

**Finding Your
Purpose
in the
End-Time
Revival**

by

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***This book teaches the most fascinating themes of man-
tels, anointings, and callings into a simple instruction
manual. Don't be misinformed.***

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*I dedicate this book to
the Lord of the harvest*

JESUS THE CHRIST

Introduction

It is a very common analysis among almost all Christian circles that we are in the last days. I personally believe Jesus could return at any time. We probably at least have a few decades left before his return, because there is so much to do.

One thing that concerns me is the lack of people in the body of Christ that understand their purpose. I have stood before congregations and asked a show of hands of those that know their calling, function in the body of Christ, and destiny. The response has been staggeringly low. This is even true in my church. My church is only around five months old as I am writing this book. There is only one in my church that feels he knows his calling and purpose. I am excited at the prospect of watching these find their purpose over the years to come.

The goal of this book is to help people understand:

1. We don't have much time left before Jesus comes
2. How to find your purpose, destiny, and calling
3. Finding out your giftings
4. Beginning to function in your calling and giftings

I hope to see all that read this book begin to operate in what you are called to do. There is a lost world that is dying we must reach quickly. The time is short, and we must act swiftly. Overall the body of Christ tries to let the local pastor do all the work. This is actually a strong contradiction of the scriptures. The Bible states that the five fold ministry was given for the maturing of the body of Christ, not to do all the work.

I also hope to stir people up to see the miraculous and anointing come in these last days that God wants to send. If everyone in the local church is not seeing the dead raised, people healed as we lay hands on them, demons coming out of people, and souls being saved, something is desperately wrong. The last day church is called to see much greater things than the early church saw, but we are currently not even seeing anything close to what the early church saw! There are dramatic changes that need to be made. There is much to do and not much time to do it. We all must make the most effective use of our time. That will mean we find our purpose and begin to operate in it. I hope to help this take place in this book. May God bless you as you read it.

Chapter One

Finding Your Function

We read in Ephesians 4:11-13 the apostle Paul writes, “It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

The body at work

The reason for the five fold ministry of Christ is for the body of Christ to be prepared for the works of service each individual is called to do. If one person is not functioning in his calling, the whole body of Christ suffers that loss. We are a part of a literal body. Some are eyes and mouths like prophets. Others are hands that serve. Still others may be the heart like a pastor or cell leader. Regardless of your function, the point is there is a calling on all Christians for service. Many in church today believe they “pay” a pastor to do all the spiritual work and they do Jesus the favor of showing up to church. This goes directly against scripture and is the reason for the lack of success and fruit today in many churches. So I want to ask a few questions to you that are reading this book. What is your destiny? What is your calling? Do you feel a call to children’s ministry or youth work? Do you feel a call to music or a mission field? What is your purpose in Christ? In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had a garden to keep. In a perfect world God knew he created man to need a “garden” to keep. Until we find out that garden, we will never feel totally fulfilled. There will always be some kind of hole in us that needs to be fulfilled. So I encourage you to start praying and searching for your purpose in Christ.

Character development

Most people that do sense a call want to quickly answer that call and get busy for the Lord. The only problem is that they are not always ready for this yet. I know in my life I wanted to be in ministry far before the proper time. In fact, at the time I was very frustrated, but now looking back I can see I wasn’t close to being ready. Once

the people of God left Egypt there was a wilderness experience before taking the promise land. The promise land is your destiny, but many fall short of their calling for different reasons. It could be idolatry like the children of Israel. Maybe there is something in his/her life more important than God and whatever that is causes a distraction in his/her life. Some fall short by compromise. Sin causes them to be disqualified for the purpose Jesus had for them. Finally, some succumb to the temptation to grumble and complain. This will cause the wilderness to be extended much longer than God had planned. Sadly, this usually happens just before the promise land is reached. God allows us to be in circumstances we do not want to be in, because these are the times character is developed. If someone can learn to praise and be thankful during difficult times, character is being developed. Not to mention, we need to have sympathy for those to whom we minister. Many times God will allow us to go through painful things that prepare us for those we are called to minister to.

Special forces

There are those that have unique and different callings. In satan's kingdom there are special forces of those that are trained in certain areas such as murder, recruiting, Christian church infiltration, sexual seduction, and high priest offices. All of these things are very secretive. This is no surprise since the word occult means "hidden or secret." The occult is the mystery Babylon John saw when he wrote Revelation 17:5. Jezebel sits as queen over this system. There are five basic branches of the occult that have several off-shoots.

1. Divination—information branch
2. Sorcery—material branch
3. Witchcraft—power branch
4. Illuminati—financial branch
5. Seduction and sex magick—the sexual branch

I talk about these levels of occult activity in my books [*A Warfare Manual for Ministers*](#) and [*The Deliverance Ministry*](#). We will need to be very aware of these levels of warfare in days to come. Because my wife was a satanist at one time, I do have a great deal of compassion for these souls that are in bondage to satan. They can be free. These are the end times and satan is coming with great wrath to the earth, and he is gathering his forces. We must have an understanding of satan's forces in these end times!

Just as satan has special trained forces, the Lord does as well. There are underground strategic meetings taking place even now in

the body of Christ. Prophets are gathering, getting revelation straight from heaven. Apostles are being summoned by the Holy Spirit to places for meetings to strategize taking nations for Christ. There are special forces being trained to be able to specifically help people coming out of witchcraft, satanism, and the occult. Others are getting special training for their task. We must learn to discern with our spirits and not look with suspicion. Suspicion is a counterfeit discernment that hurts many people. Hebrews 5:14 states there are those that have “trained themselves (their senses) to distinguish (discern) good from evil.” This is training of spiritual senses. The body of Christ is far from where it needs to be, so there will be drastic changes in the future. There will also be a major increase of signs, wonders, and power in the church. So we will return back to strange spiritual happenings surrounding our lives. It will take incredible unprecedented discernment in the days to come to know what power is of God and what is of satan. Satan will throw his counterfeit in the mix of things to cause as much confusion as possible. We must have an open mind for the changes that are coming. At the same time we must be cautious of the satanic counterfeit. There will be very different happenings in the church world that we must not reject because they are of God. There will be people that look, act, think, and do things very different from the norm. There will be churches and movements that look nothing like what we have known in the past. The Lord spoke to me to not reject those coming after me that I don't understand. I have asked for wisdom and grace for this. I know in my own life I have a unique calling and anointing. I have been rejected by many that should have been a father to me. I don't want to do that to those God sends to me in the future.

Unity and maturity

This is the quest of the body. The Lord wants us to reach a place where we are in perfect unity and maturity. The division, competition, and rejection in the current church has got to come to an end. Satan laughs at the stupidity of Christians as we fight each other instead of joining forces against him! Oh how foolish we look to our enemy! He knows a kingdom divided can't stand. The Lord's heart is for unity as we see in John 17:23 “May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me.” People know us by the love we have for one another. There are certain things that happen when we are in unity. We see in scripture that there will be:

1. Revival- Acts 2:1
2. Anointing and blessing- Psalm 133
3. Share in Christ's glory- John 17

At the same time the greatest hindrance to revival and answered prayers is disunity and strife in a church! A mature church will be a unified church. When we become mature, we will not be tossed around by "winds of teaching!" These fads of teaching that come through the body catch the immature and sway them. We will also be able to discern people if they are of God or not. This will come by true spiritual discernment from an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit of God. We must learn to test spirits to see if they are of God or not as it states in 1John 4:1.

Our individual goal

Our individual goal is to find our calling and purpose and begin to walk in it. We need to submit to the leadership God has placed over us and let the Lord develop character in us. Last, we must become unified and mature so that we can be effective in this end time move of the Spirit. This will all require a great deal of humility and patience on our part. I believe the quickest route to this level of effectiveness will be developing our own personal prayer lives. This is the source of relationship with the Lord. All things will come out of our relationship with the Lord. So let's keep our eyes on Jesus, and learn to get into his presence. I deal with revival, prayer, and the anointing in a book I have written called Tabernacle, Keys to Revival. The closer we are to Jesus, the more of a threat we are to satan.

Chapter 2

Gifts, Anointings, and Mantles

It is interesting the portions of scripture to study when one begins a study on the gifts. The Bible states in Romans 11:29 that the gifts and calling of God are “irrevocable” or “without repentance.” This basically states that there is a calling and gifting on someone that is there from their birth whether they ever repent and follow the will of God or serve satan. The calling and gifts still remain there. I believe this is one of the reasons why so many feel so empty in the world today. They have a purpose in Christ, but they do not search it out and find that purpose. As I have already stated, everyone has a “garden” to keep. Until we find that garden and keep it, we will feel unfulfilled. That garden will include our family, work, ministry, and operating in our gifts and calling.

A scary portion of scripture

Hebrews 10:26-27 states, “If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.” Then we go on to read in Matthew 7:21-23 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’” The scripture in Matthew says many will experience this level of judgment! The complaint Jesus had was that people were operating in gifts and in the supernatural, but they did not “know” the Lord personally and they were “evildoers.” Knowing the Lord has to do with an intimate relationship with him. This includes communication not just reading a book he wrote to us. The word for evildoer in the Greek means “lawbreaker.” These are people that thought they could make heaven and still live in sin! Oh how deceived they are. In Galatians 5:19 we read a list of those that will not make heaven. It says those that “practice” these things will not make heaven when they die. There is a big difference between those that make mistakes and quickly repent as opposed to those that “practice” or live in sin as a lifestyle. Jesus will not take back gifts he has given. That is why we read that even though these people performed miracles, prophe-

sied, and cast out demons they were still thrown into hell. How could such a thing happen? Well, it is like the man that is living in an adulterous affair with his secretary at work and then comes home to his Christian wife. He sits in church with his suit on like nothing is wrong. He goes down to the front and prays over the sick and they are healed because he has the gift of healing listed in 1Corinthians 12. He thinks because people are being healed everything must be okay! How fooled he is. God is using him because the Lord deeply loves those that are sick and wants to see them healed, but in the end that man will burn in hell if he doesn't repent! Gifts won't save you on that day.

Gifts

There are three lists of gifts in scripture. In Romans 12:6-8 we see the gifts of the heavenly Father listed. These seem to be in many people before they even get saved. Some seem to "kick in" after a born again experience. Then we read of the gifts given by Jesus in Ephesians 4:11. These are the five fold ministry. The list of the five-fold ministry are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. These are given as gifts to the body of Christ to bring the body to maturity and unity. The purpose of the five-fold ministry is to equip the body of Christ to function properly. Apostles seem to have a pioneering ministry that includes fathering, travelling in prayer, and the wisdom to oversee. Prophets are the eyes of the body that see in the Spirit and communicate what we need to know. Evangelists are soul winners that impart a burden for the lost in the body and Christ and teach the body how to effectively win the lost. Pastors shepherd God's people while teachers feed the flock the word of God. Every church must have all five influences to truly reach the full maturity that it is called to reach. Last, we see the gifts given by the Holy Spirit in 1Corinthians 12:7-11. These seem to be imparted or released at the baptism of the Holy Spirit. After this experience of the baptism in the Spirit there should be a prayer language (tongues) that is developed. This baptism in the Holy Spirit is a clothing of power from on high as Jesus mentioned in Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:8. When we are born again the Holy Spirit comes to live in us, but when we are baptized in the Holy Spirit he clothes us in power to do the works of Jesus in the earth. I encourage every reader to learn what gifts you have been given and be developing in them. I know we can operate in all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Paul prayed that he would operate in all of them. As a matter of fact, Paul states that we should "eagerly desire spiritual gifts." This is very contrary to the statement "desire the giver, not the gifts." Just because something sounds cute doesn't mean it lines up with the Bible. We should desire to have gifts and operate in them.

Learning to hear from God

I am learning to hear in the many ways God speaks. At one time I would listen for a voice. Now I have learned to “pick up” on the many ways the Lord is speaking to me. It could be through a dream, vision, tongue with interpretation, the Holy Spirit’s voice, a circumstance, something from the scriptures, a prophecy from someone, or a prophetic sign of some kind. We can develop this kind of hearing if we ask the Lord to help us. We talk about sign and wonders, but they are all around us. When someone flips through the television and sees Benny Hinn pray for a group of people and they all fall down, it causes people to “wonder” what is going on. They stay tuned in and end up getting saved. When people do fall, what is the message of that sign? Is it not a message of death and resurrection? Maybe the Lord is trying to tell us we need to live a crucified life. A prophetic sign I was given one time involved a snake. I was praying in a room that was only lit on one side. I walk when I pray many times. When I went to the dark side of the room I almost stepped on a small coiled up Copper Head snake. I knew in my spirit there was a message in this. I knew I would be used to expose a hidden demon (snake) in the future. Sure enough six months later I was used to expose a Jezebel spirit in a ministry.

Mantles

Mantles have to do with spiritual authority. A mantle is a “cape like” robe placed on someone’s shoulders by the Lord. A mantle can be passed by the laying on of hands, from angels, or from the Lord directly. The Lord spoke to me one time that the coat of many colors is a mantle of many anointings. The different impartations we are receiving in these end times are forming mantles for end time ministries. We must be very careful to stay in our sphere of authority. A sphere of authority can include people groups or geographical locations. I have heard of some people that are scared to confront satanic principalities or high ranking spirits in the second heaven. From what I read in the Bible, Christians are seated with Christ far above these beings. That means we have a higher level of authority. The problem is many go into battles the Lord never sent them into. I have gone to places where satanic human sacrifice and rituals happened. I closed the gates of hell that were opened, drove all the demons that were conjured up back into hell, and cleansed the land. I have also confronted and conquered principalities over areas. These things do not scare me. But I am moving with the Holy Spirit to do these things. Also we must make sure there isn’t any hole in our armor from unconfessed sin or unforgiveness. This is very vital. If someone were to go on vacation to an area and simply

begin to bind and attack a principality over that area it would result in a backlash of satanic attack as all warfare does, but the question to ask is, are you mantled for that area. See if you have the authority to be doing what you are doing, and are being led by the Lord, be bold and conquer! Paul tried to reach the Jews and go to Jerusalem. He was called to the gentiles. I believe there was an easier way for Paul to get to Rome than in chains, but he was so stubborn about reaching the Jews out of his own human compassion. In reality, Paul was more qualified to reach the Jews in the flesh, but Peter had the mantle for Jerusalem and the Jewish people. Paul was called to the gentiles even though Peter could have related to the common working man more than Paul. See the Lord took them out of operating in the flesh to reach people and made them depend on the Spirit of God. Many ministers are moved to a geographical location and mantled for that area because the anointing and giftings in them directly opposes the prevailing spirit over that area. For example, an area could be very oppressed in their worship. God will send a minister that is very powerfully used in anointed worship that is very free in expression. Well, many times ministers will begin to conform to that area and lose their effectiveness, because they begin to try to win people in their flesh by becoming like them, instead of depending on the Spirit of God. So, are you called and mantled for a foreign country? Are you called to a city? You need to find out friend. Are you called and mantled for a prophetic ministry, apostolic ministry, teaching ministry, helps ministry, worship ministry, or to work with youth or children?

How does a mantle come?

In looking at the book of Ruth, we can see how a mantle comes. We see in the book of Ruth that Naomi is a type representing Israel, Ruth represents the church of Jesus Christ, and Boaz represents Jesus. Naomi (Israel) teaches Ruth (the Bride of Christ) how to find favor with Boaz (Jesus). This is a beautiful story. Now remember, a mantle speaks of spiritual authority. Jesus is careful with who he entrusts with authority. The reason is that some will abuse this authority. Others will get lifted up with pride because of the authority that has been given to them. The painful process of character development is rewarding in the end. Joseph had gone through this process and was able to properly handle great authority. He had a mantle from the Lord. The other development that needs to happen is the “rubbing in” of the anointing. To “anoint” literally means “rub in.” When Naomi sent Ruth to Boaz she told her how to find his favor. Here are some things she taught Ruth written in chapter 3 or Ruth.

1. Wash—Has to do with consecrating oneself unto God

2. Putting on perfume—The fragrant anointing oil rubbing in us
3. Put on best clothes—Wearing priestly garments (garments of righteousness, God’s power, and God’s glory)
4. Lay at his feet—Learn to be intimate with the Lord. Learn to submit to authority.

We have to learn to submit to authority before we can be entrusted with authority ourselves. This is a very difficult process. God will many times put a Saul in our lives that is out to destroy us to develop this in us. I have worked for pastors that abused their authority over me and the people. Some of them deeply hurt me to the point of wanting to get out of the ministry. I learned to honor them, submit to them, and forgive them for their imperfections for I myself have many imperfections. When Ruth had learned to come to the Lord consecrated, anointed, properly clothed, and submitted to authority then she could ask “Spread the corner of your garment (mantle) over me since you are a kinsman redeemer.” She got what she asked for. Be careful seeking spiritual authority. It is such a responsibility that we will be judged for one day.

The Anointing

In Exodus 30:22-33 we read of the anointing oil God gave to Moses for the priestly use. I have fragrant anointing oil that I use to anoint people, places, or things. It is powerful, but I want to focus on the literal anointing of God. The outward oil is only a symbol of the true anointing of God. The anointing is like a deposit or stamping of God on someone to do the works of Jesus in the earth. These works are destroying satan’s works and replacing them with the works of Jesus. We see this in healing, deliverance, and impartation. At many of the last day moves of God we are seeing, like in Toronto and Pensacola to name a few, there is a great deposit of anointing there for all who are wise and humble enough to go receive. This fragrant anointing from God rubs his nature deep down into our hearts and changes us from the inside out. When this change comes, there will begin to be a flow of anointing to others. We all need spiritual authority and power in these last days. These will be days of great conflict of power. There will be a greatest clash of spiritual power the world has ever experienced in these end times. Therefore let’s wash, perfume, and clothe ourselves, and learn to lay at the Lord’s feet in intimacy and submission so that we can be entrusted with great things.

Chapter 3

The Hot Seat—Developing in the Gifts

I pastor a church in Dallas called Fire and Ice. We meet on Sundays, but we also have cell groups that meet on Saturdays. In cell groups we have something called the “hot seat.” This is an exercise we use to develop the spiritual gifts of those that are present. This may seem a little different at first, but if you will be open to something a little different you will see God can powerfully use this in your life as well.

This spiritual exercise is wonderful in helping baby Christians learn to hear from God and be used in the gifts of the Spirit, but at the same time we must remember many of these operating in the gifts are baby Christians. I always tell people to not make life-altering decisions of any kind based on a word they receive in this way from baby Christians, but rather, they need to take the matter to prayer and let the Lord confirm His Word. There will obviously need to be a very seasoned and discerning leader overseeing this time. I have seen times when the hot seat almost took a weird turn by babes in Christ getting “words from the Lord.” A seasoned leader will discern this and gently turn it back the way it should go. There is a balance of wisdom in this that allows the Holy Spirit to move, but at the same time, there is discernment to keep the time on track.

We will take one person or a married couple and place them in the hot seat. The leader will ask God to reveal something to all the others present. Those in the hot seat have a pen and paper ready. God will give revelation that could come in a tongue with interpretation, prophecy, or a vision of some kind (which is the most common). With those that are new, I will usually ask them to simply close their eyes and let God give them some kind of a picture. After all the revelation is given to the person or persons in the hot seat, they write it on paper.

It is usually a series of visions, pictures, words, or colors seen while everyone’s eyes were closed after the leader asked the Lord for revelation of some kind. Then the leader will ask the Lord for an interpretation of the revelation received. If I am leading, I will let people interpret their own revelation first, and then I will have them

interpret other people's revelation as he or she becomes more comfortable. The people in the hot seat are greatly encouraged, given insight, or warned of something coming. It is a powerful time of insight for those in the hot seat and a great way to develop the gifts in those that are getting revelation and interpreting.

New Comers

This is a great starter for people. All prophetic insight really can be summed up as God speaking to someone and then them communicating it to others. As the participants receive a piece of information from the Lord, then interpret it, they are learning to hear from God and communicate that to others. As the pastor, I have had great encouragement, insight, and incredible warnings that helped keep me from a satanic snare laid for me. Everyone wins in the hot seat.

As I stated before, I will start with having beginners close their eyes and simply get a picture from the Lord of something. The members of the cell that are much more mature, I will ask the Lord to give them tongues with interpretation, direct prophecies, words of knowledge, etc... The one thing that is very important is to be very patient with new comers. Even if they are a little off, encourage them without embarrassing them in front of the group.

Staying positive

Even if satan's negative plans are exposed, his plans can always be cancelled through prayer and warfare. We need to stay positive. I have gently encouraged those who have discerned a plan of satan and were warning someone in the hot seat. Some of these people were overwhelmingly negative, speaking as though this plan will take place and not leaving any hope for the individual. I would interject how awesome it is that the person discerned satan's plans and what a good job they did interpreting the revelation. Then I would begin to explain how we can understand satan's schemes and cancel or block them through prayer and spiritual warfare. Satan's plans don't have to happen. Also, if someone gets a word that is simply off, be gentle to not discourage them. Some people will be very nervous to speak out afraid of being wrong. This method of what I call the Hot Seat has caused some babes in Christ to begin to hear from God and become very discerning. They are a strength to my ministry now. Walk them through the interpretation and encourage them with compliments. I have seen this take some people I pastor that were baby Christians and bring them to a place of flowing in the prophetic. It is so important to learn to flow in the gifts of

the Spirit. The gifts are not for feeling good, but they are tools and even weapons (revealing the enemy's plans). I will ask the Lord to speak to me about something I need an immediate answer to, and he will give me the answer through the method of seeing something and getting an interpretation, or tongue with interpretation, or prophecy. These have helped me tremendously- even saving my neck at times!

The gifts of the Holy Spirit

Basically the 9 gifts of the Spirit can be categorized as the three vocal gifts (tongues, interpretation, and prophecy), three revelatory gifts (words of knowledge, words of wisdom, and discerning of spirits), and the three power gifts (faith, healing, and working of miracles). I want to discuss these a little.

Three vocal gifts

The vocal gifts are so vital for the body of Christ. I have personally been encouraged, strengthened, warned, given instruction or insight, and promises of future things to come by these gifts through others. As a matter of fact, some of these promises I still hold on to today during times of warfare. In operating in the hot seat one learns to interpret. The same way one would interpret a vision is the same way one will interpret a tongue. Interpreting a message in tongues is not a *translation* but an *interpretation*. That is why sometimes the tongue might be longer or shorter than its interpretation. The gift of interpretation will work for interpreting dreams, visions, or signs just as well as interpreting a message in tongues. Those that are not used to tongues will need to understand that a message in tongues that would require an interpretation is very different than someone praying in his prayer language. When one is baptized in the Holy Spirit, a prayer language should eventually follow that empowerment. This prayer language needs to be used in personal prayer, worship, and when needing strength from the Lord. A prayer language is powerful and important. Everything Jesus does is important. But when someone has a message for others through a tongue, there will need to be an interpretation that follows. This message in tongues will have a beginning and an ending. It will also not be something that can just happen anytime like a prayer language can be used at anytime based on the will of the one using it. A true message in tongues will be from the Lord and will be based on his will, timing, and what he is saying by the Spirit.

Prophecy is basically God speaking through someone. I have heard some ridiculous things regarding prophecy over the years that have

resulted in people being hurt. One thing I have heard is that prophecy will only come to someone that God has already been speaking to about that particular word anyway. In other words, it will only be confirmation. Well, that sounds good, but is absolutely no where in the Bible. In fact it contradicts the passage in Amos 3:7 when the Bible says God does nothing without “first” revealing it to his prophets. I have received prophecies that seemed off because they were so far away from my current mind set, but they ended up being right on. They were exactly what I needed to hear. Also, I have heard that New Testament prophecies would only be positive. Well, again, that sounds good but is nowhere in the Bible. In fact, this contradicts scripture again. In Acts 21 we see Agabus prophecy Paul would be bound and handed over to the gentiles. That doesn’t sound positive. In fact, it was very negative, and it also came to pass. We need to learn to flow in the prophetic. It will be vital in the days to come. Be humble enough to receive from others in this way. My own congregation, including some a lot younger than me, have been used of God mightily in my life prophetically.

Gifts of revelation

The three gifts of revelation are words of knowledge, words of wisdom, and discerning of spirits. These are incredible gifts that God can use to see people saved, and I have found them to be incredibly powerful in deliverance. I personally hate having to talk to demons. I find them obnoxious, difficult, and well, a pain in the neck to deal with. So I usually ignore them and discern what I need to know by the Holy Spirit. In fact, I usually tell them to shut up when they speak to me.

A word of knowledge is receiving knowledge by the Holy Spirit that you would normally not have. I know during the revival in Pensacola, Steve Hill had a word of knowledge while making an altar call for souls to get saved. He said, “There is someone here named Scott (not me) that is in the military. You are tired of taking orders, but the Lord says to you, get down here now!” A military man named Scott got saved that night! That is a word of knowledge. Steve would have never known that information unless the Holy Spirit revealed it to him.

A word of knowledge may be a little more spectacular, but the word of wisdom is just as powerful and at times more vital. A word of wisdom is receiving the Lord’s wisdom for a certain person or situation. I was in a major battle one time. There was a dear friend that was just coming out of practicing witchcraft. She was saved but not fully delivered yet. Demons and astral projected occultists had invaded her property. She was being literally raped by the spirits and

tormented! I needed a word of wisdom for now! The Lord gave me a blue print of battle. I followed this word of wisdom into battle and the Lord gave swift and powerful victory. It was awesome. We need to have the Lord's wisdom!

Discerning of spirits is vital in the end times. Rick Joyner says he places people that are discerning in places like cell groups, children's church, youth groups, and as ushers and greeters to discern those coming into the church. *They are not suspicious*. Suspicion is a false discernment that hurts many people. They are simply there to feel out what the Spirit of God says. Rick Joyner said these people have helped to prevent quite a bit of unnecessary hurt in the church. We need to have discernment. 1John 4:1 demands that we test spirits to see if they are of God. If someone is prophesying are they doing so from their own spirit, by a demon, or is it the Holy Spirit of God? This is how many satanists are successful in their attacks by infiltrating churches pretending to be Christians. They come in and no one tests the spirits. These people can perform miracles, give accurate information as if prophesying, and touch people and make them fall on the ground under witchcraft power. They can even speak in unknown tongues, but they are doing this all by demons and satan's power! Someone who has the gift of discerning of spirits will receive information from the Holy Spirit of what spirit is at work! They can usually get a name and function of the spirit. I love this gift. It has helped me so much in warfare and deliverance! The one way to discern the satanists that come in to your church pretending to be a Christian is by their fruit. They will not have the fruit of the Holy Spirit, live holy, and be able to say this:

The Jesus that lived two thousand years ago, died on a cross for the sin of the world, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of God the father, that Jesus is my God, my king, and my Lord.

They can say Jesus is my God. That is easy. I have a Hispanic young man that comes to my church named Jesus. Which Jesus are they saying is their God? We must begin to discern our gifts and other people's gifts. Then put people into place where they can function. I don't want someone that prophesies praying over me for healing if I am sick. What are they going to do, tell me I am sick? I want someone with the gift of healing praying over me. I don't want someone that is a musician trying to discern what spirit is at work. There needs to be someone gifted in that area to discern. Are you starting to see what I am saying? We need to begin to discern the function of those in the church, and then let them operate in the

gifts God has given them. So what part do you play in this? What gifts to you have to contribute to the church you attend?

The Power Gifts

The power gifts include faith, healing, and working of miracles. All of us have a measure of faith given to us as Christians. If we didn't have faith, how could we believe in Jesus to begin with? So we do have faith. Faith is not something conjured up by chanting a scripture over and over. In Ephesians 2:8-9 we see faith is a gift of God and is not of works. Chanting a scripture over and over would be works, wouldn't you agree? It also is not really coming from listening to the Bible on compact disc. Please understand what I am saying. Our faith can be strengthened by these things, but our faith comes from God. Too many people are putting faith in their own ability to believe and their works. Whenever my faith is lacking in a certain situation, I ask the Lord to give me the faith to believe. He always does.

Faith is truly a gift of the Holy Spirit. God can increase our faith. The apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith. I know through the laying on of hands from my pastor, my faith greatly increased. Boldness will come by the power of the Spirit and can come through the laying on of hands as well. There will be many times we need a super charge of faith to believe for something we could never believe for in our flesh. This is where the gift of faith comes in. *We need to have faith that comes from a charge of the Holy Spirit.*

Healing is also a gift. We can see it is very strong in some people like Benny Hinn, Oral Roberts, and Rinehart Bonke. Healing is a process. We can see it instantly before our eyes or after pray we may see the result over weeks or even months. Healing can include physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, or in relationships. Also, deliverance plays a major role in healing. I believe all mental illness is demonic. That is my opinion. I have also resolved it in my mind that it is always the Lord's will to heal. Jesus never one time turned someone away that came to him for healing. He would many times say, your faith has healed you. The simple fact that people came to Jesus in the first place showed they had faith in him to be healed. They believed he was able or they wouldn't have come to him in the first place. So why are many not healed. Well, first off I don't know in every case, but I believe a great amount of physical illness is demonic. Many times a generational curse is at work. If that legal ground of a curse is not broken, the spirit will remain or come back after being expelled. Secondly, people need to keep their eyes on Jesus. If you are looking to a man to heal you, you will be disap-

pointed. Jesus is the healer. Many people need to keep their eyes on the Lord and need deliverance not healing. I believe this is the reason for much sickness in the church. Also, is there sin or unforgiveness in someone's life that wants to be healed? This can be legal ground for sickness to remain.

Working Miracles

Miracles are things that go against the current laws of nature. Things like feeding five thousand with a small amount of food, walking on water, turning water into wine, etc... Jesus was a worker of miracles. Instant healings like blind eyes opening can be called a miracle as well. I heard a story that happened a few years ago with Teresia Wairimo. She is a precious Kenyan woman that I had the honor of serving playing the bass during a crusade for her. She was in Kenya and an epileptic had a seizure. He bit his tongue off and blood was everywhere. Someone in the crowd picked up the tongue and ran to her on stage. She told them to put the tongue in his mouth. When they did he was instantly healed. The only reminder of the seizure was the blood on the man's shirt. This is a miracle. Raising the dead takes faith, healing (whatever killed the individual to begin with), and is a miracle.

How do I know what I am called to do?

The first thing I would ask is, what do you have a burden for? What do you have a passion for? Is it to be in a band like Third Day that leads thousands at a time in worship? Is it to be an artist that paints art for the Lord? Do you have a heart for children or youth? Do you feel called to preach? The next point I would make is not to be led by human compassion. This can lead you astray. Just because you have a burden or compassion does not mean the Holy Spirit is leading you that direction. This can be a sign of a calling, but it must be confirmed by the Holy Spirit! Don't forget that! For example, we all have to be careful today of things like picking up strangers in our cars. If God has truly spoken to you to pick up someone you don't know, then do it. I would sure make sure it was God! What if they are possessed by a spirit of murder and have a gun on them. Your life could be threatened. A burden and compassion can be a sign of the Lord's calling. I literally drove to the Dallas area and would weep over certain areas. I knew I was being called there. But the Holy Spirit confirmed this to me later. I wasn't led by a burden or compassion alone. Remain submitted to authority. It may not be time yet to be used in your gifting. Many times we feel we are ready long before we are. Spiritual leadership will discern this. If we are truly submitted to authority we will be willing to wait for God to raise us up in his time. Be willing to go through the character developing

process of the Lord that will come through trials and a wilderness time. I will mention the most important thing last. Develop a powerful prayer life. Learn to hear and move with the Holy Spirit. Learn the word of God.

Closing

I hope this book has been a blessing to you. I pray you will find your function in the body and move into your destiny. Jesus does love you and has a plan for your life. Jesus' coming is near. Our time is short. We must move quickly. God bless you.