

Utterance, Knowledge, Gifts

1 Cor 1:5-8

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In everything: all inclusive, all people, all things, all events

Enriched: made wealthy

In all utterance: thoughts, topics, speech, Outward expression

In all knowledge: science, intelligence, understanding. Inward understanding and conviction needed to speak the truth.

In: In realm of everything

Wealthy in:

1. Speech/eloquence
2. Understanding/intelligence;
3. Gifts

1 Cor. 1:7 **So that ye come behind in no gift.**

Not lack any spiritual gift needed to do will of God.

... waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Awaiting eagerly the coming of Lord Jesus Christ.

Mac: We have all the speech and knowledge necessary to accomplish all God wants us to do. We will always be able to say everything God wants us to say and to know everything He wants us to know. His will is concurrent with His enablement.

Always able to say everything God wants and know everything needed

1 Cor. 1:6

Testimony: record, evidence, documentary evidence

Confirmed: Made firm, stable, solid

Evidence of Christ solidified inside you.

Aorist tense: action which was completed at a definite point of time with enduring results forever.

1 Cor. 1:7

Come behind: fall short,

Gift: spiritual endowment; spiritual gift,

You have all the spiritual equipment needed to do will of God

...come behind in no gift. Present tense: not lacking in any gift.

Church in Corinth--one of most spiritually immature bodies of believers in NT.

One of most morally shallow churches in NT.

Not lacking in any spiritual gift.

One of most common failures of Christians is lack of verbal witness

Witnessing not a gift, it is a command!

Witnessing not an option!

Acts 4:29-31 ... *and they spake the word of God with boldness.*

Gifts...don't neglect to use spiritual gifts God given you.

Take advantage of them. Use them. Utilize them.

Even though Corinthian believers lacking in maturity and purity, ...still had all the same resources, gifts, potential as others.

Mac: God had already provided them with everything and continued to provide them with everything, despite the fact that they were so unfaithful and perverse in using His gifts and in being thankful for them. (And they sought gifts they did not have, as we see in 1 Cor. 14.)

Why some go through Christian life and utilize all gifts and blessings God gives?

Others have go through Christian life as paupers...spiritually bankrupt.

3 things true of person joyfully fulfilled in serving Lord:

1. Discovered spiritual gift and is using it.
2. Fulfilling passion.
3. Understands temperament.

Spiritual gifts?

"Special equipment for ministry ...

"An ability given to the Christian out of the grace of God ...

"Drives, opportunities, and results ...

Three types of gifts operational in local church:

Motivational, Ministry, Manifestation (1 Cor. 12:4-7).

At moment of salvation, God gives to believer at least 1 motivational gift.

He is motivated by this gift in body of Christ.

Motivational gifts: Rom. 12:2-8

Prophet: Proclaim truth and expose sin.

Ministry/serving: Meet needs; To free up others that they may be more effective and productive in service to God.

Teaching: Clarify truth; validate information. Make sure facts right so decisions based on them are correct.

Exhortation: Stimulate faith and promote spiritual growth in others.

Giving: Entrust assets and maximize results.

Ruling/Organization/Administration: Plan ahead and complete tasks

Mercy: Remove distress and share burdens.

Why Christians not understand and use spiritual gift?

1. Unconfessed sin
2. Laziness
3. Ignorance
4. Selfishness

Things that open up Christian to all benefits of spiritual blessings?

1. Short sin accts with God.
2. Diligence.
3. Knowledge.
4. Selflessness

Prov. 27:19

As we see reflection of face in water: so in another heart we see reflection of our own.

Mirrors don't lie.

1. As work with others-- find out they are going through same problems
2. As work with others--see more of true self.

If not growing---not because lack God's power or resources.

It is because I am not using them. It is not because I lack anything from the Lord.

I am complete in Christ. Col. 2:10

Mac: We need nothing else from God. God has been abundantly faithful; He has given us everything. Failure is never on God's side, but always on ours. The only lack, the only shortcoming, is in our commitment to use our divine resources.

Utterance: God given all divine resources need to be effective witness.

Knowledge: God given us knowledge of what to say.

Be sure--when I have committed my self to open mouth...He give me ability to say right things.

Doesn't mean--put minds in neutral

2 Tim. 2:15 Prov. 15:28 1 Pet. 3:15

Positionally, en given all utterance and all knowledge.

God expects us to grow in knowledge. Eph 1.17 Col. 1:9-10

We must study Word, grow in knowledge, internalize it

Mac: God has given us all speech, but we must open our mouths in order to use it. God has given us all knowledge, but we must appropriate it. ...

1 Cor. 1:7

Waiting: awaiting eagerly

Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Revelation; appearing; manifestation.

Best is yet to come!

Why eagerly waiting?

1. He exalted once for all Phil 2:10
2. Satan once for all defeated. Rev 19:20; 20:10
3. Martyrs rewarded. 2 Thess 1:6-7; Rev 6:9-10
4. Christ rejecters judged. 2 Thess 1:7-9
5. Heaven for eternity.

1 Cor. 1:8

New Commentary: *God guarantees his workmanship right up to the moment of Christ's return, after which we will no longer be subject to Satan's attacks.*

End: When over....at conclusion.

Confirm: stabilize; establish

Blameless: unaccused, irreproachable; no ground for accusation;

Day of our Lord Jesus Christ When comes back for us we will be confirmed, established, and declared blameless before God.

...glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. Eph. 5:27

Pure virgin forever.

2 Cor. 11:2 I want to present you to him pure and undefiled

So What!?

Realize God given all need to be effective witness for Christ?

Commit: appropriate and claim wealth God given me

Utterance: outward expression

Knowledge: internal understanding and conviction

Gifts: spiritual endowment, equipment, enablement

Jesus coming soon

Commit: I will live pure and godly life as eagerly waiting coming of the Lord.

Benefits of spiritual blessings?

1. Short sin accts with God.

2. Diligence.

3. Knowledge.

4. Selflessness

