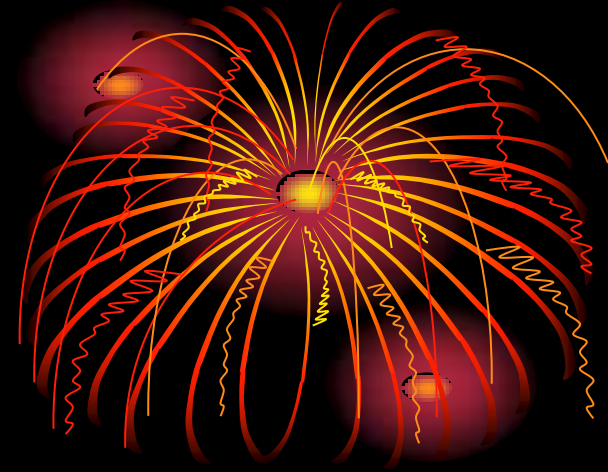


# Support Gifts



What are Spiritual Gifts?

- God granted ability enabling every Christian to perform a function in the Body of Christ with ease and effectiveness

Why are They Important?

- Given By God Himself
- Design Needs The Parts
- Effective When Employed Together
- Life and Death Issue

# Support Gifts

## Inventory Issues

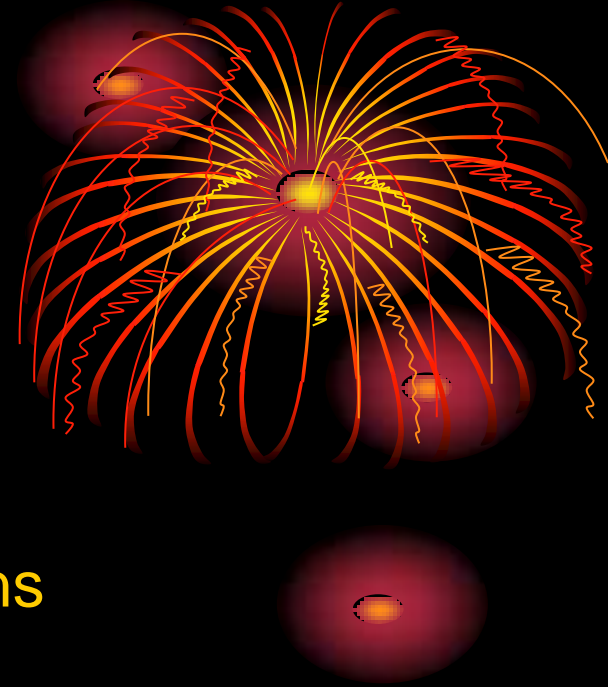
- many different ideas about categories
- no perfect tool – all designed by humans
- don't be distracted by non essential issues

## Three Messages

Support Gifts – Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher

Service Gifts – Administration, Exhortation, Faith, Giving, Helps, Mercy, Serving

Sign Gifts – Miracles, Healing, Tongues, Interpretation, Discernment



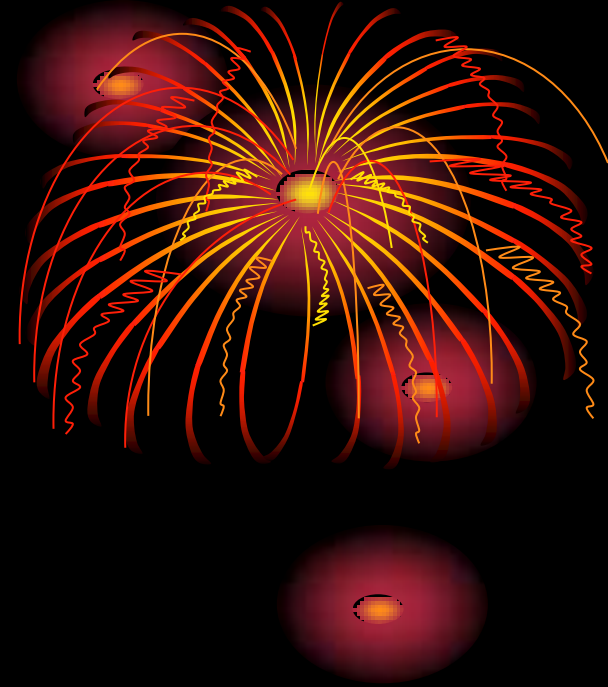
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## Scriptures

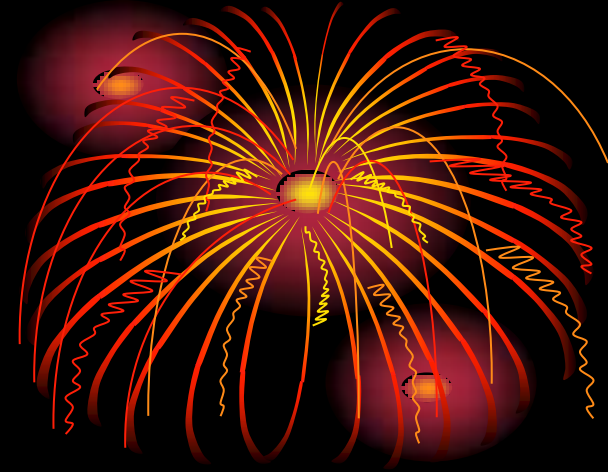
- 1 Cor. 12:8-10, 28, 29-30
- Rom. 12:6-8
- Eph. 4:11
- 1 Peter 4:11

## Today:

- 1 Cor. 12:14-27, Eph. 4:11-13



# Support Gifts



## 1. Apostle

- 'sent one' or 'to send'
- Witnessed the Resurrected Christ, Called By God to Office, Demonstrated Some Sign Gifts.
- unusual authority and leadership in Early Church
- No further apostolic office or gift
- \*word of wisdom\* - still present for today
- usually those strategically planting churches and disciple making works in our world

# Support Gifts

## 2. Prophecy

- gk. 'to shine before' – lamp to a dark place
  - Scripture shows two kinds of prophetic gift:
    - prediction – speaking for God about events to come
      - had to be 100% accurate or killed
      - must be tested – 1 John 4:1, Duet. 18:22
      - must be consistent with Scripture
- \* word of knowledge \* - common term used



# Support Gifts



- proclamation
  - seeing God's word and culture clearly, being compelled to tell others
  - Peter quotes Old Testament – reflects on current reality – challenges those who hear
- \* gift often demonstrated in:
  - preaching
  - writing
  - films or other communication

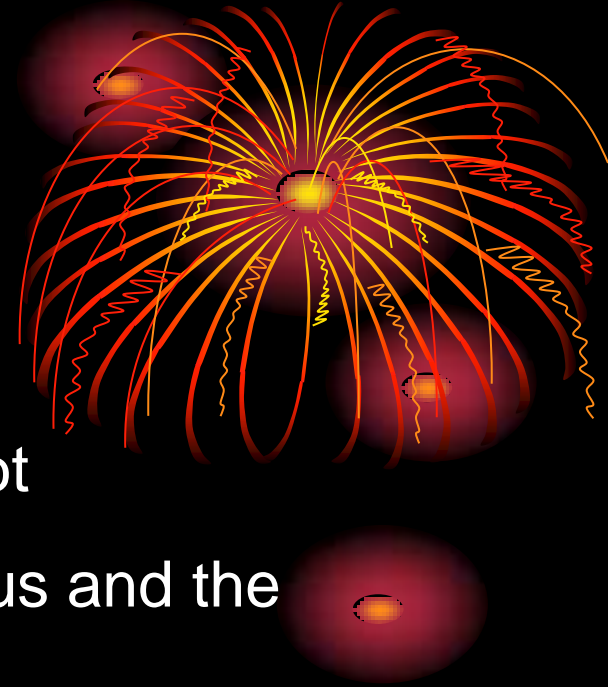
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## 3. Evangelism

- we derive the term 'gospel' from this root
- God given ability to warm hearts to Jesus and the message of Salvation

### \*Observations about Evangelists

- usually itinerant or 'Hit and Run'
- Focus often Outside the Church Functions
- Message often Pointed – direct, focused and clear
- Results are Evident – decisions to follow Jesus



# Support Gifts

## 4. Pastor / Teacher

- confusion surrounding the office of pastor and spiritual pastor gifting
- Office of Pastor – Eph. 4:11-12
  - equip – ‘mend broken nets’, ‘complete what is lacking’
- Gifting of Pastor – Shepherd Role
  - caring for flock, tending, feeding
  - Ezekiel 34:2ff – strengthen the sick, heal the diseased, bind up the broken, bring back the wandering, seek the lost.





# Support Gifts



## - Teacher

- without teaching there is no discipleship
- applying truth in life changing ways
- imparting information with passion – it sticks

## \* Observations

- Good Communication Skills
- Good Handle on the Truth
- Good read on the Audience

# Support Gifts

So What

1. These Gifts Are All In the Support Category
  - essential to the function of the family
2. Brief Overview Needs to Be Supplemented
  - study of scripture, see the gift in operation, understand
3. Important Information Even If This Is Not You
  - understand others in the Body, see how they are designed to function

