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Without Love, What Do I Gain?

Paul understood the power of God. He had received miraculous help to rescue him in dangerous situations; he saw people rescued from the powers of darkness; he did miraculous works by the power of the Holy Spirit. People were healed, delivered, saved and empowered to minister to others. Paul was well-acquainted with the **power** of God.

He was also well-acquainted with the **love** of God. It was Paul who penned First Corinthians chapter 13...the "Love Chapter", as we sometimes call it.

*"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, **I am nothing**. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, **I gain nothing**."*

Then Paul describes **LOVE**. The kind of love God gives and the kind of love God **is**. This type of love is what our heavenly Father wants us to grow up into. It is real love; love with "skin" on it. It is also the type of love that does not consider self, because it is not about us. It is love that is for the good of others. That kind of love draws people to Jesus.

"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."

Paul goes on to say, *"When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me."* What "ways of childhood" was Paul talking about that needed to be "put behind"?

I have three children who are now grown with families of their own, but I remember what they were like as little children.

Small children are self-focused; they have not yet learned to see beyond themselves. Children need to be taught how to consider the needs of others. As adults, hopefully we have put self-centeredness behind us and try to consider the needs of others.

Our Lord asks even more than that from us as a "next step" in our ability to love. He tells us to not only love others as ourselves, but to, *"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."*

This is the kind of love God has toward us. Love demonstrated as Jesus came into this broken world to live as one of us. It was for **our** good; Selfless Love, who went to the cross in our place, not thinking of himself.

Love holds incredible **Power**. It was God's love that sent Jesus to the cross so we could be forgiven. *"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."*

If we serve without love, what do we gain? And what am I without love? According to Scripture, we **gain nothing** and we **are nothing**! (1Cor. 13:2, 3) So it is appropriate for us to ask ourselves, "Have I put childish ways behind me? Do I love with the kind of love described by Paul; God's kind of love?"

Father, open our eyes to the places in us that are still focused upon self and turn our eyes to Jesus and to those for whom he died.

~ Tracy

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What are Motivational Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

At this seminar, we will be using material written by Revs. Larry and Audrey Eddings to teach about the motivational gifts of the Spirit. Larry will be explaining the difference between the gifts of the Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit; and the different categories of spiritual gifts. Broadly, there are three categories of spiritual gifts.

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

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 Motivational gifts are exhibited according to how we see others and the circumstances around us. It is the perspective that shapes how we respond to others and how we are motivated to meet needs. These gifts include:

Prophecy	Serving
Teaching	Exhorting
Giving	Leading
Mercy	(1 Cor. 12:4-11)

These are the gifts we will be discovering at the Motivational Gifts Seminar, October 25-27, at Silverdale United Methodist Church, Silverdale, Washington.

It is important to know our gifting and how it functions within the Body of Christ. 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.

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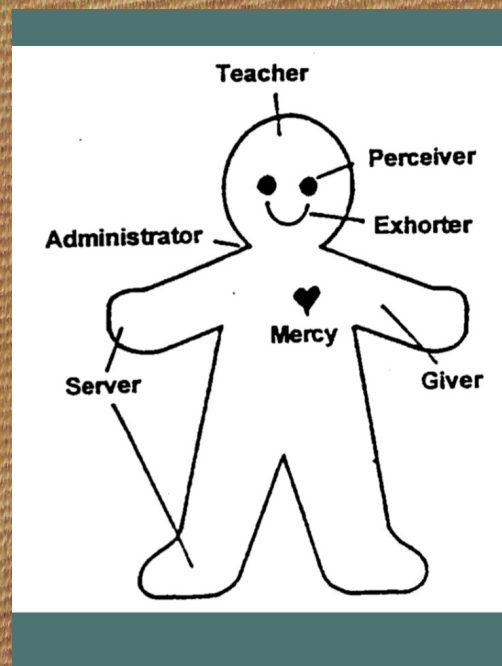
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We know our purpose: To go where the Spirit of God leads and "equip the saints for ministry" [Eph. 4:12] through preaching, teaching, training events, workshops, seminars, conferences and academies. This work is accomplished through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We go where we are invited: In the last year we have been invited to places in the U.S., Estonia, Kenya and the Philippines. In every place, people were not only equipped, but changed, because God is faithful.

We are endeavoring to: be like the good steward who "went at once and put his (master's) money to work" so the Lord has a return on His investment!

Matthew 25:14-30 *Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.*

After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' 'His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you. 'His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. 'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.'"

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October 25-27	Motivational Gifts Seminar Silverdale United Methodist, Silverdale, WA
November	Prayer Focus: Giving thanks for all God has done in our lives
December	Prayer Focus: Pray for loved ones who are not walking with Jesus
January	Prayer Focus: Giving thanks for new beginnings