

TEMPORARY GIFTS

I. Problems in temporary gifts (the confusion over)

A. Misunderstanding purpose of God.

1. It may differ in diff periods even within 1 disp.
2. May differ in differing circumstances. Casting out demons more in non-Jewish areas.
3. May differ in granting signs (cf Jn 4:48, Mt 12:39)

B. Misunderstanding nature of gifts.

One to one person is to whole ch, Eph 2:20.

Not nec to all in each generation to be to ch.

C. Misunderstanding experience.

1. Meaning of experience often confused. No doctrinal significance. If contradicts Script then experience wrong.
2. Origin of experience confused. Some from God, some from psychological, some devil.

II. Proof that there are temporary gifts (Case for)

A. Biblical proof.

1. Heb 2:2-3.
2. Acts 19:11-12 cf 2 Tim 4:20; 1 Tim 5:23.
3. 1 Cor 13:8. Wider context concns gifts and esp tongues. Point of ch 13 is that when all else fails love abides. When tongues fail (in time-is. at beg of 2nd c) love still abides, and even when time fails love abides.

B. The Historical proof.

Miracles nearly absent from ch history 100-150 and completely absent 150-200 when canon recognized. Start again after 200. Miracles confined to apostles and their immediate successors (Polycarp, Ignatius, Papias, Clement). God seeking to accredit messengers. Now our living epistles do that.

III. Particular temporary gifts (Catalogue of or Characteristic temporary gifts)

A. Healing. 1 Cor 12:9, 28, 30

Specific aspect of gift of miracles. Miracles not always healing, Acts 13:11.

Healing at will. To say gift temporary not to say no healing today.

1. Don't confuse healing with answered prayer.
2. Don't equate with supernaturalism in general.
3. To discard means in healing like praying for harvest without planting. If more spiritual not to use medicine then may be guilty of suicide.
4. Reports do not have all the facts.
5. If healing today why not decayed tooth or broken bone.
6. Many diseases are psychosomatic. Relax person.

B. Tongues.

1. Pentecostal position. Are initial physical evidence of baptism with HS. With by.

Note 1 Cor 12:13--all bap, but of 10,30 all don't speak in tongues.

2. Temporary, Heb 2, 1 Cor 13. X didn't do it.

Purpose to prove to Israel that gospel was from God, Isa 28:11 of 1 Cor 14:21-22 and

Acts 2, 10, 19.

3. Not a test of spirituality, Last in 1 Cor 14.

4. Not initial evidence of baptism

5. Sign to unbelievers, if orderly, 14:23.

6. Edification when interpreted, 14:26-38.

Temporary gifts might reappear today in puerile conditions of the church.

Now we have heard of living spirits.

Can say -

(1) Still exist

(2) Impossible to exist

(3) Possible in special conditions

Can you do it? The can prove today to Bibles (gift of int. counsel)

Why? Resurgence?

(1) Lack Bible teaching

(2) Lack satisfactory spiritual experience

GIFTS

I. Definition of gifts.

A. What it includes. Related to charis so something from grace.

1. Includes charisma of sal, Rom 6:23.
2. Includes God's providential care, 2Cor1:11.
3. Generally used of special talent, ability.
 - a. Natural talent at birth, e.g. ruling.
 - b. Supernat'l ability at new birth, faith.

Definition: God-given abilities for service.

B. What it does not mean.

1. Gift is not a place of ministry. *not where*
Can pastor as dean of men. Can teach ICEF.
2. Gift is not ministry to an age group. *not to whom*
No gift of young peoples' work.

e.g. FCHopkins. Gift of working with hands.

Furniture, rooms, good dentist. 3 Gift is not an office--it is an ability.

II. Distribution of gifts.

A. Limited as to time. A gift once given in 1 era of ch hist is to whole ch, Eph 2:20; Heb 2:2-3. Tongues, healings limited to 1C.

2. Limited as to quantity. No one person has all, but h^{all} have some gifts, 1Pet 4:10 (only time outside P charisma used), Rom 12:3. Rom 12:8--all have ministering, giving, mercy. Many have ruling and teaching (SS). 1 Cor 12:28 helps.

III. Development of gifts.

The given at birth and conversion need developmt

- A. Be ambitious in relatn to self, 1 Cor 12:31--covet in good sense better gifts of e.g. teaching and that requires work and study. P brot up on Script and then 3 yrs in Arabia developing (note he was taking in all the time and he didn't dry up. Be careful that your spiritual life not dependent on the stimulation of public ministry. Ought to cultivate it in private too and in a seminary too).

B. Be attentive to others, Rom 1:11 (P wouldn't give the gift but he to have part in developmt. 1 Tim 4:14, 2 Tim 1:6 (kindle again into flame. Only here and shows gift may be extinguished thru lack of use).

IV. Discovery of gifts.

- A. Be informed. Know what gifts there are and you discover you already have some.
- B. Be willing. If unwilling to do anything then may never discover that you have a gift you that you didn't.
- C. Be active. Exercise of 1 gift may lead to discovery of another. E.G. Philip-what gift? Ruling or ministering as deacon, or evangelism or prophecy?) Faithfulness in deaconing lead to preaching. Suppose said I'm not gifted for deaconing. E.G. Jhn Mark. Helper and later writer. E.g. you in DTS. Development and discovery go hand in hand in these years.

Learning of God

Interview on bank account

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