

# Gifts for the Barn and Harvest

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Week Three: Gifts

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## Introduction:

### READ:

1 Corinthians 12:1,4-11

"**1** Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: ... **4** There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. **5** There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. **6** And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. **7** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: **8** for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, **10** to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. **11** But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills."

"But the manifestation of the **Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:**"

Profit in context of this scripture means = "to help" or to "carry with."

Another way we can say this - "Assisting people to do life successfully."

## Barn: is the Local Church

**Haggai 2:19** – Is the seed still in the barn?...

**Matthew 13:30** – "...but gather the wheat into my barn."

**Proverbs 14:4** – "where no oxen are, the trough is clean; but much increase comes by the strength of an ox."

## Harvest:

**Luke 10:2** – "the harvest is truly great, but the laborers are few;..."

**Matthew 9:37- 38** – "Harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send out more laborers into His Harvest."

**Hosea 6:11** – "Also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed for you, When I return the captives of My people."

**Joel 3:13** – "Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, down; For the winepress is full, the Vats overflow - for their wickedness is great."

**Mark 4:29** – "But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

**John 4:35 - 38** – Don't say there are 4 months to harvest. Lift up your eyes to the fields, they are white and ready for harvest! He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, the sower and reaper rejoice together. One sows and another reaps. I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.

**Jeremiah 8:20** – "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved!"

### Gifts for the Barn and Gifts for Harvest

#### Barn:

1. administration
2. apostle
3. pastor
4. Giving
5. Teaching
6. Service

## **Harvest:**

1. mercy
2. discernment
3. faith
4. healing
5. helps
6. knowledge
7. miracles
8. wisdom
9. tongues
10. tongues interpretation
11. evangelism
12. hospitality - 1 Pet. 4:9,10
13. martyrdom - 1 Cor. 13:3
14. missionary - Eph. 3:6-8
15. Prophecy
16. Exhortation
17. Teaching
18. Service
19. Leadership

### **The Fruit of Using Your Gift in the Wrong place:**

People get offended and leave church when they get barn focused and not harvest focused. This is because of the vanity of the mind.

We all have been gifted for the Harvest, so focusing all our gifting toward the barn will frustrate us. The world will never be attracted to Christians who are frustrated, angry, or bitter.

1. "They won't release me to use my gift."
2. "No one understands me."
3. "I don't fit in here."
4. Complaining about trivial things...i.e., decorations, the songs the worship team sings, not liking the sermon, having a problem with the children's ministry...etc.
5. Gossiping about other people.
6. Constant desire to go somewhere else where they will appreciate and use your gift.
7. Finding fault in how other people use their gift.
8. Lacking satisfaction in life.
9. Constant need to be noticed and validated.

#### **The Fruit of Using Your Gift in the Right place:**

1. Peace
2. Joy
3. Patience
4. Kindness
5. Gentleness
6. Self control
7. Love
8. Faithfulness
9. Goodness

#### **Understanding the Harvest:**

1. The harvest is tiring.
2. The harvest is difficult.
3. The harvest is plentiful.
4. The harvest is fulfilling.
5. The harvest is now.

Our inheritance, our fulfillment, our reward is waiting in the harvest.

We have been gifted for the harvest. The harvest is right now. There is urgency in the spirit to gather the sought ones.

**Call:**

1. Identify if you're called to the barn or the harvest or both.
2. Determine if you're obeying God and stewarding your gifts as He has assigned you to.
3. Get involved where you can directly use your gift.