

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

December 2021

THE GIFT

Have you ever spent time on a farm? Farms can be some of the most beautiful, quiet, peaceful and warm places you could ever visit or live on. But to some who have not experienced the lovely things about a farm, it may seem too simple, too messy, inconvenient.

I can't imagine a well kept farm being anything but heavenly! But I have lived on a farm, so I know the beauty of it. It is no surprise then that Jesus has revealed his incarnation to us in a very down to earth way.

God himself, wrapped in human flesh, came to us in the form of Jesus. Jesus' physical body was knit together in the womb of a woman just as we were. His birth was just like our birth, as He exited his mother's body. Wow! How much more could he have done to identify with his people? He became like us in the most lowly way.

Born in a make-shift barn, he came in the most humble way and in the most humble place. Can you hear what He heard? The movement of the farm animals? The sheep. The cattle. The birds. Can you see the steam rising from their breath and feel the warmth of their bodies as they gather around The Holy Child? Or feel the cold night air? Can you smell the straw and hay; the oils from the animal's bodies; the manure?

Jesus could see and hear and feel and smell and touch all of it. God chose <u>all of it</u> as His entry point into His creation. And why? Why not enter from the top rather than the bottom of society?.....to identify with His people.

What king will leave his high place to go to those who have little of this world's goods - unless that King came from there. Unless that King understood regular folk......like us. Unless that King saw the beauty hidden in creation, including what may seem messy and inconvenient to many.

And who has decided what is high and what is low and whether there is a difference in value between one or the other. We are God's creation and only He decides such things!

Recently, two of our grandchildren performed in a Christmas pageant at their church. Bob and I had the pleasure of attending. God's Spirit was heavy upon that group of children as their singing brought me to tears. It was a holy moment.

A couple of the children were physically unable to participate in the same way as the rest, but God's Spirit was upon them. I sat in awe as I watched, praying for all of the children, but especially those two. (God often shows himself in the places we tend to overlook.) Joy seemed to come over the two. One physically expressing the joy, the other mouthing the words of the song, when before there was no recognizable engagement on that one's part.

"Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psalm 107-8, 15, 21, 31) Oh, that we would see with new eyes! That we would recognize God among us!

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"Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!"......" "Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD." (Psalm 107:31, 43)

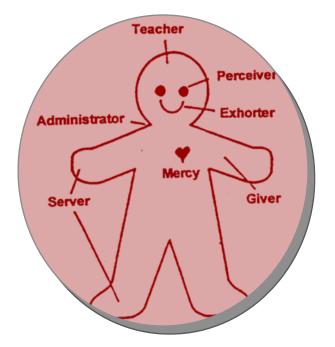
I pray that you see, feel, hear and touch God's goodness and holiness wherever you are this Christmas!

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MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS SEMINAR

January 20-22, 2022 Silverdale, Washington



What are the Motivational Gifts of the Spirit?

It is important to know our gifts and how those gifts function with others in the Body of Christ. In this seminar each person's gift is given practical expression in our workshops. One of the most valuable things about this seminar is the way it helps us to recognize, honor and respect the gifts of others and how all of the gifts work together to accomplish God's will through the Body of Christ. The Bible describes various gifts given to believer by the Holy Spirit. Broadly, there are three categories of spiritual gifts.

The first category can be called Ministry gifts. It includes those gifts that are often offices recognized within the local church. Ephesians 4:11-13: "... apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry..."

The second category is Manifestation gifts. These gifts are demonstrations of the Holy Spirit's power and presence. They include: word of wisdom; word of knowledge; faith; gifts of healing; working of miracles; prophecy; discerning of spirits; tongues; and interpretation of tongues. (I Corinthians 12:7–11). The third, Motivational gifts, are the gifts we will be discovering at the Motivational Gifts Seminar. These are exhibited according to how we see others and the circumstances around us. It is our God-given perspective that shapes how we respond to others and how we are motivated to meet the needs of those around us. These gifts include:

Prophecy Serving Teaching

Giving

Leading

Exhorting

Mercy

(1 Cor. 12:4-11)

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Merry Christmas from the WOSM Family! God bless you with awareness of His presence during this season.



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MINISTRY CALENDAR

PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THESE EVENTS

OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES Martello's email address: martello52000@yahoo.com

January 8	Wind of the Spirit Ministries Mid-Year Meeting of Board and Council
January 20-22	Motivational Gifts Seminar, Silverdale, Washington
December January	Planning for future events
December	Celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!