

“The Weapons of Our Warfare”

Part One

Text: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5/1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Intro: The power of God is invincible. *“Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but **with God all things are possible**’”* (Matthew 19:26, NIV). The gifts of the Spirit have been given to the church as the weapons of our warfare. This is why we are going through this study. When the church goes to battle against the enemy, we must have a true knowledge of those weapons. Jesus said, *“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and **they will do even greater things than these**, because I am going to the Father”* (John 14:12, NIV). How can this be? It is possible because God has given us the right equipment- the Gifts of the Spirit. This week I want to discuss the categories of the gifts.

- I. Nine Gifts in Three Categories (1 Corinthians 12:7-11)
 - A. In Biblical numerology- the number of divine perfection is three (3).
 1. 1 John 5:7
 2. 1 Thessalonians 5:23
 3. Perfection + Perfection+ Perfection
 - B. Three Categories
 1. Revelation
 2. Power
 3. Inspiration
- II. Revelation Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:8, 10c)
 - A. The word “Revelation” in the Greek is *apokalypsis* literally meaning an uncovering or a disclosure of something that was previously hidden.
 - B. Three gifts:
 1. The Word of Wisdom
 2. The Word of Knowledge
 3. The Discerning of spirits
- III. Power Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:9-10a)
 - A. Whereas the Revelation Gifts deal with discovery, the Power Gifts deal in action (Acts 1:8).
 - B. Three gifts:
 1. The Gift of Faith
 2. The Gifts of Healing
 3. The Working of Miracles
- IV. Inspiration Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:10b, 10d,c)
 - A. These gifts are unique in that they are specifically given for the benefit of the Church.
 - B. Three gifts:
 1. The Gift of Prophecy
 2. Various Kinds of Tongues
 3. The Interpretation of Tongues.
- V. These are God’s gifts to the Church because His desire is that you be an overcomer (1 John 5:4).