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THE POWER GIFTS – FAITH

The gift of faith is a supernatural impartation, often coming suddenly, for a specific situation or reason. It is a special faith distinct from the usual or “ordinary” faith that we have on the Word of God, Jesus, or the Father. We all have been given the measure of that ordinary (regular or normal) faith, and it grows stronger (like a muscle) as we use it and seeing its confirming results.

The gift of faith is different from that kind of faith. It may rise up to a particular matter totally unanticipated by you (through whom it works). It most often is for the benefit of another person who has a need for a miraculous intervention. In some cases, you may be the one benefited.

I personally witnessed an example of the gift of faith in operation. My wife Helen and I visited a ministry in another city. My wife was talking to the leader inside her truck while I waited outside. A friend of the ministry leader came up to the truck window and explained that a friend had been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and there was no hope for this person. Although Helen did not know the person personally, a sudden powerful unction came over her and she started praying loudly rebuking the spirit of cancer that was on that person. The friend looking into the vehicle asked Helen, “Who are you?” Helen’s response was that she was “just led to pray.”

On a later date, we heard from the ministry person that the “cancer patient” had been miraculously healed. This was a case where the gift of faith had suddenly and unexpectedly brought about the unction of Holy Spirit anointing to meet the special need of another person, whose body in the natural was beyond hope. When Helen prayed that day, she was suddenly anointed with the gift of faith for that person.

Yes, a miracle occurred. Yes, a healing occurred. Yes, a gift of “special” faith occurred. This goes to illustrate that the gifts don’t necessarily act alone. They may move together in conjunction one with another.

You may try to “sort out” the question of whether it was this gift, that gift, or the other gift. It doesn’t matter. What matters is knowing that they all are supernatural through the work of Holy Spirit by the “hand” of His anointed person.

Any spirit-filled believer could be a candidate to be used in one (or more) of the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit. I Cor. 12:31 says, “**...covet (desire) earnestly the best gifts.**” Do you wish for Holy Spirit to use you in a gift? Then ask for it. Keep asking and believing. Then you must be obedient to the Holy Spirit’s leading when the time comes for it. When you respond obediently, He will trust you to be used on further occasions. Don’t miss out by not responding.

Holy Spirit desires to use you in the supernatural so that you can do the “greater works” of Jesus (John 14:12). We physically live in the “natural world” but He wants us to dwell in a “supernatural life” on this earth. The supernatural should be our “ordinary” manner of living.