



DGM Message Summary: What Spirit?

Message Summary: This is the beginning of a series of messages on the Gifts of the Spirit. These gifts are often overlooked by individual Christians, but with proper attention and seeking, can provide great power and strength to each person and the body of Christ as a whole.

Scriptural References:

- **1 Corinthians 12: 1-10**
- **Joshua 10: 1-11**
- **Joshua 9: 14 – 18**
- **Lamentations 3:22**

Key Points:

- Paul says spiritual gifts are very important and deserve special attention and care
- “Having” the Holy Spirit is different than “Manifestation” of the Holy Spirit
 - For many of us, the Holy Spirit has not “flexed” Himself within or through us
- 3 Categories of the Gifts
 - Motivational
 - Ministry
 - Manifestation
- Joshua’s conquest of many towns struck fear in the king of Jerusalem
- The powerful Gibeonites said they would surrender and join Joshua instead of fight, but it was a scam
- The Kings of the region plotted to attack Gibeon and the Israelites, but God was with Joshua
- Joshua and his troops did not always seek God first before making decisions
 - Joshua made a mistake, but still honored his covenant. We must do the same
 - God is the same. He will never leave or forsake us, even when we make mistakes
 - The Gifts of the Spirit do not operate because we are good, but because we are in covenant with a good God
- God will always come to your rescue
 - It’s self-righteous for us to think that we are good enough for God to bless us
 - We should look at what He did on Calvary and come to Him in the name of Jesus and seek His blessings
 - Faith is trusting your God-given inner assurance despite the outer appearance
- God poured his Spirit into Joshua and told him to fight as if he had already won the battle

- We say we have faith, but many of us only have hope and “wish” for God to do something
- You have to SEE yourself as a winner. SEE your bills paid off one by one. SEE that you are healed. SEE relationships mended.
- Faith is NOT wishing. It comes from hearing the Word of God
 - When Joshua heard the Word of God, his faith sprung up and he had confidence
- God wants us to live our lives assured; not frightened or afraid.
- You have to be faithful with what you have before He will show up with anything else you need
- Joshua spoke to the Sun and the Moon to stand still and they did because of his faith in God. This gave him more time to defeat his enemy
 - The enemy you let live today will survive to fight again tomorrow
- Like Joshua, we have should have full confidence in our God and what He will do on our behalf.