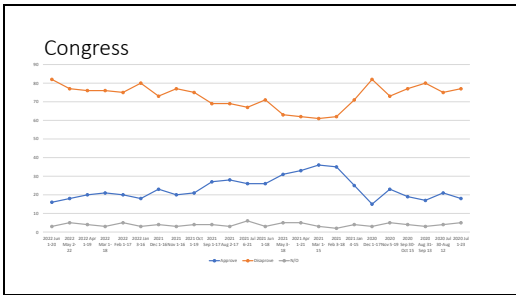




Shocked



Pope Francis said, "I am sorry, I humbly beg forgiveness for the evil committed by so many Christians against the Indigenous peoples," Francis said near the site of the former Ermineskin Indian Residential School, where ground-penetrating radar has been used to try to locate unmarked graves of students who died while attending the school.



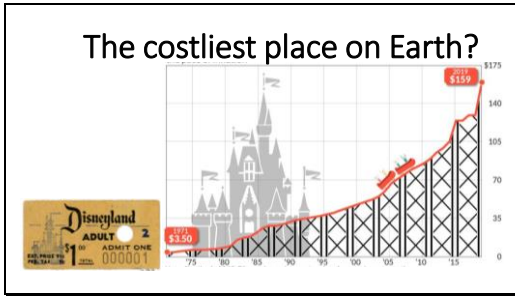
How do people feel about congress? Opinion polls have the answer – any surprises?



I had a personal breakthrough – moving from “yea” to “yes”



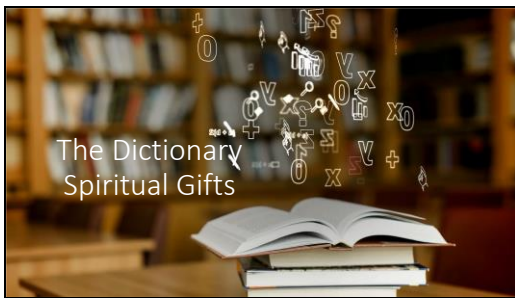
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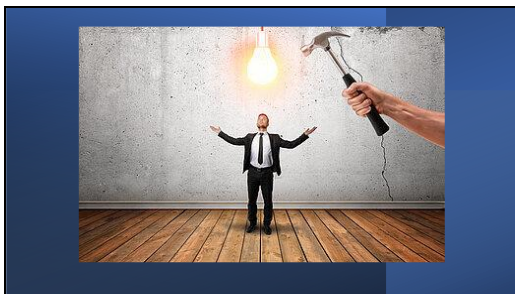
The cost of a 1-day adult pass has increased more than 3,000%



Parking up from \$0.50 to \$25 a day. We stayed at the Polynesian in 1975 for \$43/nite on our honeymoon. Coke up from \$0.35 to \$3.99. Lunch up to somewhere between \$19 - \$33.



Disneyland and Disney World used to be nice and neutral, but it seems like it divides people. The same could be said about Spiritual gifts. They once seemed like another part of God's plan, but some people have weaponized it. Like the name says, they are a gift from God.



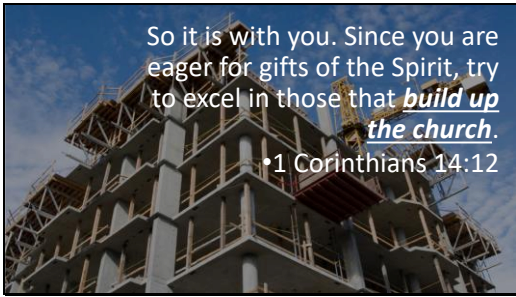
Spiritual; Gifts are not a hammer to hit people over the head with, or to force them into your camp, your way of thinking. God gives them with a very different thought.



Seabiscuit – "You have a gift" but not left alone to figure it out on your own



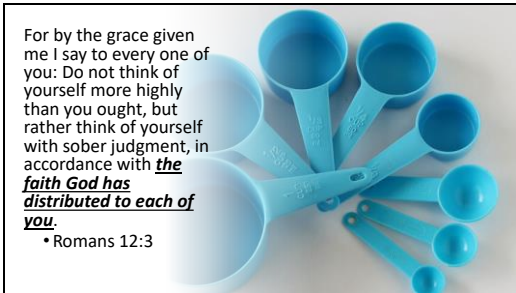
Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. Spiritual gifts have 2 purposes:
1. encourage one another – one on one building
2. build each other up – on an individual basis



So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that **build up the church.**

•1 Corinthians 14:12

So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that **build up the church** – building something bigger than just one person, when you build up the church, it’s not all about you, it’s about Jesus and others, for God’s glory, for their benefit.

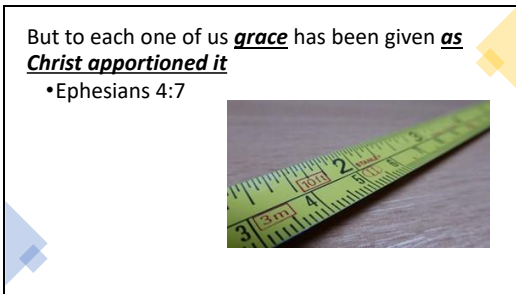


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the faith God has distributed to each of you – God has given you have a unique, personal part and share. It’s from God, it’s nothing that we thought up, or earned. What he gives, he knows best.



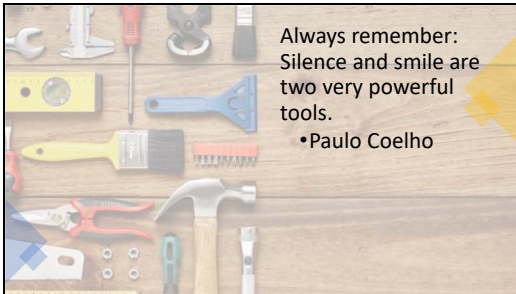
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•Ephesians 4:7

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grace – spiritual gifts

as Christ apportioned it. – whatever we have is a gift: to be thankful for, to use, to become skilled with, strengthening.

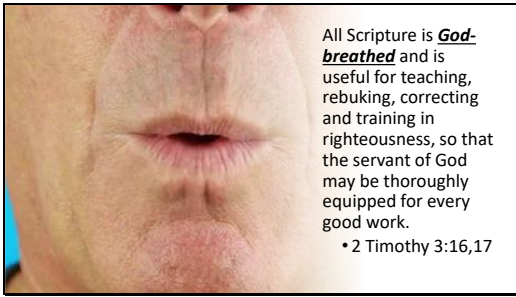


Always remember: Silence and smile are two very powerful tools.

•Paulo Coelho

So, whenever we approach the subject of Spiritual Gifts, we want to do it with an attitude of loving compassion, patience, and wanting nothing but the best for everyone.





All Scripture is **God-breathed** and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
God-breathed – God is the source, not people.
So, when God uses certain words, it's important and we need to pay attention.

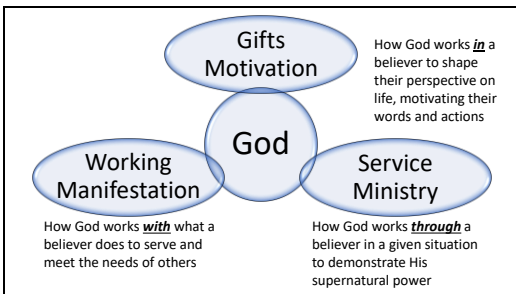


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different – God's choice, his personal decision, directly from his hand

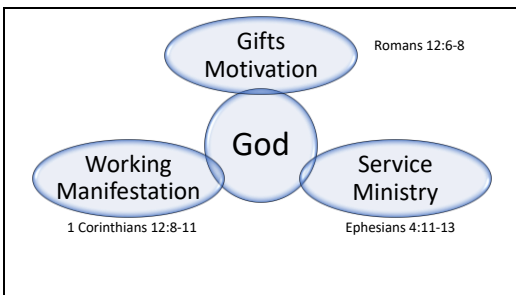
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• 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

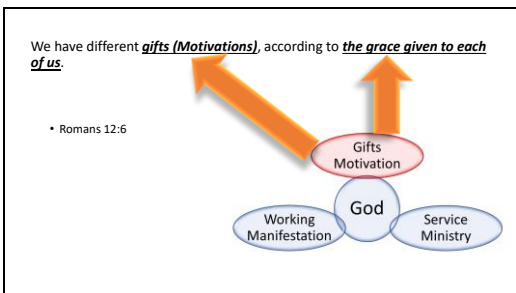
Gifts – Motivations
Services – Ministry
Working – Manifestations



Motivation-How God works in a believer to shape their perspective on life, motivating their words and actions
Ministry-How God works through a believer in a given situation to demonstrate His supernatural power
Manifestation-How God works with what a believer does to serve and meet the needs of others



Gifts/motivation – Romans 12:6-8
Service/Ministry – Ephesians 4:11-13
Working/Manifestations – 1 Corinthians 12:8-11



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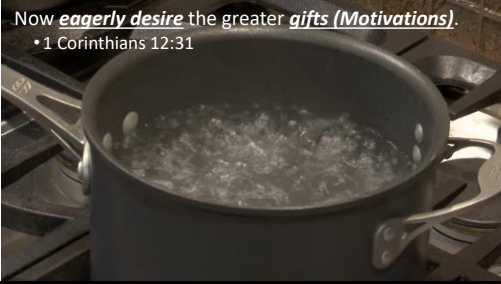
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Now **eagerly desire** the greater **gifts (Motivation)**. **eagerly desire** – to be deeply committed to, to be boiling over with energy, enthusiasm, excitement, desire to search out so you can find, use, grow in.

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