

Gratitude: Spiritual Gifts: Team Concept; Review

The pastor's job is to determine as best he can who can perform in the various areas of local church function. The pastor must therefore be the one who chooses deacons, decides on committee chairmen, and approves candidates for ordination. This may imply that the pastor recognizes each individual's spiritual gift, but the real truth will come out in each individual's execution of his assignment.

Thus, the importance of the fact that Jesus Christ is Head of the Church. If incorrect appointments are made it will become obvious over time and He will motivate and encourage a rearrangement of assignments. It's an ongoing process and it is all handled in grace with a view toward unity in the body of Christ which meets in this place.

Nothing that goes on here is a popularity contest. Our mission is to serve Jesus Christ, communicate the Bible, make its teachings available to as many as possible, and to keep ever present in mind the principle that all areas of spiritual gift function are empowered by the Holy Spirit. We must remember that we serve Christ and not ourselves; we promote truth and not our own opinions; we seek to create an environment for learning not for personal empire building. In fact it would probably be best if we would all forget about our spiritual gifts and concentrate on becoming proficient in the three spiritual skills and leave the details to the Holy Spirit.

Review of Spiritual Gifts.