

## **Spiritual Gifts for the Church**

### **I. The 12 Apostles to the Church.**

1. Paul
2. Barnabus (Gal. 2:9; Acts 8:14)
3. John (Gal. 2:9; Acts 8:14), also one of *the 12*
4. Peter (1 Pet. 1:1), also one of *the 12*
5. Jude ½ brother to Jesus (Gal. 2:9; 1 Cor. 15:7; 9:5)
6. James ½ brother to Jesus (Gal. 1:19)
7. Silvanus (1 Thes. 1:1; 2:6)
8. Timothy (1 Thes. 1:1; 2:6)
9. Titus (2 Cor. 8:23)
10. Andronicus (Rom. 16:7)
11. Junia (Rom. 16:7)
12. Possibilities:
  - a. Luke (Col. 4:14; 2 Tim. 4:11)
  - b. Apollos (1 Cor. 3:22; 4:6 *cf.* 3:6)
  - c. Silus, aka Silvanus? (Acts 13:5, 13)
  - d. John Mark (Acts 13:5, 13)
  - e. Epaphroditus (Phil. 2:25)

### **II. New Testament Definitions:**

1. Age: a phase in the Divine program during which the Three Persons reveal aspects of their character to created beings. This may be by comparison or contrast. Ages existed before time into Eternity-Past and will continue in Eternity-Future (Eph. 2:7; 3:21; Heb. 1:2; 11:3 *cf.* Gal.1:4).
2. Dispensation: a unique period during which God imposes regulations on some or all of mankind. Dispensationalism is a product of literal interpretation. The term “dispensation” is used 9 times. Three Dispensations are named.
  - 1) Promise (Acts 7:17)
  - 2) Grace (Eph. 3:2)
  - 3) Fullness of the Times (Eph. 1:10)

3. The Bible—the written revelation from God to man, is progressive in nature; the revelation beginnings through Moses and ends is with the Apostle John. As God reveals more about Himself, He sometimes changes how He deals with mankind. For example God changes dietary standards in different times.
  - 1) Adam to Noah—vegetarian (Gen. 2:16; 9:3)
  - 2) Noah to Moses—eat anything, except blood (Gen. 9:3)
  - 3) Moses to Pentecost—highly restricted diet which included some meats (Lev. 11:1-47)
  - 4) Pentecost to Tribulation—eat anything (1 Tim. 4:4)
  - 5) During the Tribulation, the restricted diet of the Law is reinstated (Lev. 11:1-7)
  - 6) Kingdom/Millennium, vegetarian (Is. 25:22-25)
  - 7) Eternity, no diet needed (Rev. 22:1-2)

**III.** A Dispensation involves five elements with five relationships (Lu. 16:1-4; 12:42-34).

1. Lord
2. Steward
3. Realm of authority, stewardship, dispensation
4. Household—stewardship—dispensation
5. Time of accounting

**IV.** The Apostle Paul's Role in the Dispensation of Grace.

1. The last added to the New Testament Apostles (1Cor. 15:8).
2. The architect, master builder (1 Cor. 3:10; Eph. 2:20).
3. Paul the steward of the Dispensation of Grace.
  - 1) Lord—Jesus Christ
  - 2) Steward—Paul
    - a) Apostle to the church (2 Cor. 1:1 *et al*).
    - b) The Grace (Rom. 12:3, 6; 15:15; 1 Cor. 3:10; 15:10; Gal. 2:9; Eph. 3:7-8).

- c) Direct revelation (Acts 9:1-20; 22:1-16; 26:9-18; 1 Cor. 11:23; Gal. 1:12; Eph.3:3).
  - d) Steward (1 Cor. 4:1-2; Eph. 3:2-9; Col. 1:25; 1 Tim. 1:4).
- 3) Realm of authority
- a) The Dispensation of Grace for Christians (Eph. 3:1-12).
    - i. Body truth
    - ii. The Christ
    - iii. In Christ
    - iv. Ages
    - v. The Church
  - b) The Gospel for maturing (Rom. 16:25).
  - c) The Mysteries (1 Cor. 2:6-7).
  - d) Under-rower (Acts 20:34).
  - e) Architect (1 Cor. 3:10).
  - f)
- 4) Household—the church (Gal. 6:10; Eph. 2:19).
- 5) Time of accounting (Rom. 11:24).

**V. The Apostle Timothy's Two Spiritual Gifts.**

- 1. Apostle (1 Thes. 1:1; 2:26).
- 2. Evangelist (1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6; 4:5).

**VI. The Temporary or Transitional Spiritual Gifts**

- 1. Apostle (Eph. 2:20; 4:11; 1 Cor. 12:29).
- 2. Prophet (1 Cor. 12:29; 12:10; Rom. 12:6; Eph. 4:11).
- 3. Miracles (1 Cor. 12:29).
- 4. Healings (1 Cor. 12:9, 29).
- 5. Different languages, aka tongues, (1 Cor. 12:10; 12:30).
- 6. Interpretation of languages (1 Cor. 12:10).
- 7. Word of knowledge (1 Cor. 12:8).
- 8. Word of wisdom (1 Cor. 12:8).
- 9. Discerning spirits (1 Cor. 12:10).

**VII. Current Spiritual Gifts**

- 1. Evangelist
- 2. Pastor-teache