

Equipment

Today I want to dispel a myth:

There are no super apostles, super prophets, super evangelists, super Christians who are the only ones anointed by God!

1 Corinthians 1:27 NIV

²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

If you feel weak, if you feel ill prepared, if you feel inadequate to step into the greater things of God, to be a history maker, to see many coming to know Jesus, helping them to find freedom from sickness and spiritual oppression.

Good!

We don't need the ability we only need the availability! AMEN

“God does not choose people because of their ability, but because of their availability”. Brother Andrew

God is looking for vessels, vessels to live in and work through.

Vessels can be a bit cracked, a bit brittle, not the strongest but the bible teaches us that it is what is within the vessels that matters!

2 Corinthians 4:7 NIV

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

“When Jesus performed miracles, He wasn't demonstrating what God can do, but what God can do through a man.” Bill Johnson

Ephesians 3:16–21 NIV

¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may

have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Do you believe that God can do immeasurably more than we can ask or image?

YES AMEM

But it goes on to say “According” can you say ‘according’?

According to what?

According to His power that is at work within us!

What is this power?

We read it in verse 19

Ephesians 3:19 NIV

¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

The Holy Spirit, God Himself in His fulness, not dilute chooses to live in us and work through us.

“I, as a human, do not become the power or love or wisdom of God; I merely contain Him who is all these, and everything”. Norman Grubb

By having the Holy Spirit living in us we now have access to all the gifts of the Spirit.

Spiritual gifts are different to natural abilities or talents, though they may parallel them and all are given by God. Spiritual gifts go beyond natural ability, they are a supernatural ability from God to do a particular task.

They are tools not toys! When we face a difficult situation we reach out to God in faith for His gift/tool to deliver into the situation to bring His insight and blessing. It's not about us, our level of holiness, spiritual maturity etc. It's all about God, we cannot earn the gifts, they are given freely and as God pleases.

Illustrate reaching and delivering gift

All of us, when we receive the Holy Spirit, receive the giver of all the spiritual gifts. The Holy Spirit within us will then give us, as we reach out in faith, any one of the gifts of grace needed at any point in time when we face a need or difficult situation.

It's the normal Christian life as it is meant to be- co working hand in hand with the Holy Spirit - He is the vine we are the branches .

The Holy Spirit can speak to us and share His knowledge of an unknown situation, He can give us supernatural wisdom, He can share what is on His God's heart in prophecy, He can enable us to communicate directly with God bypassing our own language in Tongues, this also He can share our hearts communication with the interpretation of tongues. He can communicate with us and check our own spirit in distinguishing between what is Him, what is us and what is demonic.

He can stir greater faith within us for situations we face, He can lead us and provide the power to work miracles and healings,

Having access to all of the spiritual gifts doesn't mean necessarily that we will use them all. Sometimes we can choose to veer away from some gifts. The Holy Spirit never forces us, He does however invite us.

God chooses to work through His people, His church.

To enable us to do His mission of destroying the enemy's work and bring freedom and relationship with Father God.

1 John 3:8 NIV

⁸ The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

We are commanded by Jesus to:

Matthew 10:8 NIV

⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

God does not command us to do things that He will not enable us to do!! AMEN

“The scriptures plainly imply the imperative of possessing the gifts of the Spirit. Paul urges that we both “covet” and desire spiritual gifts ([1Cor. 12:31; 14:1](#)). It does not appear to be an optional matter with us but rather a scriptural mandate to those who have been filled with the Spirit”. AW Tozer

Spiritual gifts are to be used everyday, whether within a Church gathering or meeting a friend for coffee, or at work. Everyone we meet God wants to connect with, God wants to bring His freedom and love to AMEN!

“When do we get to do the stuff?” John Wimber

We get to do the stuff today and every day! AMEN

[Hebrews 2:3-4](#) (NIV)

³... This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. ⁴ God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

“Good morning, Lord! What are You up to today? Can I be part of it? Thank You. Amen.” Norman Grubb