

Gifts of Light

Troubling The Darkness - Week 14 (10-5-22)

1 Tim. 4:12-15

I. Made to be a light

A. Matt. 5:14-16

1. You are a light that was built and equipped for the purpose of being on display.

B. James 1:16-18

1. He is the father of lights and we are the children of God!
 - a) John 1:1-14 - Jesus was a gift to the world (John 3:16), and He was the “light of men” (John 1:4). We were give the power to become the sons of God.

II. You Choose

A. Our will and God’s will

1. Philippians 2:12-15

- a) Amplified - notes - “God supports the believer, but it is the believer’s responsibility to do what he/she has been called to do.”

B. 2 Tim 1:6

1. “Gift” = a free (gracious) gift, endowment. - Hebrew word - Charisma
2. “Stir up” = Keep in full flame
3. “Quench not the Spirit” - 1 Thess. 5:19 - Quench = extinguish or put out a fire.
 - a) Don’t a wet blanket to your own calling!

C. Parable of the Talents - Matt. 25:14-29

1. We are not all expected to have the same gifts but we are all expected to invest those gifts back into the kingdom!
 - a) If the master coming back is representative of Jesus coming back after a long time, then we can expect to continue to serve God with our gifts in the millennial Reign.
 - b) You will get out of your calling what you choose to put into it!
 - (1) Don’t sow sparingly - 2 Corin. 9:6-8
 - (a) “...may abound to every good work.” - He’s not just talking about money!

III. Make your calling sure

A. 2 Peter 1:10

1. We all have been called and given gifts and we all need to mature and develop in who God has called us to be.
2. “give diligence” = hasten, be eager (Zealous)
3. “Sure” = firm, stedfast, enduring

B. Learn to value your calling

1. You would not be here if you was not needed. God does not do anything for no reason, and He put you here at a specific time for a specific purpose.
 - a) Moses struggled to embrace what God was asking him to do, and God worked with him.

2. Your gifts and calling are not comparable to other people. What matters is your personal devotion to what you have been given.
 - a) 1 Samuel 16:7 - "...for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."
- C. James 1:17 - "...the Father of lights, with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."
 1. God and His will never changes, and has chosen and called you for a specific purpose.
 - a) Therefore your calling and purpose is secure and unchanging, and is waiting for you to embrace it and grow into it.
- D. The Difference between King Saul and King David was the King David was very confident in his God While King Saul was very insecure in his own abilities.
 1. 1 Samuel 10-21-23 - Saul hides from being installed as King after being anointed by Samuel.
 2. David allowed God to teach him through the challenges that he faced while Saul's character grew worse through challenges.
 - a) David knew his God intimately, and was able to grow into his calling.
 - (1) Perusing and growing in relationship with the one who has called us will bring us into our calling.