

Holy Spirit, Batman! part 9 - Here He Comes to Save the Day  
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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. Helps, ministry, service. 1 Cor. 12, Rom. 12.
  - A. Helps - putting your hands into action
    - 1. No need to ask
    - 2. Not for recognition
    - 3. Done with joy
  - B. Ministry/Service - putting your humility into action
    - 1. diakonos - deacon, servant. Mark 9:35
    - 2. leitourgous - servant. A rich person who gave himself for free public service.
    - 3. hyperetes - under rower. Slaves who didn't get credit for any of the work. Without them, trade could not happen, wars could not be won.
    - 4. Jesus is the ultimate model. Mark 10:45.
- III. Giving - putting your resources into action. Romans 12:8.
  - A. Who are you giving to? God. If you are really giving to God with the gift of giving, there won't be any problems.
  - B. How do we give?
    - 1. Simplicity - no strings attached
    - 2. Without calling attention to yourself
    - 3. Willingly from the heart
    - 4. Cheerfully, not grudgingly
    - 5. Honestly - not hypocritically
    - 6. Freely - "freely you have received, freely give"
    - 7. Out of love
  - C. What do we give?
    - 1. Yourself
    - 2. Talents and time
    - 3. Thanks and praise
  - D. The treasure principle, Randy Alcorn
    - 1. Matthew 13:44
    - 2. You can't take it with you, but you can send it on ahead.
    - 3. In the short term and long term, we benefit from our giving.
- IV. Administration - putting your leadership into action. 1 Cor. 12:28
  - A. Leadership in the traditional sense
  - B. Leadership in organization, in caring for and maintaining.
- V. Mercy - putting your compassion into action. Romans 12:8
  - A. The opposite of justice, getting what you do deserve.
  - B. The ability to show compassion to the hurting and the guilty.

VI. Take home points

- A. Helps - putting your hands into action
- B. Ministry/Service - putting your humility into action
- C. Giving - putting your resources into action
- D. Administration - putting your leadership into action
- E. Mercy - putting your compassion into action

VII. The point of it all

- A. The HS is with us, in us, and upon us so that we will reflect Jesus onto and into others. He make us more like Him.
- B. The gifts of the Spirit working in and through us are the means by which God witnesses to the world. They are His works in the world.
- C. The power is pointless without love. 1 Cor. 13.
  - 1. The gifts of the Spirit may meet practical and physical needs, but they don't meet the real need; knowing, experiencing, living/bathing in the love of God.
  - 2. We could be that happeningest, holy ghost filled, miracle working church, but if the love of God were not among us, it would be pointless.
  - 3. Publicly evident, practically lived out love for one another is the way the world will know we are his. Not two hours one day a week. 24/7.