

# Gifted to Build

## **Text: Exodus 31:1-11 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> "See, I have called by name Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. <sup>3</sup> "And I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all *kinds of* craftsmanship, <sup>4</sup> to create artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze, <sup>5</sup> and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, so that he may work in all *kinds of* craftsmanship. <sup>6</sup> "And behold, I Myself have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all who are skillful I have put skill, so that they may make everything that I have commanded you: <sup>7</sup> the tent of meeting, the ark of testimony, the atoning cover that is on it, and all the furniture of the tent, <sup>8</sup> the table and its utensils, the pure *gold* lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, <sup>9</sup> the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin and its stand, <sup>10</sup> the woven garments as well: the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, *with which* to carry out their priesthood; <sup>11</sup> the anointing oil also, and the fragrant incense for the Holy Place, they are to make *them* according to everything that I have commanded you."

## **Introduction:** God Never Calls Without Equipping

### **What the Bible Says About God's Spiritual Gifts:**

1. Spiritual Gifts Are Given by God to Build His Dwelling
2. Spiritual Gifts Are Given to Every Believer to Build Christ's Body
3. Spiritual Gifts Strengthen the Church Only When They Are Used
4. Spiritual Gifts Bring Consequences When They Are Neglected

### **Point #1: Spiritual Gifts Are Given by God to Build His Dwelling**

- Hebrews 13:8 (NASB)
- James 1:17 (NASB)
- Ephesians 2:22 (NKJV)

#### **Hebrews 13:8 (NASB)**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, and forever.

#### **James 1:17 (NASB)**

Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

#### **Ephesians 2:22 (NKJV)**

in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit

### **Spiritual Gifts are Given by God, meant for the Body, and Wasted when Withheld**

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## Point #2: Spiritual Gifts Are Given to Every Believer to Build Christ's Body

- Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)
- Ephesians 4:16 (NASB)

### Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)

<sup>6</sup> In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. <sup>7</sup> If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. <sup>8</sup> If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

### *Spiritual Gifts Are Categorized as Follows:*

#### Speaking Gifts

1. Preaching
2. Teaching
3. Exhortation

#### Serving Gifts

1. Ministry
2. Giving
3. Ruling
4. Mercy

### Ephesians 4:16 (NASB)

from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

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## Point #3: Spiritual Gifts Strengthen the Church Only When They Are Used

- Romans 12:4-5 (NLT)
- Psalms 127:1 (NKJV)

### Romans 12:4-5 (NLT)

<sup>4</sup> Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, <sup>5</sup> so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

### Psalms 127:1 (NKJV)

Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; ...

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## Point #4: Spiritual Gifts Bring Consequences When They Are Neglected

- I Timothy 4:14 (NASB)
- I Corinthians 3: 16-17 (NASB)
- Matthew 5:14-16 (KJV)

### I Timothy 4:14 (NASB)

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

### I Corinthians 3:16-17 (NASB)

<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are a temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.

### Matthew 5:14-16 (KJV)

<sup>14</sup> Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

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### RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION OF FAITH:

1. **HEAR the GOSPEL ~ Romans 10:17**  
So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.
2. **BELIEVE ~ Hebrews 11:6**  
But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.
3. **REPENT ~ Luke 13:3**  
I tell you nay; but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.
4. **CONFESS ~ Matthew 10:32-33**  
Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.
5. **BE BAPTIZED ~ Acts 22:16**  
And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.
6. **BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH ~ Revelation 2:10**  
Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.