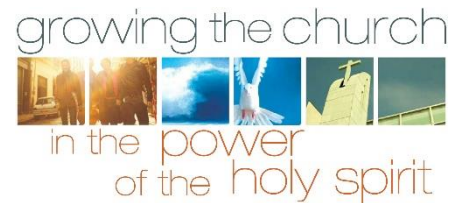


Video 4C

Step #6. Welcoming the Gifts and Manifestations of the Holy Spirit



The gifts and manifestations of the Holy Spirit are normal and essential expressions of the Holy Spirit's power and presence, given to help us in the practice of cooperating with the Spirit. In the congregational worship in Corinth the Christian faith manifestly involved a supernatural component, and Paul provided guidance about how this should be understood and handled. Leaders and congregations need to develop an understanding of spiritual gifts and how to express them in the church's worship and witness.

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The dangers of Quenching the Spirit - 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21

What is the Purpose of these gifts ? - Hebrews 2:3-4

Attitude : which gifts do we welcome ?

Having a Biblical attitude

- ❖ Love – Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 13; Eph 4
- ❖ Informed – 1 Corinthians 12:1
- ❖ Inclusive – 1 Thessalonians 5:19-20; 1 Corinthians 14:39
- ❖ Hungry – 1 Corinthians 12:31, 14:1, 14:39

Cultivating a congregation that welcomes the gifts and manifestations of the Spirit

1. The need for leaders who are ready to cooperate with the Spirit
 - ❖ Attitude of readiness
 - ❖ Practical readiness
2. The need for practical teaching
 - ❖ 'Normalize' the persons and work of the whole Trinity
 - ❖ Create teaching opportunities
 - ❖ Give first-hand understanding of how to welcome and encourage spiritual gifts
3. Create opportunities to express the gifts