

“UNDERSTANDING THE MANIFESTATION GIFTS”

Pastor Mark Johnson

June 11, 2023

REVIEW/INTRO: “THREE CATEGORIES OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS” [see handout]. We’re not going to transition to the theme: **“Understanding the Manifestation Gifts”** (1Cor. 12-14). The manifestation gifts are to be used in corporate worship, but in an orderly manner (1Cor. 14:40). Each church should establish a gift protocol. We’ll also look at marketplace applications.

•Manifestation Gift Instructions from 1Corinthians 12.

1. God doesn’t want us ignorant of spiritual gifts (v. 1).
2. The gifts should always lift up Jesus (v. 3).
3. Several gifts, but one Spirit, Lord and God (vv. 4-6).
4. Given to each one for the benefit of all (v. 7).
5. A list of the nine manifestation gifts (vv. 8-10).
6. The body of Christ is one, but made up of many interdependent members with specific gifts (vv. 12-27).
7. Avoid attitudes of inferiority and superiority (vv. 15-24).
8. Members properly connected walk in unity, mutual respect and caring for one another (vv. 25-26).
9. No one has all the gifts, so we need each other (vv. 29-30).
10. We should desire spiritual gifts (1Cor. 12:31; 14:1).

•Manifestation Gift Instructions from 1Corinthians 13.

1. Without love, we’re just making noise (vv. 1-3).
2. Characteristics of love: humility, respect, etc. (vv. 4-7).
3. Love is eternal & even greater than faith & hope (vv. 8-13).

•Manifestation Gift Instructions from 1Corinthians 14.

1. We should desire spiritual gifts, especially prophesy (v. 1).
2. Two Predominate Themes in this chapter:
 - A. Focus on the whole body being edified (vv. 4, 12, etc.).
 - B. For the above to happen, people need understanding.
3. Prophecy should edify, exhort and comfort (v. 3).
4. Paul goes on to give guidance for the use of the gifts.
5. People moving in gifts should be teachable & coachable.
6. The mature will accept Paul’s instructions (vv. 37-38).

CONCLUSION: Desire spiritual gifts; follow protocol.