

Heaven's Riches – Ephesians

Week Four – Chapter 4:1-16

Ephesians 4:1-6 – Maintaining Unity in the Body

- How does Paul describe the perspective and reality we can live from every day (1)?
- What can happen as we do life together with others in Christ (2)?
- What is to be our central focus when we disagree with another in Christ (3-6)?

Ephesians 4:7-16 – The Gifts for Unity in the Body

- Who has been given supernatural grace (7)?

Metron (7). A measure, a portion measured off or allotted. Examples: Luke 6:38 (a measure of capacity or the process of measuring); John 3:34 (Father gives you the Spirit w/o measure, w/o degrees, nor in portions);

1. that which is measured (4:7) – the gift of grace Jesus measured just for _____ and gave by His will
2. a determined scope (4:13) – the _____ of Christ
3. a portion measured off (4:16) – each one brings their measure to work brilliantly as _____!

- What does Paul say happened on the Kingdom calendar after Jesus descended into hell (9-10)?

The Five Gifts of the _____ – (11)

- Gifts – *Doma* - means the actual gifts proving _____ generous character; the gifts of the resurrected Christ; emphasizes the character of the gift.
- Apostles – This gift ministers to the other _____ *doma* gifts. Fathering/mothering ministry to leaders helping them do their jobs better; encouraging, imparting, ordaining, mentoring. The highest level of an apostle is called to serve other leaders, to nurture leaders through learning their gifts, loving on them, equipping them, helping younger ministers. Hebrews 3:1
- Prophets – This gift gets you _____. Acts 3:22-23
- Evangelists – This gift gets you _____. Luke 19:10
- Pastors – This gift gets you _____ for others. John 10:11
- Teachers – This gift gets you hungry to _____ more and dig deeper. John 3:2
- What does Paul say is the purpose or goal of Jesus' five-fold ministry gifts (12-13)?
- According to verse 13, how long can the body expect these spiritual gifts to be necessary?
- What effect will the spiritual gifts have on the Body of Christ?
 - Verse 14 – _____ by _____ –
 - Verse 15 - _____ by _____ –
 - Verse 16 – _____ for _____ –

The Seven Gifts of _____ – Romans 12:3-8

- Natural _____ and abilities given to each person.
- Most conservative believers know these gifts and usually not the other two lists.

The Nine Gifts of _____ – 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

- Gifts - Charisma – These are gifts given to believers by the operation of the Holy Spirit
- Denominations and Seminaries debate over these gifts.
- These are our supernatural weapons. We must learn to use them _____. We will probably be really good at one of them.
- Wisdom – Supernatural information about the _____, specific information.
- Knowledge – Supernatural information about _____ or _____. Partners with other gifts (used by those going after healing)
- Prophecy – Supernatural _____ that strengthen, build up and comfort others.
- Faith – Supernatural _____; *“I am confident that.... God wants to heal you...”*
- Healings – We are three part beings. Supernatural healing in the physical _____, healing in the _____ (sozo, counseling), healing in the _____ (deliverance, soul ties, attachments). We need not focus on one area and neglect the other two. All three are good parts and were in the garden before the fall.
- Miracles – Supernatural _____ such as walking through walls, on water, paying taxes with fish money, creative miracles; creating something that wasn't there (arm, cartilage, body parts).
- Distinguishing of Spirits – Discerning the four spirits in the _____ realm: _____ Spirit, _____ spirit, _____ (angels, four creatures, seven spirits of Holy Spirit, etc.), _____.
- Tongues – Gift used for _____ edification.
- Interpretation of Tongues - Gift used for _____ edification.

Going Deeper This Week: Spend some extended time with Father God, Jesus and Holy Spirit reviewing what you learned this week in Ephesians 4:1-16. Ask Him to speak to you and record in your journal what you sense Him showing, saying, and highlighting to your heart. Dialogue with Him through these questions as well:

- What are the specific gifts given to you? How are they being developed? What do you need in order to develop them more fully?
- As you operate in these uniquely appointed spiritual gifts, begin to picture yourself clothed with Christ, ministering as He would. What a partnership! Do you know Father God trusts you with His grace?
- In what ways have you equipped by those operating in the five-fold ministry gifts? What effect have they had on your spiritual growth in the past 6, 12, 24 months?
- Have you been given one of the five-fold ministry gifts? If so, how are you specifically equipping the Body with it?
- Take a few minutes each day this week to close your eyes, sit back and fellowship with Him in your heart. Thank Father God for how He sees you because of Jesus. Thank Him for the truth of how you need to see yourself and make any adjustments to renew your mind to His truth. Let Him speak into your heart the words of love and encouragement you need to hear each day. Allow Him to shower you in His delight!

The Five Fold Ministry Gifts which Perform a Specific Function. Ephesians 4:1-16

- **Apostles** - Have the supernatural ability and heart motivation to establish the foundations of churches, ministries, organizations. They make sure all the parts to the structure are there, in order and function properly. They have a heart for the whole.
- **Prophets** - Have the supernatural ability to see and hear from God in order to communicate divine inspiration to the people. They have a heart motivation for the creative flow of the Spirit.
- **Evangelists** - Have the supernatural ability to communicate the gospel to the lost. They have a heart motivation for the harvest. They want to bring people to a point of decision. They "sell" in an attractive way the benefits of living your life for Jesus. They enjoy sharing the gospel and sharing their own transformation of faith.
- **Pastor** - Have the supernatural ability to shepherd and care for people. Their heart motivation is to love and care for others. A shepherd nourishes, guides and watches over individuals or groups in the body of Christ for the long haul as they grow in their faith. They want to bind up the broken hearted and lift those who are downtrodden.
- **Teachers** - Have the supernatural ability to disciple and train others to receive and respond to the revelation of God. Their heart motivation is for transforming and discipling others through truth. They research, write and teach to ensure that people have learned and are doing the right thing.

The Manifestations of the Spirit - Speaking Gifts. 1 Corinthians 12

- **Word of Wisdom** - Supernatural insight into the true nature of things. Godly wisdom is the ability to evaluate a situation in the light of a spiritual truth and discern with wise analysis a biblical solution for decision making. This person demonstrates this supernatural ability effectively to situations in their own life as well as others.
- **Word of Knowledge** - Means "a seeking to know, an inquiry, an investigation of facts". These people have the supernatural ability to explain truth. They accumulate and analyze truth in order to take what is difficult and clarify. Mr. Strong and Dr. Zodiotes are good examples. These people enjoy studying and reading quite a bit in order to learn biblical truth.
- **Faith** - We are all to have faith. This gift is the supernatural ability to believe God beyond the realm of faith by which every child of God is to live. This gift results in having extraordinary confidence in God and it enables that person through prayer to tap God's resources on behalf of others. They are visionaries and inspire others to believe God is Who He says He is and can do what He says He can do!
- **Healing** - A supernatural ability to minister health to the sick. Healings extend to the body, mind and emotions apart from natural means. People in effective healing prayer and deliverance ministry exercise this gift.
- **Effecting of Miracles** - The supernatural ability to call upon God to perform miracles in specific situations. The Greek describes it as "works of power" and implies instantaneous results. Examples: creative miracles such as growth of limbs, ear drums, straightening of spines; raising from the dead; driving out demons from territories and situations.
- **Prophecy** - The supernatural ability to receive and communicate an immediate message from the mind and heart of God with clarity and power. They speak words that comfort, encourage, guide, warn, or rebuke the Body of Christ. Prophets would be wise to test their message against Scripture prior to delivering the message, and using Scriptural precedent in delivery of their message.

- **Distinguishing of Spirits/Discernment** - The supernatural ability to clearly distinguish a person's spiritual character and the source of their actions and messages, such as from the Holy Spirit, demons, the heavenly realm and the human spirit.
- **Tongues** - The supernatural ability to speak in a language never learned in order to communicate a message of God to others. Can also refer to the gift of "praying in tongues or a prayer language" which is intended to edify one's own spirit (1 Cor. 14:14). A message in tongues to the *body* is always to be interpreted (1 Cor. 14:28).
- **Interpretation of Tongues** - The supernatural ability to interpret or explain the message of the person speaking in tongues.

The Serving Gifts. 1 Corinthians 12:28; Romans 12:1-8

- **Helps** - The supernatural ability to see what needs to be done then assists to get it done. They move in quietly or behind the scenes. Helps just naturally helps! They need to be cautious about spreading themselves too thin, always running about - without taking time for the one thing that's needful ... sitting at Jesus' feet and learning from Him. Mary and Martha example. Be careful not to let your "much serving" draw you away from the Lord instead of to Him.
- **Administration** - The supernatural ability to steer or direct what the gift of leadership has motivated and called others to do. They are the "I'll take care of it" person. They work out all the details and ensure that all the bases are covered - that everyone is doing what they need to be doing to accomplish the set goals.
- **Service** - The supernatural ability to identify the unmet needs involved in a task and makes use of available resources to meet those needs. Those with the gift of service enjoy doing routine and seemingly insignificant tasks in order to free up others to minister more effectively. Service-oriented people would rather take orders than give them.
- **Teaching** - The supernatural ability to discover, analyze and communicate the truth of God's Word in such a way that other people learn how to apply that truth to their lives. The end result of this gift is the maturing of Christian believers so they may be more effective Christian disciples. Many people teach, but they're not always able or gifted to do it in a way so that people really understand and respond. This usually results when one is teaching just facts and head knowledge.
- **Encouraging** - The supernatural ability to minister words of comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counsel to other members of the Body in such a way that they feel helped and healed. Exhorters are very good listeners not only to the person in need of encouragement, but to the One Who is the True Encourager, the Holy Spirit of God.
- **Giving** - Obedient giving is for every child of God. This person has a supernatural ability and delight in giving. They are the suppliers and see giving as a privilege. They give generously with no hidden agendas, motives, or pretense. They may not possess the resources to meet the need, but are motivated to pray and see that those needs are met.
- **Leadership** - The supernatural ability to motivate others to accomplish the Kingdom Agenda. People with this gift are often focused on the greater goal of the group and are not overly concerned with the details. Leaders delegate tasks and details to others to accomplish the greater goal. They need those with the gift of administration in order to be effective.
- **Mercy** - The supernatural ability and calling to see the need of another in distress and move to meet that need. They minister with compassion and sympathy to those who are suffering without condemnation (both Christian and non-Christian).