

## **The emotions of the Father, 1 of 3**

Hi all,

This follows the 2 part teaching on how the trinity of man mirrors the trinity of God, that we are 3 in 1 just as God is 3 in 1.

### **Background**

I was a leader in a church which at that time had according to the local newspaper, about 13,000 people. I was the director of the Bible school, which saw about 700 take classes over the course of a year, so I had many students visit with me about their struggles.

At that time in the charismatic church world, flag wavers and dancers were the 'in' thing. These were people who during worship, would flood the aisles and in front of the platform, and dance. Some seemed to be dancing with invisible partners, others waved flags in 'worship'.

### **Why I started asking the Father, and what it turned into**

Some of the flag wavers and dancers were women who were students at the school. Several had come to my office with very serious personal issues, seeking advice. Nearly every one of them was single or in an unequally yoked marriage, had been through or were going through trauma of some sort, and many were in serious financial difficulty. They were stressed.

Not all were like that, some dancers and flag wavers were just artistic and expressed their love for the Lord in dance and flag waving - nothing wrong with that at all. But they were the minority.

Several of the dancers told me privately they imagined they were dancing with Jesus, and some confided they didn't know if it was Him or their imagination. I knew people danced prompted by the Spirit. And I also knew people danced prompted by their flesh. How to tell the difference?

Just like the once popular 'holy laughter'. I've seen the real laughter flowing out of one's spirit when they had been touched or ministered to by the Lord. And then I'd seen the flesh, mass hysteria, suggestive selling, whatever you want to call it - I'd seen far more flesh than I had laughing of the Spirit and in spirit.

### **So I asked the Father about it**

He said: "I manifest my emotions through the manifestations (gifts) of the Spirit. These people are emotionally raw, their emotions on the surface due to turmoil in their lives past or present, so they are among the first to sense my emotions, where I'm moving in a service."

That made sense. Their emotions were raw so there was a connection to their spirit and the Holy Spirit. Their mind/emotions to His mind/emotions. I was intrigued by the connection between human emotions and the Holy Spirit but I set that aside for the moment. (I've seen many churches substitute emotion for the anointing, thinking they are the same. They are not.)

I went back to His statement that He expresses His emotions through the manifestation of the Spirit. "Can you give me chapter and verse on that Father?" His response was immediate: "Study compassion in the gospels. Every time you see compassion with the Lord, it is followed by a manifestation of the Spirit."

**Matthew 9:35-38; 10:1:** Jesus had compassion on the multitudes, so anointed the disciples to go forth healing and casting out demons. Ministry gifts manifest.

**Matthew 14:14;** Jesus moved with compassion towards multitudes, healed their sick. Healing.

**Matthew 15:32-39:** Jesus had compassion on the 4,000 men (not counting women and children) and multiplied loaves and fish. Gift of miracles.

**Matthew 20:29-34:** Jesus had compassion on 2 blind men, and healed them. Healing gift.

**Mark 1:41:** Jesus had compassion on a leper, and healed him. Healing gift.

**Mark 5:1-20;** Jesus cast out Legion and the man wanted to follow Jesus. Being Gentile that could not be allowed at the time, and the Lord told him to go home and tell everyone how the Lord had compassion on him, and delivered him. Manifestation of healing or miracle gifts/deliverance.

**Mark 6:33-35;** Jesus had compassion on the multitude, so taught them. Teaching gift manifest.

**Mark 6:35-44**, Jesus moved with compassion on these same people, to feed 5,000 men (not counting women and children). Gift of miracles.

**Luke 7:13-15**; Jesus moved with compassion on a widow burying her only son, raised him from the dead. Gift of miracles, or some might say 'faith' or 'special faith' for that situation.

### **Inexperience in these things of the Spirit...**

...can cause a person to be moved with their own compassion, thinking it is the Father's compassion. Because of this error some have given away their food or rent money to a need seen on TV, and then wonder why God isn't providing that money back.

The answer is their compassion is of the soul, emotions. The Father's compassion is felt, sensed, in our spirit and flows up with some force to others, going through our own emotions which remain detached, almost as one observing to the side. You just sense (in your soul/mind) this compassion in your spirit, and are moved to take action. God's compassion doesn't make someone else's troubles your own, it allows a certain detachment so you can keep priorities in order. Another's problems are for Him to take on, not ours.

### **Start with this**

Years earlier I was a pastor of a small church. I've never been one to just teach something. I always and to this day ask the Father what He wants me to share. I ask, then wait until He tells me directly or puts an emphasis on a subject by the Spirit. That started with me decades ago.

At that time, 1989 to 1992, I noticed the Father's will for any given church service would be focused on one of 3 areas: Word, Worship, or ministry. I could sense it in my spirit when I thought of those 3 elements of each service. I sensed a 'weightier' feel on one part more than the others. It was a deeper sense of His presence emphasizing one part over the others. Not knowing how best to phrase it, I began asking the Father as I prepared for each service: "What are you in the mood for; Word, Worship, or ministry?"

I learned just to throw out the service schedule to follow where the anointing was - word, worship, prayer. If I didn't have a message and the 'mood' was worship, I'd tell the congregation at the start, receive the offering at the start so there would not be interruptions, and we just worshipped. Other times I'd have a definite message so I'd ask the worship team to cut it short, or we'd skip it altogether but for an opening song to gather everyone. Other times the Father wanted ministry, so the worship would be brief but deep, and then I had the congregation pray for each other. People came up to me saying: "I love this church, I never know what is going to happen but it's always anointed."

### **Within a few days of that conversation with the Father**

I had a visitation from the Lord. He went directly to I Corinthians 12:4-7, about this very subject to continue what the Father had been teaching me. We will pick it up there next week.

But consider these things: The Father expresses His emotions through the gifts of the Spirit. As you prepare to go to your church, or start your Bible study, or participate in or lead your house church, first ask: Father, what are you in the mood for? Where will your presence be?

Where He wants to go, where the anointing will be, may not be on what you have planned. You'll sense more 'weight' on one area or another. Follow that. Change the 'schedule' around to give that area the Father is interested in, the focus.

Take a step of faith; Throw out your plans so you can do what you see the Father doing. He will flow directly from the Father through the Spirit to you, the body of Christ. And it will be amazing.

Until next week, blessings,  
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Hi all,

I ended last week sharing a few days after the Father taught me how He manifests His emotions through the manifestation (gifts) of the Spirit, I received a visitation from the Lord.

He started where the Father ended, talking to me about I Corinthians 12:4-7. But before I share what He said, you first need to know what I knew before He taught me, so I'm sharing that first:

"Now there are distinctive varieties of spiritual gifts, but it is the same Spirit.

And there are distinctive varieties of service, but it is the same Lord.

And there are distinctive ways of working, but it is the same God at work.

To each one is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

### **Here is what I knew about this passage before the Lord started teaching me**

What I knew is that in v4, the word 'gift' is 'charis', so the Lord is talking about the charismatic gifts.

These include the gifts of prophecy, tongues, interpretation of tongues (revelation gifts). Healings, miracles, special faith (power gifts). And revelation gifts: Words of wisdom (about the future), knowledge (knowledge about the present or past), and discerning of spirits (perceiving things of God or the devil).

These are what v4 are talking about. Verse 5 says:

"And there are distinctive varieties of service, but the same Lord."

The word 'service' is 'diakonia', which was used in that day to describe 'waiting at a table'. It is translated in its forms as service, ministry, minister, ministering, serving. The '5-fold' are included in these gifts (apostle, prophet, pastor, teacher, evangelist) but aren't the total.

Paul also lists things like helps (to assist, render help) and governments (literally, 'to steer a ship', meaning to help guide people (to safety)) as 'serving gifts'.

Both charismatic gifts and serving gifts are merely Paul says, the same Spirit and Lord doing what is for the benefit of all. He continues in v6:

"And there are distinctive ways of working, but in all these things it is the same God at work."

The word 'working' is 'energema', or energy. There are distinctive ways of energy (motivation) but in all these things it is the same God at work. What motivates you in God, is of the Spirit. You were born with that motivation.

These are called the 'motivational gifts', or 'the energy gifts'. We are to be moved and motivated by the way we are created. Paul mentions some in Romans 12:1-8, where he starts by saying to each is given the measure of faith, and that he can only speak through the grace given to him. He urges us not to get lifted up in pride for we are how we were created.

This sets the stage for this idea, that each of us has a measure of faith directly related to the gifts we are created with. He lists a few starting in v6:

"Some are (motivated by) prophecy." This is not the charismatic gift of prophecy, but a measure of faith, an energy characteristic of prophetic people. These people are direct, to the point, love righteousness and hate sin, and are good judges of people and can sense when someone is in sin. They were born that way. It's part of what energizes them, motivates them.

Paul tells them to do to 'according to the proportion (measure, reach, sphere) of your faith', meaning, don't overstep. A prophecy motive person wants to correct any wrong they see, even if it isn't their business to do so. In the name of correcting a person they tend to overreach, and can hurt people by forcing an issue they see needing to be corrected. Paul said limit yourself to just within your scope of faith, of relationships and of course, love and propriety.

Paul goes on to write the same 'proportional to your faith' in v7-8 of 'serving, teaching, and exhorting'.

A servant tends to serve until exhausted, putting their family in 2nd place behind the church or others. They will give their grocery money to a cause because they can't be patient enough for the chain of command to meet the need. They don't want to have a microphone, they prefer meeting physical needs behind the scenes - cleaning, setting up chairs, helping someone get to a doctor's appointment, doing kind things that no one but God sees. But don't try to serve everyone, keep priorities in order. Don't neglect yourself and family in order to meet the needs of others.

Teachers, who like to research and love facts and figures, and exhorters, who want to tell their story, want to blurt out everything without consideration that maybe not everyone wants to hear the tiny detail someone who is a natural teacher find fascinating. Or maybe they don't want to hear every detail of what God did for you this week over the course of 20 minutes - maybe a 1 minute summary would be better. Limit to proportional to your faith, as you have opportunity.

A teacher doesn't mean one of the 5-fold, it is someone who naturally wants to impart to others. Whether it be showing a young mother how to care for their baby, or a man wanting to teach his son how to take apart a motor. They are naturally motivated to impart their life into others.

Paul then goes on in v7-8 to share and then limit 'giving', 'ruling (organizing)', and mercy.' He tells those who love to give, do so with simplicity. In other words, not to be seen by others, not with strings attached, just keep it simple as the tendency is towards pride and being noticed.

To the 'ruler' he says with 'diligence', meaning an organizer tends to take on more things than they can do well. They naturally know how an office should be organized, who should be where on what project, for instance. Paul says allow that motivation to flow, but only to the point you can maintain diligence. Don't take on more than you can handle well.

Of 'mercy', he says with cheerfulness. Why? Because a person moved by mercy tends to take on the problems of the person they are demonstrating mercy on. Paul says keep an emotional distance, show God's mercy to them, but not to the extent you aren't cheerful in doing so - if you start to feel yourself becoming emotionally involved with the person you are showing mercy to and losing your objective cheerfulness, back off, limit yourself.

Paul said in I Corinthians 12:6 when listing these motivational or energy gifts, all these things - the charismatic, the ministry, and the energy gifts, are just God working in everyone. He concludes with a restatement in v7: "To each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for everyone's common good."

**Now you understand what I understood before He spoke; we'll pick it up there next week.**

The point I was seeing and understood, is that the gift of pastor is equal to the person showing mercy, who is equal to someone who can prophesy. There are no superstars in Christ, all are merely a manifestation of the Spirit so that we receive no credit.

It is huge sin that some pastors think others are to serve them. Or that 'apostles' think they are to lord their call over others to make them serve them. The person moved to organize is equal to the apostle, just different functions. Saved by the same blood, how dare we exalt one over another. We honor the function, but with the realization it is the same Spirit, same Lord, same Father God pouring through us to our world.

Until next week, blessings,

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**The Emotions of the Father 3 of 3 but there will be a 4th**

Hi all,

In the visitation the Lord taught me from I Corinthians 12:4-7. Last week I shared the foundational knowledge I had before that visitation. The key points are that all the manifestations of the Holy Spirit,

charismatic, ministry, and motivational gifts, are all just a manifestation of the Holy Spirit given to benefit everyone.

That really, really has to be a revelation each person has. That we are all equal in Christ, all saved by the same blood, just with different functions. If you have that, you won't put anyone on a pedestal beyond their function in Christ - respect that yes - but don't think of them above the fact we are all saved by the same blood of Jesus. Be certain of who you are, but not arrogant, for we are all equal in Him.

### **What the Lord said**

"You need to stop thinking of them as gifts, but as manifestations of the Spirit. You need to stop thinking of them as being within the four walls of a church, in a service, and realize I am in each person, and that all things were made by me and for me."

"The world labels gifts differently, but it is still me moving in my people." I asked for an example and He said: "Consider the apostle Paul. He would go into a city to make disciples, and be part teacher, part evangelist, part pastor part prophet, serving all. But in Corinth he worked for a while as a tent maker. Study a first century tent maker and you'll find they had to deal with setting up the business, gathering materials, manufacturing, marketing and sales. What the world calls (sometimes) entrepreneur, is in the church, an apostle. The same gift in him as an apostle, enabled him to be an entrepreneur."

Then we talked about my own life, and He walked me through different jobs I'd had, how the gifts in me that were being used in ministry also enabled me to work in various companies and jobs. And it was pointed out jobs that I'd had which weren't in my gifting, which explained why I didn't like them or weren't good at them.

### **I'll share two:**

I was the Campus Minister for a ministry at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado. We held services and Bible studies on campus. We hosted concerts like The 2nd Chapter of Acts, Barry McGuire, etc. 1982-83 time frame for those of you who know who those people are, lol. We hosted up and coming teachers like Andrew Wommack, and so on.

What I thought I lacked was an evangelistic effort. I felt pressured that a campus minister should be an evangelist. So I set up a loud speaker and microphone in an outdoor area where students gathered for lunch, turned on the microphone ready to tell them about Jesus - and I couldn't think of a single thing. My mind was blank. I couldn't think of a single thing. I was so ashamed I packed up and left within 3 minutes. I was full of guilt, condemnation, confusion.

The next Sunday a visiting minister had a word for me. He prophesied saying: "I've called you to my people, and you'll teach many. You aren't called to the world, but to build up my people. From time to time some will come to me through your ministry, but that isn't your focus. You are called to my people, rest in this my son." Whew, I was at peace and have been since.

### **Related directly is that I'm not a salesman.**

After coming to Tulsa in 1992, before being hired by the church, I got my insurance license and joined a company selling insurance alternatives and other financial products to government employees. We could genuinely do better for them than their government program for retirement. I could explain it well, teach it well, but I couldn't get people to sign on the dotted line.

Both those are related - both involve sales. One called evangelist, one calls insurance sales. Same gift, or rather the lack of the same gift.

By contrast I can teach a person the Word, I can teach them how to make pizza. I can teach them how to take apart a toilet or install plumbing or frame a house. It's all the same gift of teaching, just different function.

As the Lord and I reviewed my jobs (Barb says I had 39 jobs from 1980-1994) while also in ministry, just to put a roof over our head, sometimes working 2 jobs. I saw the gifts in me were the same, they

just functioned in different ways within different jobs. But the same gifts. It didn't matter what man created for a job title, Christ in me never changed, He was the same gifts He created in me.

**Suddenly it all made sense, I was 'de-churched' in that moment, or at least the start of it.**

I remembered frustrated men working as managers in jobs while thinking they were called to be a pastor, and missing God or worse, disappointing Him. They were wrong.

What I realized is that they *were* pastors, their 'flock' being the people they worked with, who came to them with their problems and issues. These were men and women being pastors, who loved the people they worked with, were a tremendous presence for the Lord in that work place whether they ever shared Jesus or not. They loved their job not for the job, but for the people they helped and cared for at work. They were pastors because Christ in them had given them that gift, but man put a label on their job and they believed the label rather than Christ in them.

I remembered men who loved doing 'odd jobs' helping people out, thinking they weren't in ministry. They were often helping at church too with fixing things in the building. One man didn't think he was in ministry, and if I'd known then what I knew in this visitation, I would have told him more directly that he was in ministry for he carries Christ in him wherever he goes. The same gift of Christ in him that motivated him to fix things in the church building, also motivated him to fix things for people's homes - church members, neighbors, whomever.

**I began to see that all things for us are sacred,**

There is nothing that is secular for we have Christ in us. I stopped caring for titles and was able to see job descriptions merely as labels for gifts of God within each person.

The janitor who loves his job at school, being around the kids, imparting thoughts and wisdom to them as he could. In ministry.

**In the visitation the Lord mentioned Psalm 68:18**

It is the completion of Paul's thought in Ephesians 4: 8: "Therefore as he (the Psalmist) says, When He ascended up on high, He gave gifts to men, so that God might live among the rebellious." - the last line being the completion of Paul's reference in 4:8.

I saw that each of us have Christ in us. Equal, but with different functions. No matter man's label, it is Christ in us manifesting Himself whether it be organizing, or teaching, taking someone food when they are sick, to prophesying over someone. From giving money quietly to help meeting someone's needs, or fixing a toilet for a single parent - it is all Christ in us - who cares the labels?!

More of what He said next week, I've gone a bit long. Until then, blessings,  
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**Emotions of the Father; Final thoughts**

Hi all,

Receiving these teachings meant I had to change my thinking that the gifts were only manifest in the church, or among believers.

During the time I was being taught these things, I in turn taught them to 2nd year Bible school students. One man came up to me after class saying I had just explained something to him the Lord had told him, but never made sense.

**This man owned a heating and air conditioning business.**

He said: "The Lord told me, 'You are an apostle in the heating and air business.' Now I understand my call." The way he grew his business was very 'Bible-like'. He would get to know men who owned their own heating and air business, the vast majority were older men and it was just them and 1 or 2 helpers.

He would buy their business and keep the business owner on the payroll working their customers for a year or so, then let the man retire, keep his 1 or 2 helpers continuing to work the customer base he had brought into the larger company. He had about 5 men whose businesses he had bought, working for him at any given moment. Not only that, he was gradually turning ownership of the larger company over to his employees with the goal of the company being able to go on with the employees running it, so he could retire.

It was like Paul and the churches in his 'network'. Corinth, Philippi, Colossae, and so on. He was gradually turning responsibility to the churches and the local leadership as his ministry expanded elsewhere. Paul's letters make it clear each individual must take personal responsibility for their own lives. I understood why the Lord told this man he was an apostle in the heating and air business. How he ran his business, mirrored Paul's pattern with the churches, and it was a Christian business with believers throughout, or employees gradually coming to the Lord.

### **Since then**

People have said they aren't in ministry because they work a 'secular' job. But there is no such thing as 'secular' for a believer, for Christ is in us. They are already pastoring people, or in sales winning people to the Lord while also earning a living in sales. They realized it is the same Christ in them that brings people to Jesus, or a sale. That sounds rather rough, but the kernel of truth is there.

In the Bible school class I asked how many were prophetic, and several hands went up. Their current jobs were things like accounting, Human Resources, policy writers, lawyers. The prophetic gift that could look at numbers or a policy or their legal standing and tell them where they or that company would be a year later. The same gift in operation in church setting or a Bible study happened when God gave them a word of wisdom if that person did this, then that would happen, and if they did that, then this would happen. Same gift, same Christ in them, just different structure to flow through based on work or church. But the same gifts.

### **In the visitation**

I realized the mercy motivated person would be in direct conflict with a prophecy motivated person - who saw things cut and dried, right or wrong. An exhorter might be in conflict with a prophet. An organizer in conflict with someone who just wanted to serve.

As soon as I started to raise a question about conflict I realized that all these manifestations of the Holy Spirit are found in Christ. He could rebuke His friend Peter, for saying He should not go to the cross in Matthew 16, while also having mercy on the woman caught in adultery in John 8. All these manifestations of the Holy Spirit are found in Him. All our emotions are therefore, found first in Him.

### **After this visitation was ended**

A few days later the Father started talking to me again about our personalities. He said He will usually speak to us according to how He created us.

He said: "To a prophecy gifted (energy gift) person, I will speak directly and to the point, which may seem harsh to others, but to them, that is how they see things. But to one graced with mercy, I will speak gently, even if the subject is urgent or of great importance."

"To you, because I created you able to move slowly, thoughtfully, with deliberation, I will deal with you realizing it will take time, that you will think things through. But to another I will speak directly, bluntly even, and to them as being with great urgency and immediate importance. Usually, it is according to each gift that I speak to and deal with people, for how they are is part of me and my personality."

Years later I was talking to a mother of 4 daughters. She said that when the girls argue among themselves it is hard for her because a bit of her is in each of the 4, and she can see each daughter's point of view. It reminded me of that conversation with the Father. He is in each of us, and will speak to us according to how He created our personalities. The person we have conflict with is created in Him too, so the Father understands each person's perspective and point in a conflict, and will work on each to bring balance and understanding between the 2 people.

The Father made me feel so relaxed, for I admit up to that point I had often thought after hearing someone speak with great urgency and insistence, that whatever He said to them must be for me. I

realized the mistake I had made was taking how He dealt with that person and tried to make it my own - wrong. That the tone He used with others, wasn't the tone He used with me. And I was okay with that. Paul said in Romans 12:3 that to each is given the measure of faith. I learned not to compare my 'measure' with someone else's 'measure.'

#### **The Father returned to the subject...**

...of a person's emotions being raw so they were among the first to perceive His emotions. He talked of shifting my attention to my spirit to sense His presence, scanning in my mind what He wanted to do. To ask Him if He had anything for people I met in public - the stranger shopping at a store, the waiter or waitress, the clerk at the register.

The truth that suddenly came upon me is that we have emotions because He first has emotions. All the feelings we experience in the human condition, He had first. But He is a spirit, a Holy Spirit, so His emotions are founded in right-ness on every level, and sensed in our spirit.

#### **You may be from different backgrounds, race, socio-economic levels, age**

But if you focus your attention on the grace in that person, you can love that grace, and in turn love that person. Start with learning how they got saved - you can love that grace - and build from there.

Our emotions are often stirred for unjust, 'un-right' reasons. Many form an opinion and get angry if X person doesn't act like they think they should. They've been judge, jury, and executioner in their own mind and the object of their wrath hasn't a clue why they are angry.

This is where He deals with us, wanting us to align our emotions with His emotions. How many times has a person entered a conversation thinking they will bring the wrath of God on that other person, only to find compassion and grace welling up out of their spirit? That is the process. Giving way to His emotions in our spirit, allowing them to flow out our soul and through our body to positively affect our world.

Learning not to form opinions, to stop our emotions where His emotions stop, knowing they answer to Him, not us. Judge the fruit of someone's life as we are commanded, but not their motive or place in Him - that is His realm, not ours.

Shift your attention to your spirit, down inside of you where you sense His presence. There you will find the Father's emotions ready to be poured out to your spirit and outward to those in your life...pray in your spirit to build yourself up, it helps increase your sensitivity to the things of the Spirit...there is so much more on the subject, but we need to move on. New subject next week, until then, blessings,

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