

Holy Spirit, Batman! part 7 - Spirit Sense 3/18/07

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- I. Intro / Review
 - A. Talking about the Person, purpose, and power of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the believer.
 - B. Talking about specific spiritual gifts, the believers utility belt.
 - C. These gifts, or graces, are not resident in use, meaning they don't exist in us for us to use as we will. The Spirit is the one who uses them in us and through us.
 - D. The purpose of these gifts is to build up the body of Christ, and to witness to others, not for our own jollies.
- II. Discerning of spirits 1 Cor 12:10.
 - A. The non-physical world we call the spiritual world. Where is it?
 1. 30,000 times more space than mass in an atom.
 - a) Take a hydrogen atom. One electron orbiting one proton.
 - b) Enlarge proton to a baseball, the electron would be a BB 10 miles away traveling 10,000 miles/second.
 2. Remove all the space in the atoms of your body. you would be a microscopic spec of dust, but you would weigh the same.
 3. Theoretically possible for two worlds to exist in the same place at the same time, both passing through each other. Just need different molecular structures.
 - B. Angels
 1. Hebrews 1:14
 2. Daniel 9
 3. Events surrounding Jesus' birth
 - C. Demons
 1. Eph. 6:12
 2. 2 Cor 11:14
 - D. How does this gift work? When do you use it? It's our Spidey sense
 1. My own experiences.
 - a) Jackie's restaurant
 - b) Pittsburgh
 - c) People, good and bad.
 2. 2 Thess. 2:9-10 Looking toward the end times
 3. False teachers
 - a) 2 Cor. 11:13-14
 - b) 1 John 4:1
 - E. At work in the NT
 1. John 2:25, 6:64 In Jesus.
 2. Acts 8, Simon the magician
 3. Acts 16, girl with spirit of divination proclaiming Paul and Silas as servants of the most high God. What's wrong with that?
 - F. The lie sandwich.
 1. False teachers often include enough truth to sound credible.
 2. Mormons, JWs.
 - G. If you have this gift, use it, develop it. God uses it in you for a reason. That reason is to bring people into a right relationship with Him.

- III. Teaching 1 Cor 12:28
- A. The ability to communicate to people specific information and what to do with that information. DSL and Mac trainer.
 - B. The spiritual gift is when God is teaching through you.
 - C. Teaching or preaching?
 - 1. Preaching is more inspirational. It's for the sinner.
 - a) It has to do with evangelism, proclaiming the good news of Jesus, forgiveness of sins. It persuades people to receive Jesus as their Lord.
 - b) If a pastor only preaches, the people in the church will never grow.
 - 2. Teaching is more educational. It's for the saint.
 - a) It has to do with helping those who are already Christians to grow in their knowledge and relationship with Jesus.
 - b) I am more of a teacher than a preacher.
 - c) Eph. 4:11-12 Equipping the saints for the work of ministry.
 - D. The cost of being a teaching; stricter judgment. James 3:1.
 - E. In order to be a good teacher you have to be a good student. 1 Cor. 11:23. Deliver what you have received from the Lord.
- IV. Exhortation. Romans 12:6-8
- A. "People with the gift of exhortation encourage and urge us to put into action the things we know we should be doing."
 - 1. We know what we need to do to get the job done, we just aren't doing it.
 - 2. Sometimes we need that extra push of encouragement or confrontation to get us going.
 - B. Some people have it, some don't. Those who don't make you mad and want to give up.
 - C. In the OT
 - 1. Pretty much all the prophets were exhorters.
 - 2. Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord...
 - D. In the NT
 - 1. Romans 12:1
 - 2. 1 Thess. 5:14-22
 - E. What should it do? It should always push us toward acting on our trust in the Lord.
 - F. Many of these gifts are interwoven. When someone teaches, prophecies, or exhorts, we are to discern where it comes from and act accordingly.
- V. To go points
- A. The gift of discerning of spirits is kind of like our Spidey sense. It helps us to know if the people, teaching, or situations we encounter are from Jesus or not.
 - B. The gift of teaching is used to instruct believers in the things of the Lord and equip them with the tools needed for ministry.
 - C. The gift of exhortation is used to give believers that extra kick in the pants when needed, so that they put feet to their faith.
 - D. As with all of these gifts, seek the Lord as to which ones you have and how He might use them through you. There is nothing better.