
PRO 201 - 3 credits

Releasing Spiritual Gifts

Description

We will begin this study with a Biblical introduction to spiritual gifts. We will then study each of the nine gifts of the Spirit in their three naturally-occurring groups: “Revelatory Gifts - The Gifts That Reveal”, which addresses the gifts of discerning of spirits, word of wisdom, and word of knowledge; “Power Gifts - the Gifts That Do”, which includes the gift of faith, the gifts of healings, and the workings of miracles; and finally, “Vocal Gifts - The Gifts That Speak”, which are the gifts of various kinds of tongues, interpretation of tongues, and the gift of prophecy.

Course Objectives:

Academic:

As a result of the course, you will:

- Have memorized fourteen scripture passages.
- Name the nine spiritual gifts and the categories they fall into.
- Know the following information about each of the spiritual gifts:
 - ✓ Biblical background;
 - ✓ clear definition;
 - ✓ how it operates (how to use it, how it is manifested);
 - ✓ purposes.
- List six negative responses to the Holy Spirit.
- Know five principles of how the Holy Spirit always moves.
- Know that it takes risk and faith in God to step out in the gifts.

Attitudinal:

As a result of your application of the truths you learn in this course, you may recognize certain changes taking place in your attitudes, adjusting them to the following. You will:

- Identify the gifts which function most readily in yourself and in others.
- Accept the use of the gifts in the proper manner, submitted to the proper authorities.
- Identify with the highest calling of love above all of the gifts.
- Desire to exercise your gifts more fully.
- Identify with three ways impartation is received.
- Identify with the Biblical truth that God does not withdraw the gifts that He has given.

Behavioral:

- If you apply the teaching of this course to your life, you will be changed. Some of these changes will be as follows. You will:
 - Use love as the motivation above all of the gifts.
 - Use the gifts in the proper manner, submitted to the proper authorities.
 - Exercise your gifts more fully.
 - Be tenacious in your gifting.
 - Have a greater understanding of your gifting and how to use it.
 - Have a greater understanding of the giftings operating in those around you.

Texts:

Releasing Spiritual Gifts (Workbook) by Jim Goll

Releasing Spiritual Gifts (CDs) by Jim Goll

The Holy Spirit Today by Dick Iverson

Your Spiritual Gifts by C. Peter Wagner

Course Requirements:

1. Classroom students must attend all classes. Distance students must listen to the audio CD teaching done by Jim Goll.

2. Thoroughly read the book *The Holy Spirit Today*, by Dick Iverson. Turn in a book report, using the following guidelines:

Book reports are to be at least three (3) pages long and no longer than five (5) pages. Please do not print on the front and back of sheets of paper. Typewritten reports are requested. Please print your name on the outside front cover.

The report is to be divided into three sections as follows:

Section One: A Brief Summary of Each Chapter
Write a two-sentence statement summarizing the content and major theme of each chapter.

Section Two: Strengths and Weaknesses
Answer the following three questions:

1. In your opinion, what are the strengths of this book?
2. In your opinion, what are the weaknesses of this book?
3. In your opinion, what are the unique contributions this book makes to the Body of Christ?

Section Three: What God said to you
Discuss what the Lord said to you through this book. Record any related journaling. What actions have you taken as a result of the Lord's ministry through this book? How has your life changed or will your life be different because of hearing from God through this text?

3. Take notes in the *Releasing Spiritual Gifts* workbook while listening to the CDs, and complete the Reflective Questions at the end of each lesson. These require Scripture memorization, which will be included on your tests.
4. Prayerfully read *Your Spiritual Gifts* by C. P. Wagner as assigned. Answer the "Reflection Questions" at the end of each chapter.
5. Earn at least a "B" on all tests.
6. Each week take the time to list (first name only) and identify one or more of the gifts that are in operation in different people you know. List the location this person most often uses this gift (church, counseling, prayer times, personal times). You will find a Log for recording this information at the end of the "Test Review Questions" section of this Student Notebook.

Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, "C" or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least "B" (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a "B".

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, we are training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- "D"
- Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
 - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- "C"
- Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
 - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- "B"
- Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
 - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- "A"
- Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
 - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

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Assignment Schedule

Lesson 1

Assignment to be completed:

Tape and workbook: "Overview of Spiritual Gifts"

Book: *The Holy Spirit Today*, Chapters 1 - 5

Complete your "Identifying Gifts Log" for this lesson.

Lesson 2

Assignment to be completed:

Tape and workbook: "How the Holy Spirit Moves"

Book: *The Holy Spirit Today*, Chapters 6 - 11

Complete your "Identifying Gifts Log" for this lesson.

Lesson 3

Assignment to be completed:

Tape and workbook: "Exercising Spiritual Gifts"

Book: *The Holy Spirit Today*, Chapters 12-15

Complete your "Identifying Gifts Log" for this lesson.

Lesson 4

Assignment to be completed:

Tape and workbook: "Discerning of Spirits"

Book: *The Holy Spirit Today*, Chapters 16 - 19

Complete your "Identifying Gifts Log" for this lesson.

Lesson 5

Assignment to be completed:

Tape and workbook: "A Word of Wisdom"

Book: *The Holy Spirit Today*, Chapters 20 - 21; Review Chapter 17

Complete your "Identifying Gifts Log" for this lesson.

Lesson 6

Assignment to be completed:

Tape and workbook: "A Word of Knowledge"

Book: *The Holy Spirit Today*, Chapters 22-24, Review Chapter 18; Complete your book report on this text for submission to your instructor in the next lesson.

Complete your "Identifying Gifts Log" for this lesson.

Prepare for Test One over Lessons 1 - 6 to be taken at the beginning of the next lesson.

Lesson 7

Assignment to be completed:

Complete Test One and submit it to your instructor along with your book report on the Iverson text and your first "Identifying Gifts" log.

Tape and workbook: "The Gift of Faith"

Book: *Your Spiritual Gifts*, Intro, Chapters 1 & 2

Complete your "Identifying Gifts Log" for this lesson.

Lesson 8

Assignment to be completed:

Tape and workbook: "The Gifts of Healing"

Book: *Your Spiritual Gifts*, Chapters 3 & 4

Complete your "Identifying Gifts Log" for this lesson.

Lesson 9

Assignment to be completed:

Tape and workbook: "The Workings of Miracles"

Book: *Your Spiritual Gifts*, Chapter 5

Complete the Wagner-Modified Houts Questionnaire as instructed on pages 235-259.

Complete your "Identifying Gifts Log" for this lesson.
