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1. Ministry Gifts
   1. Ephesians 4:11
      1. He began to lay the foundation of the PURPOSE of these ministry gifts
         1. Ephesians 4:12
            1. Equipping the saints for the work of the ministry
            2. Edifying of the body of Christ
            3. Unity

Power of unity

Corporate blessing

* + - * 1. Knowledge of the Son of God

Correct knowledge of who Christ is

Having the right perspective

* + - 1. When the church doesn’t allow all the gifts to flow and work together
         1. There is a divided knowledge to who Christ is
         2. Division of the church
         3. Limitation put on the body of Christ
         4. Effects the body

Evangelism

Freedom

Certain nations have not responded to the gospel

Unity would reverse that

* + - 1. Gifts of the Spirit
         1. Two principles

Unity

Love

* + - * 1. What unlocks corporate blessing?

Unity

Revelation 🡪 knowledge of Christ

Prophetic 🡪 know the road signs, direction, indicators of God’s purpose in our life

* + - 1. Purpose of the Gifts 🡪 to bring man to maturity (perfection)
         1. Foundationally strong
         2. Speak the truth in love

Mistaken with judging

Judge fruit not the person

Never cast judgment

* + - * 1. What is truth? 🡪 The Word of God

One church says this, another says this, etc.

Truth is distorted

No unity of the body

* + - * 1. We are to love our culture but don’t conform to it
        2. Speak the truth to them in love
        3. Truth has to be taught because it is not natural
        4. Can’t just call them sin
      1. The Word is very discriminatory
         1. Culture calls it judgmental

Can’t just stop living in truth because the world doesn’t like it

Stand on the Word

* + - 1. Discipline is a form of love DL page 2/2
         1. It can be abusive
         2. God “spanks” us when He corrects
         3. Part of loving someone is being truthful

Maintain a relationship with God can work through

Builds respect

Persecution on the church in the world

Correction looks like the opposite of love which sometimes makes people run

Can’t stop people from doing what they want

It isn’t profitable for their spiritual life

Don’t sit and argue principles, use demonstrations

Ex. Paul

Holy Spirit draws men unto the Lord

Argument < Experience (“<” = “greater”)

Ex. People were worried about losing their pigs but someone was set free

* + - 1. “Who is profiting your bondage?”
         1. Ex. Paul frees fortune teller and the men she was profiting were in an uproar
         2. They don’t want you free because they are profiting from you
         3. Demonically strong
         4. Your conversion sometimes leads to you losing friends
         5. There is power behind your testimony

1. 5 Fold
   1. Apostle (Apostolic Gift)
      1. 24 apostles in the NT, not just the 12
      2. still working today
         1. Ex. Oral Roberts, Billy Graham
      3. They don’t always start out apostles, they may begin with other gifts
      4. Not appointed by men
      5. Base on their impact on the people and position in the body
      6. Meaning of Apostle (Greek): divine delegate, come in the name of the Lord, sent one, one who carries the power of attorney, messenger
         1. 2 Cor. 8:23
         2. Phil 2:25
2. Three divisions of gifts
   * 1. 9 gifts of the spirit
        1. flow through the 5 ministry gifts
     2. 5 ministry gifts
     3. motivational gifts