

Spiritual Gifts

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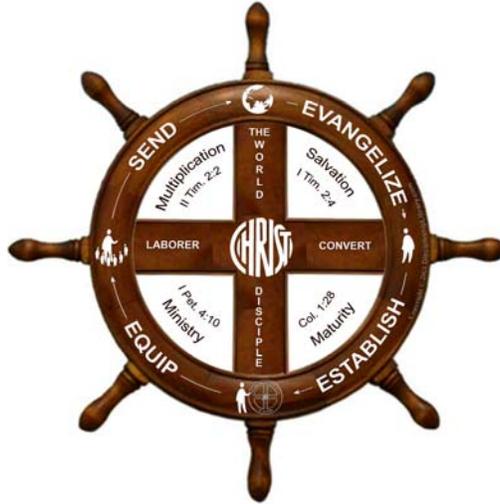
I. Introduction.

- A. Everyone in the body of Christ has been given a spiritual gift.
- B. One of the challenges is that people lose sight of the interdependence that the gifts are supposed to arouse.
- C. It is impossible to live life without limits. One's ultimate freedom is his freedom to choose his attitude.
- D. All authority has limits. To exceed one's limits is the natural outcome of the Fall—there is something in us that wants to put ourselves at the center to be God. (2 Corinthians 10)
- E. Limits grow out of Scriptural guidelines, providential circumstances and of the inner conviction of the Holy Spirit.
- F. Discussion on limitation.
 - 1. Should limits be set and on what basis?
 - 2. Recommendations for limitations.
 - 3. Differences in limitations for differing communities.

II. "Will do" list.

- A. Evangelism.
- B. Establishing.
- C. Equipping or enabling.
- D. Majoring on young adults.
 - 1. This is the thrust or focal point.
 - 2. This does not preclude other groups, but merely is a focus.
- E. Relate to local congregations and specialized functions.
- F. Accept as representatives only those gifted and called. Calling is an inner sense based upon the following: an inner pull, the appropriate gifts and the recognition by others that one has those gifts.
- G. Send in support missionaries.

1. The vision is worldwide.
2. No one is asking missionaries to go home who are making disciples and evangelizing a core.



III. Discussion concerning limiting the scope of ages ministered to.

- A. If a representative is not focusing on the age the ministry is focusing on, he ought to give an account of how it is contributing to the strategic considerations of that ministry.
- B. Other ministries focus sometimes better on other age groups.
- C. There is a danger in ministering to the whole family because the parachurch ministry will take the place of the entire church.
- D. The community ministry needs to be corralled because of the areas of the church that it is replacing.

Application questions

1. Explain the importance of limitations according to the speaker.

2. Why is the issue of limiting the scope of ages such a controversial matter?

3. How would you support limiting the focus of a particular ministry upon a particular age group? Explain.
