

SERMON TOPIC: GIFTS FROM A FRIEND

SERMON OUTLINE

My Best Friend

2 Corinthians 13 v 14 (Message) "The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you."

KEY POINTS

Three Gifts

1. Eternal life.

Romans 6 v 23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

2. The Holy Spirit.

Acts 1 v 4 – 5

"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

3. Spiritual gifts.

Romans 12 v 6

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us."

1 Corinthians 12 v 1

"Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant."

1 Corinthians 12 v 11

"All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines."

1 Corinthians 14 v 23

"So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and some who do not understand or some unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind?"

Gifts from a Friend

1 Corinthians 14 v 1

"Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts..."

1. His gifts are unique.

1 Corinthians 12 v 4 - 6

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."

2. His gifts are needed.

1 Corinthians 12 v 27 (NLT)

"Now all of you together are Christ's body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it."

3. His gifts are fulfilling.

John 15 v 8,11 "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

4. His gifts touch other people's lives.

1 Peter 4 v 10 (NLT)

"God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you."

Definition of a spiritual gift

A spiritual gift is a special supernatural ability that God gives to each of His children, so that together they can advance His purposes in this world.

SUMMARY

Too often the gift of the pastor, the worship leader is highlight as being it.

1. Your gift was not given to you by mistake.

2. Your gift MATTERS and needs to be lived out.

