

Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

Supplemental Notes

➤ **New Testament references to gifts of the Holy Spirit**

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Romans 12:4-8

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 4:10-11

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:4,7

Opening Thoughts, Prior to the Video

1. In your opinion, are there any jobs in the church (besides the Women's Ministry) that God intends just for women?
2. Are there any jobs in the church (besides the Men's Ministry) that God intends just for me



Closing Thoughts, After the Video

1. What stood out to you about Jackie's story?

2. Most people agree that both Christian men and Christian women receive gifts of the Holy Spirit. How would you answer someone who says "That is true, but God intends women to only teach other women and children"?

3. John Thompson said "I can't think of anything more tragic than to squander someone's gifts...they really are who the person is called to be."

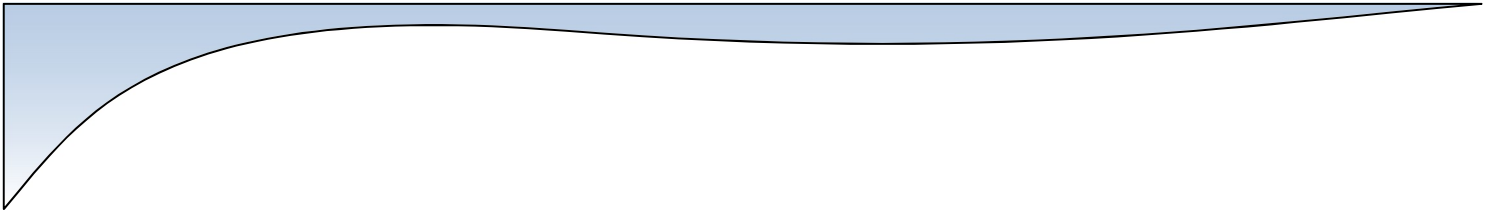
How do you feel God has called and gifted you?

Are you able to contribute to the church and society with your gifts?

4. What benefits could there be by having both women and men teaching and preaching in church, as opposed to only men?

5. What qualities and qualifications do you feel a leader should exhibit?

Are any of these related to gender?



6. What concrete steps could your church take to encourage women who are called and gifted in teaching and leadership?

What steps could you personally take?

Additional References

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