

FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

CHAPTER 16:13

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“CHURCH GROWTH - 101” - PART 2

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN TODAY’S CHURCH

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The Gifts / Holy Spirit / Church Growth / Unity

INTRODUCTION

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I Samuel 16:13

One of the Functions of the Holy Spirit
Is to Give Gifts for Ministry to Every Christian

Ephesians 4:11-13

...for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Perhaps the Most Important Function
of the Holy Spirit Today is...

“ Unity ”

But How Does He Achieve The Unity That God Desires?

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places in Christ,

Positional & Practically

In The Heavenly Places & In Today's World

"Unity" That Produces Supernatural Success

John 14:12

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Spiritual Gifts Create Spiritual Unity

Ephesians 4:3

endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:13

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A Healthy Body is a Functioning Body

And a Functioning Body is a Practical Body

1.) We're to be "Living" Christians

2.) We're to be "Practical" Christians

3.) We're to Be "United" Christians

4.) We're to be "Workable" Christians

TOGETHER THESE FORM A REAL CHURCH

Eph 4:4-6

There is **one** body and **one** Spirit, just as you were called in **one** hope of your calling; **5 one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism; **6 one** God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

**"ONE" APPEARS 7 TIMES
TO CALL US TO A SENSE OF UNITY**

It's the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Alive in the Church That Creates the "Supernatural Activity"
to do Ministry.

Remembering the "Gift" Chapters

Romans 12:6-9 / 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 / 1 Corinthians 12:28-30 / 1 Corinthians 14:1-26

THE RULES OF USE AND ORDER

1 Corinthians 14:26-40

>>>>>> Are You O.K. <<<<<<<

Frankly!

Many Christians Haven't Seen the Power of God
Because they Really Do Not Want to See it - *for Fear of Change*

"There's Work to Be Done"

John 4:34-35

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. "Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!"

Matthew 9:37-38

Jesus said to His disciples,
"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. "Therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

THE WORK MUST BE DONE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND NOT US

Zechariah 4:6

So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts."

The end