Deeper Life Class #5

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1. Ministry Gifts 🡪 Ephesians 4:11
   1. Apostle
   2. Prophet
   3. Teacher
   4. Evangelist
   5. Pastor
2. Motivational Gifts
   1. Helps
   2. Administrative
   3. There are several others
3. Gifts of the Spirit
   1. Power gift
   2. Inspirational gift
   3. Revelation gift
4. Victorious living: fully operating in the gifts
   1. We as a church, will sacrifice the crowds and “feel good” messages to practice victorious living
   2. Seeker friendly churches have done away with the gifts and therefore do **not** have victorious living
      1. Creates a disconnect
      2. Church with only a portion of God
      3. When people leave church on Sunday’s they struggle with their carnal lives because they have never been given the principles of victorious living
         1. Leads to frustration, confusion about God, set back, and end up leaving the church which makes them bitter towards the things of God
      4. Example 1.
         1. A person that has never had the principles of victorious living, then when they are out in the world they fall back into the worldly things that they went to church to get help for in the first place
            1. The flesh takes over because the bonds were never broken
            2. They become upset with themselves
            3. They wonder why the “God thing” isn’t working because they’re trying

Frustration

Confusion

Set back

Leave church

* + 1. Reasons why churches don’t practice victorious living
       1. Weak pastor
          1. Messages are something that grabs everyone’s attention but very shallow
       2. Weak preaching
          1. Pastors are intimidated by the culture and people
          2. There is a separation in the word
          3. The word is very discriminatory
          4. We are to judge the fruit, not the person

You can’t cast anyone out

Nobody is beyond getting reached

* + - * 1. No victory in carnal life
      1. Hypocrisy in the church
         1. In particular, leadership

Many times, leadership is based on carnal “accomplishments”

Own their own business

Big givers

Influential in the community

Personality driven

We must base leadership on

A person who is spiritually strong

People who do not compromise

People who practice what they preach

People who live a life of integrity that lines up the word of God

Basing leadership on carnal success you get

Churches with much talent

Position

Personality

Lack no gift (motivational gifts most times)

Lack power

Less conversions

Have “joiners” instead

Church full of carnal Christians without power

Become a “prop church”

This is what happens to churches that ignores the gifts

All these things (1-5) are important **but** if you don’t add in the gifts and the Holy Spirit you become limited

This church will operate in the gifts through the power of the Holy Spirit as foundation because we have been “converted”

Ephesians 4:6-8, 11-16 Ministry Gifts

Lays foundation of the church

Lists the gifts and the purposes of the gifts

* 1. Shift in the body over years (5 Fold 🡪 Denominationalism)
     1. 5 Fold (apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher) 🡪 shifted in the 1800-1900’s to Denominationalism
        1. Strong Baptist
        2. Pentecost renewal
        3. Other traditional churches
        4. They thought by denominationalism they could minister the 5 Fold
        5. Created an accountability for churches and pastors
        6. All of this was intended to protect the people like it says in Ephesians 4
        7. Then it became political
           1. Some denominations didn’t acknowledge the entire 5 Fold which limits you
           2. “Denomination” became a monster

“You have to do this”

“You have to have this name”

“You have to join this”

They have NO 5 Fold covering

* + - 1. When you lose this disconnect, then you lose the purposes of the 5 Fold mentioned in Ephesians 4
      2. Denominations are NOT bad
         1. UNLESS the denomination/institution is exalted above Christ

This would be considered idolizing the institution

1. There are more offices
   1. 1 Cor. 12:28 (helps, government, teachers, council)
   2. 1 Tim. 3 (bishops, pastors, elders, deacons)
   3. 9 offices total
      1. 5 Fold
      2. 4 mentioned in 1 Cor. 12 and 1 Tim. 3
2. What’s the purpose of the 5 Fold?
   1. Ephesians 4 “equipping the saints”
      1. In the Greek: Katkasas 🡪 to be fit, sound, arranged, adjusted, to frame oneself
      2. The root word: Onos 🡪 to frame oneself
      3. Boundaries
      4. Equipping
      5. 5 fold and adjusting to life to frame oneself
         1. What you believe
      6. Helps you in your call
         1. Confirm them
         2. Identify them
         3. Equipped you
         4. Prepare you
      7. Helps you in your walk with God
         1. Deal with adversity
         2. Conviction
            1. So much is tolerated
            2. Lacking in this generation
            3. Considered over the top
            4. “You’re judging”
         3. You can’t hold onto carnality and God at the same time
         4. Transgression (every day sin) vs. iniquity (comes from your will, motifs, heart, “momma’s and daddy’s devil” Exodus 20:5-6)
            1. Might have to deal with those iniquities
            2. Example 2. If a person is a drug addict, then goes to rehab, detoxes their body, gets out, overdoses or has to go back to rehab because it is a spiritual problem not a carnal

Spiritual problem is that iniquity

* + 1. Correction
       1. This is a fatherless generation
       2. Nurturing of the mother and she corrects but not like a father would
          1. When they are corrected in the real world they quit
       3. Need correction in order to have perseverance
          1. Perseverance: Strength to continue

Creates confidence

In your walk, conviction, and call

This way you have the confidence to do whatever God wants you to be

* + - 1. Must be careful of correction vs. abuse
      2. Example 3. How David approached Saul when he wanted to go up against Goliath. Saul was king 10 years before David became king after being anointed king but David never crossed the line. Saul first said no to David but then when David asked again, he was submitted and not arrogant, Saul agreed.
  1. Ephesians 4 “Work of the ministry”
     1. Responsibility
     2. Accountability
     3. Things get done
  2. Ephesians 4 “Edifying of the body of Christ”
     1. Building up of others
     2. Encouraging
  3. Ephesians 4:13 “till we all come to the **unity** of the faith and knowledge”
     1. Personal blessing
        1. Obedient 🡪 blessing
           1. Peace through prayer, word, worship
           2. Favor/grace
           3. Health
           4. Long life
     2. Corporate blessing
        1. Unity
        2. Can’t get individually
           1. Psalm 133:1-3

God’s best

Breakthroughs that come corporately

Support missionaries all over the world you couldn’t do on your own

Certain pouring out of God’s spirit that come corporately

* + - * 1. Example 4. Day of Pentecost
    1. 1 Cor. 12
       1. Gifts are most effective in LOVE and UNITY
          1. Instead of uniformity (agreement) with rules, not love, you have conformity 🡪 to be with us you have to be like us
          2. More worried about outward look

holiness is based on outward 🡪 what you do not who you are

* + - * 1. With unity 🡪 we are in agreement
        2. The point is not to make you look like the denomination, it’s about freedom and you living out your call
        3. When a church sends people out to their call 🡪 there is a corporate blessing
    1. In this town we have issues with mental illness and partiality
       1. Take sides
          1. We can have victory in our church
          2. Those things can be broken through the Holy Spirit by love and uniformity