

Spiritual Gifts

We read in the Bible of God's desire to give each of His children spiritual gifts. We are also told that, as His children, we are to eagerly desire these spiritual gifts. We like gifts. We like being blessed with gifts.

I fear that we sometimes have the wrong idea of what these spiritual gifts are supposed to do in our lives. I fear we sometimes have the wrong idea of how these spiritual gifts will change our lives. If we analyze the request we make in our prayers, we might find that we pray for blessings almost constantly. We are asking for help, blessings, and things to make our life more enjoyable and comfortable.

The spiritual gifts that Paul mentions are not intended to make our life more comfortable. These spiritual gifts will be life-changing, but they will not necessarily bring comfort. They may bring hardships and pain to our lives.

When Paul is writing about these spiritual gifts in the book of Ephesians, he is writing from a prison cell in Rome. Paul had many of the spiritual gifts he mentions. He used the spiritual gifts to the glory of God. Paul never missed an opportunity to share these spiritual gifts with others.

This did not bring him physical comfort. These spiritual gifts did not make his life easier. The use of these gifts caused him to be persecuted and imprisoned. But, Paul always considered the sacrifice as small and the reward as great. Because he used his spiritual gifts, many people were saved.

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Sunday, October 22, 2017

<p>Prayer List Updates</p> <p>Krystyna Penix – carpal tunnel surgery went well</p> <p>Bill Key – out of hospital and back at home</p> <p>Irma Shipley – fell last week</p> <p>Nancy Lasley – sick last week</p> <p>Adrienne Penix – biopsy November 6</p> <p>Birthday</p> <p>Nancy Lasley October 26</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i></p>	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Tuesdays ladies' Bible study 10 am in activity building; children welcome</p> <p>Wednesdays After School Special; 3:15 pm sign-up sheet for refreshments on back information table</p> <p>October 29 fifth Sunday potluck and evening singing services</p> <p>Memory Verse</p> <p>See to it that no one repays evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good for one another and for all. – 1 Thessalonians 5:15</p> <p>Isaiah 32:17</p>	<p>Correspondence Course Ministry</p> <p>week of October 16-21: 8 lessons graded</p> <hr/> <p>October Haiti Needs</p> <p>sanitary napkins cough syrup</p> <hr/> <p>Last Week's Attendance</p> <p>Sunday morning: 44 Sunday evening: 25 Wednesday evening: 38 After School Special: 55 kids, 13 adults</p>
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Weekly Service Assignments

Sunday Morning	Bible class: 9:45 am worship: 10:45 am	Sunday Evening	6:00 pm
First Prayer	Ken Beach	First Prayer	Rudi Cagle
Announcements	Josh Vires	Closing Prayer	Ken Beach
Second Prayer	Raymond Lasley	Lord's Supper	Josh Vires Rudi Cagle
Scripture Reading	Joel Ingram	Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm	
Lord's Supper	1. Ed Young 3. Ken Beach 2. Matthew Sills 4. Justin Beach	First Prayer	Larry Brooks
Closing Prayer	Matt Greer	Closing Prayer	Joel Ingram