada or England or wherever necessary, to get the materials. I have great confidence in his getting the job done. What ever he says he can do, he will do it!"

You and I have departments in our lives that we can not handle alone. We need to turn them over to Someone in whom we have perfect confidence that whenever we say the word, they will be done.

I know a Man who is looking for that job in your life

## THE GIFTS

(From page 5)

herent endowments, to be used at will by any one person. They are manifestations of the Spirit given as the Spirit wills to meet special needs on special occasions.

Moreover, the gifts of the Holy Spirit are always subject to the ministry-gifts in the church.

The Holy Spirit is not the author of confusion: just as the Apostle Paul regulated the use of spiritual gifts at Corinth, so it is the responsibility of the ministry to regulate

and oversee the operation of spiritual gifts today.

It is at this point that extravagances have been brought into churches at times. God-ordained ministries have failed to grasp this vital truth, that the ministry is always to govern the gifts of the Spirit, and never the gifts of the Spirit to govern the ministry.

It is a responsibility of the servants of God to see that everything is done decently and in order.

### 7. FINALLY, LET US STRIVE FOR BALANCE.

All nine spiritual gifts are for today. All have their part to fulfil. You cannot build a house with only one tool, neither can you

build up the body of Christ with only one gift, or one manifestation of the Spirit. That is why God has given a variety of ministries and a variety of gifts.

The church that will stand against the onslaughts of Satan and the criticisms of its opponents is the church that is built with a balanced ministry and has an equal appreciation of all manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

Let us not over-emphasize fruit at the expense of gifts. Let us not over-emphasize one gift at the expense of others. Let our moderation be known to all. Let us enjoy the blessings of a full gospel and all the manifestations of the Holy Spirit today.

—The Revivalist, Australia

and mine, a Man with all the know-how and experience and wealth that this earth affords, the Man, Christ Jesus.

Would you have confidence that He would do a good job for you in those areas of your life where you are having difficulty?

Do you say that is ridiculous, to speak of Jesus as "under your authority" as a "subordinate"?

Jesus, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, our Saviour, our Redeemer, our Master, is certainly not "below" us, but far above. But He, Himself, has offered to take over every department of our lives that we cannot handle, and do a good job of running them, if we will delegate to Him the full authority over that "department."

**"Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11: 28)**

How? By carrying our burdens for us, much better than we can.

**"The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.**

**"But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.**

**"For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? but I am among you as he that serveth." (Luke 22: 25-27)**

**"Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands, command ye me." (Isa. 45: 11)**

The Executive type Christian has learned that our health, our protection, the supply of our needs, are too great for us to handle. They are "not in our department." We must surrender, release, delegate them to the Man in charge of those departments. And we must, like the business executive, have complete confidence that He will perform the job perfectly. So that we can confidently say to doubting, questioning friends or scoffing enemies, "I have a Man in charge of that department of my life, a Man that I can depend on. All I need do is say the Word, and I know He will do whatever is needed to be done."

**"Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it." (Matt. 8: 8-9)**

The Centurion was an executive, and he recognized Jesus as an Executive who needed but to "speak the word" and the thing would be done.

That Man, Christ Jesus, can be trusted with our soul's salvation. **"For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)**

He can be trusted with our health and healing. **"I am the Lord that healeth thee." (Exod. 15: 26) "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." (Ps. 103: 3)**

He can be trusted to take care of all our needs. **"My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4: 19)**

Therefore, whether it is our soul's salvation, our body's healing or protection, or our financial needs supplied, we can turn these things over to Him with perfect confidence that He will do the job, and do it well. With a sigh of relief we can say, "Not my will but thine be done. I am turning the whole matter over into your hands. Do it your own way, for I know your judgment is better than mine."

This is faith. Anything less is unbelief.

The "do-it-yourself" Christian doesn't really trust God to do the job right, and he never fully turns over his prayer requests to the Lord to perform. Instead, he "hangs on" to them, mentioning them again and again to the Lord, which is a way of complaining that He is falling down on the job.

And one thing the Lord will not do. He will not "work" for anyone who doesn't fully trust Him and give him a free hand in running His department the way He thinks best. Like a department head in a business firm, He thrills at a big job being turned over to Him in perfect confidence that He will get the job done, with free hands to do it his own way.

The Executive Christian knows that all he has to do is "Say the Word" and the man in charge of that department will do the job, and well.

**"Have faith in God, For verily I say unto you that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he sayeth shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he sayeth." (Mark 11: 22-23)**

**"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will he heareth us.**

**"And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that he will give us the petitions that we desired of him." (1 John 5: 14-15)**

(Concluded next month)

We were made to soar  
like eagles; let us not  
scratch like sparrows.

—Jan Smuts

## MORE WONDERS IN GHANA

### CHRISTMAS — NEW YEAR'S CAMPAIGN

Ghana, West Africa  
Jan. 1, 1963

24th Dec., 1962

Our campaign was started on this date at 8:30 p.m. More than 500 people attended this campaign. The decorated hall with special bulbs and bunting really attracted the passerbyes who heard us singing and making melody in our dear hearts to God. We sang, danced, jumped and shouted incessant Halleluiahs! It was a wonderful night and every one in the packed hall felt the presence of the All-mighty. We based our sermon on "Thanks and Praise" to Father God, thus going by the book of yours entitled "Praise the Lord." During the time of testimony, over a hundred souls testified of their healing. We thank Father God for fulfilling His Word, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

25th Dec., 1962

This time many people from the neighboring villages and towns flocked into our hall to listen to the Word of Life. The services was started at 9:00 a.m. Songs of praise were the keynote during this morning campaign. Despite the fact that some people took the occasion as a day of drinking, the Spirit of the Lord overcame satan. At 12:45 p.m. about 300 people gave testimonies of healing. Indeed the Lord really strengthened His Hands. Glory be to His Name. At the end of our campaign for this day over 150 people were saved and accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Campaign came to an end at 3:00 p.m.—non-stop.

26th Dec., 1962

In the morning at about 8:30 a.m. the people rushed to see more miracles which God did on their lives. This time, instead of seeing people drink, we rather saw that some of them put stop to their drinking but rather came to our campaign. It was one of the wonderful mornings I have ever witnessed that God came to us and did this work. If it is not Himself, miracles would not have come at all. When we preached the anointing of the Holy Spirit, children, young men, young women and the aged were all filled by the Holy Spirit. When we meditated we received a word from God. He said: "I am in thy midst. I

am come to heal your sickness, to take away your troubles and loose the barren women in your midst. I send you my heavenly blessing." It will please you to learn from me that some Europeans attended the campaign. They clapped their hands to praise the Lord. At the end of the campaign one of them remarked: "I am filled by the Spirit." Every sickness was healed at our campaign. This made me to believe the prophecy. Our God is a faithful God. He is a good God. He is 100 per cent true. He deserves praise. Souls saved were 80.

31st Dec. 1962

It was the nights of nights. We kept wake till day break. It was a night of singing, power preaching and melody making. Before we came to start this campaign, I urged Father-God to make known to us what may happen to us in 1963. About 60 people saw visions of angels and the Master. While we meditated for some hours, God gave us what might happen in 1963. This is the prophecy: "I am the Lord. I have come here in your midst tonight to bless you. As you requested, I must tell you too what might happen in the ensuing year. There will be more accidents and troubles, but nothing shall harm my people. There will be more food in 1963, but be careful not to eat too much in order that satan may overcome you." The Lord went on to say, "In the year 1963, women will give birth to male children and no barren woman shall be in my people. I send you my heartiest blessings." The Lord ended. No sooner had the Lord finished His speech than the place was shaken. All the people were filled. This time God opened the eyes of great many and a young girl at the age of about 12 came to our stage to tell me that she saw an angel carrying a baby to one of our sisters. This testimony was loudly cheered by the congregation. At 3:30 a.m., that is on the 1st Jan., 1963, my team and I held a candle-procession on the principal streets in the city of Kumasi.

1st Jan., 1963

To end our campaign, the new year was started with Spiritual Fire. Our campaign was the talk of the town. People from all walks of life came to watch us. Cars, busses, etc., lined up at the parking place. At 9:00 a.m. the hall was packed with the

sick, the needy, and all those who have been bound by satan. During this campaign the Lord manifested Himself and so every sick person brought to the place was healed miraculously. About 2/3 of the sick received instant healing. There were only few whom we lay our hands on, and all were healed in the Mighty and wonderful Name of our Lord Jesus.

One old man from a town called Belawai, about 24 miles from this city, was healed instantaneously. His left leg was impotent. And during the sermon he threw his stick away and walked and jumped to the glory of the Lord. After this miracle in this man, more sick persons from the man's town have been flocking to me for prayers. And, all the glory must be given to that Man, the Lord Jesus. He is really a Man of war. We sing Halleluiah to His Name. The Lord healed many more sick persons than all our campaign and that means this year He will do more wonders with His laborers. More people wanted to give testimony about their healing, but owing to lack of time they were not allowed. The campaign came to an end at 3:00 p.m.

I thank God immensely through the Mighty Man, Jesus. What made me wonderful is that I had been preaching throughout this campaign and at the end I was feeling finer than before. Our God is a wonderful God. He is really the Man of war. Oh Glory Halleluiah!

It is He who gave me the ability. And so do I minister. "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him minister as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we praise." 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, unto Him alone should glory be in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages. Amen. Amen.

Yours truly in His Service,

Evangelist E. Y. M.