

What Kind of Gift Did Timothy Have?

“Was the gift that Timothy had (1 Tim. 4:14) a miraculous gift, such as bestowed by the apostles? Could others than apostles bestow such gifts?”

The passage in question reads, “Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.” The apostle Paul also commands later, “Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee through the laying on of my hands” (1 Tim. 1:6). When two passages are considered together, it is evident that this “gift of God” was one of the “gifts of the Holy Spirit” (1 Cor. 12:4-11; Heb. 2:4) which were designed to deliver and confirm the word of God. Such miraculous gifts were necessary before the inspired word was written. For, in that early age of the church, the inspiration was in the man so that what he said orally was inspired and was confirmed by miraculous powers. That same word has now been written and confirmed (John 20:30-31, Heb. 2:3-4, etc.), so that there is no further need of such miraculous gifts (1 Cor. 13:8-13).

When the evangelist Philip preached Christ in Samaria, the “believed and were baptized” (Acts 8:5,12). The apostles, Peter and John, came down to Samaria, “Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit” (v. 17). Now, even though Philip had miraculous powers (v. 6-7), he could not confer these gifts to others. This account shows that only the apostles could bestow the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit. In Timothy’s case, that gift was evidently conferred by Paul (1 Tim. 1:6).

—Clem Thurman, *Gospel Minutes*, 09/83

Mistakes

One thing we humans have in common is that we all make mistakes. I would be very leery of anyone who said that they never made a mistake. Webster defines mistake in part, “to understand or perceive wrongly; a blunder; error; misunderstanding.”

Years ago, a friend of ours, a preacher, stated he never made a grammatical mistake during a sermon. My wife took notes throughout his next sermon; she is much better in English grammar than I am. You guessed it—our friend made several blunders. We pointed out his mistakes, and we all had a jolly good-natured laugh about this. He never was boastful anymore concerning his grammatical excellence. A lesson learned!

Most normal people have learned to cope and to correct mistakes the best they can. That is why many of us apologize and make things right. Sadly, and often times, a blunder can be deadly or very costly. Nearly all of us recognize a mistake, an error

or a misunderstanding can cause a terrible accident or the like. We also understand, and rightly, so that such mistakes are all part of the human factor, a part of life.

In Luke 2:41-52, there is an account of Mary and Joseph misplacing Jesus. “But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day’s journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance” (Luke 2:44 KJV). Mary and Joseph made a mistake. They made a blunder; they perceived wrongly. We know that this mistake was not done on purpose and correction of the error was made.

As we make blunders and mistakes, let us make corrections the best we can. As humans, we can do no more. In the correction of our mistakes, truth should guide us to set things right. Truth and honesty are always the best course to resolve all blunders and mistakes. “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9 NKJV).

—Donald R. Fox, gospelgazette.com, 08/18

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The Sprout

Have you ever seen a small, new growth coming out of a stump? Or, have you ever seen a new tree just beginning to grow out of the ground? These plants are called sprouts when they are just beginning to grow.

In Isaiah 11:1-2, we read, “And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.” The word “rod” in the first verse comes from a Hebrew word for “sprout.” These verses are a prophecy about Jesus. Therefore, Jesus is the sprout growing out of Jesse. Jesus is the one who had the wisdom, understanding, counsel and might of God.

It is interesting that in Matthew 2:23 we learn Jesus grew up in Nazareth. This was to fulfill a prophecy that He would be called a Nazarene. What is very interesting about the name Nazareth is that it comes from the same root word for “sprout.” So, Jesus was not only a sprout coming out of Jesse, but He grew up in a town with a name meaning “sprout.”

I am glad that we have the Bible. God gave it to us so that we could learn about His plan for the salvation of man. If we read the Bible, we can see how God planned and guided all things about Christ. We can also learn what God wants us to do to obey Him.

Keep studying your Bible. Learn all about God’s plan. If any of this is hard to understand, ask an adult to help you.

—Mark McWhorter, gospelgazette.com, 08/18

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM

AUGUST 05, 2018

Coordinator.....Mitchell Brooks
Announcements.....Jacky Carver Sr.
Scripture Reading...John 11:25-26...John Leonard
Song Leader.....Glen Reece
Opening Prayer.....Steve Anderson
Lord’s Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett
 Serve: George Clay, Austin Clay,
 Kaleb Bush, Gavin Spurlin
Closing Prayer.....Brian Smith
Greeter— Ted & Vicki Russell
Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne
Count Offering.....Dallas Eddie
 Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon— Luke Wilkins speaking
PM Sermon— Luke Wilkins speaking

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements.....Jacky Carver Sr.
Song Leader.....Glen Reece
Scripture Reading...TBA.....John Leonard
Opening Prayer.....George Clay
Lord’s Supper.....Mitchell Brooks
 Dallas Eddie
Closing Prayer.....Justin Draper

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcements.....Jacky Carver Sr.
Song LeaderGlen Reece
First Prayer.....Roger Draper
Opening Prayer.....George Clay
Closing Prayer.....Dallas Eddie

Prepare Communion for **AUGUST**

Lesa Leonard & Patsy Taylor

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Aug. 26th- Fellowship Meal

Reminder: Collecting school supplies

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