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A FIVE-DAY DEVOTIONAL SERIES BY PASTOR MIREK HUFTON

DAY:

Monday

TITLE:

Pursue Love, Desire the Gifts

KEY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 14:1 -- "Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy."

REFLECTION:

I want to be honest with you -- pursuing love isn't passive. It means aiming at it, focusing on it, and getting to getting. God Himself wrote through Paul that He wants us to desire spiritual gifts. That word desire means hunger, longing, active reaching. He wouldn't tell us to desire something He never intended us to have. I've watched people shrink back from the gifts because they were afraid of making mistakes, afraid of looking foolish. But I believe the greater mistake is sitting on what God placed inside you. These gifts aren't trophies to display -- they flow from a heart motivated by love for the person standing right in front of you. When love drives you, the gifts find their purpose. Start there. Start with love, and let everything else flow from that place.

PRAYER:

Father, stir up a genuine hunger in me for Your spiritual gifts today. Let love be the engine that drives everything I do. Help me stop holding back what You placed inside me.

DAILY ACTION:

Write down one person in your life who needs encouragement today, and ask God to give you a specific word, scripture, or act of love to share with them.

DAY:

Tuesday

TITLE:

Don't Be Ignorant -- These Gifts Are Supernatural

KEY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 12:1 -- "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant."

REFLECTION:

When God says He doesn't want us ignorant about spiritual gifts, He means business. Ignorance here isn't just not knowing the names of the nine gifts -- it's not understanding where they come from, why they exist,

and how they're meant to flow through ordinary people like you and me. These gifts are spiritual -- supernatural. They don't come from your natural talent, your education, or your personality. They come from God Himself moving through a yielded vessel. I've seen a word of knowledge stop a hardened person cold in their tracks. I've watched healing break through where medicine couldn't reach. None of that was about the vessel -- it was about the Spirit. You have nothing on your own, and that's actually the best news. It means all you need to do is stay open, stay humble, and stay available. That's enough for God to work with.

PRAYER:

Holy Spirit, I don't want to be ignorant of Your gifts any longer. Open my eyes and my understanding to what You've made available to me. I choose to be a yielded, available vessel today.

DAILY ACTION:

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 slowly today and write down any gift that stands out to you personally -- then ask God if that gift is stirring inside you.

DAY:

Wednesday

TITLE:

Profit for All -- Gifts Are Never About You

KEY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 12:7 -- "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all."

REFLECTION:

Here's something I've had to remind myself over and over again -- the gifts were never given to make you look good. They were given for the profit of all. That phrase changes everything. It means when a word of knowledge rises up in you about someone's situation, it's not so you can feel spiritual. It's so that person gets helped, gets free, gets closer to Jesus. I remember sharing this with my congregation -- the gifts of the Spirit blow away every barrier the devil sets up around people. You could walk up to someone, speak something only God could know, and watch every wall they've built come crashing down in seconds. That's not you being impressive. That's love in action through a supernatural God. When you keep that perspective -- that it's for their profit, not your platform -- the gifts flow with incredible purity and power.

PRAYER:

Lord, deliver me from any desire to use Your gifts for my own recognition. Let every gift You flow through me today be entirely for the blessing and profit of someone else. Keep me humble and keep me useful.

DAILY ACTION:

Before any conversation or interaction today, quietly pray, "God, what do You want to give this person through me?" Practice staying outward-focused rather than self-focused in every encounter.

DAY:

Thursday

TITLE:

Pray In The Spirit -- It's How The Gifts Get Stirred

KEY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 14:12 -- "Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel."

REFLECTION:

I'll tell you one of the most practical things I know about moving in the gifts -- if you want them to flow, you've got to be a person who prays in the Holy Ghost. Praying in the Spirit sensitizes you to what God is saying and doing. It puts you in a place where the supernatural can bubble up. I've been walking these church aisles early in the morning, praying over situations, and just like that -- a word of knowledge drops in. Clear as anything. I didn't manufacture it. It came through time spent pressing into the Spirit. The Bible says stir up the gift of God that is in you. Stir it up. That stirring happens in the place of prayer. If you want to excel in the gifts -- not for your sake, but for the building up of everyone around you -- build your prayer life first. Everything else flows from there.

PRAYER:

Holy Spirit, I want to be a person who prays deeply and consistently. Stir up the gifts You've placed inside me as I spend time with You today. Let my prayer life become the foundation for everything supernatural You want to do through me.

DAILY ACTION:

Set aside fifteen intentional minutes today to pray in the Spirit -- not with a list of requests, but simply yielding to the Holy Spirit and allowing Him to pray through you.

DAY:

Friday

TITLE:

Step Over Into It -- This Is Your Moment

KEY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 14:1 -- "Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy."

REFLECTION:

I want to close this week by speaking directly to you -- this is your moment. We are stepping into a new move of God, and I believe the gifts of the Holy Spirit are going to flow through this generation in ways we've barely imagined. But they won't flow through people who are waiting until they feel perfectly ready. I've told my congregation many times -- if you're afraid of making a mistake, you'll never step out. Yes, you might miss it sometimes. That's okay. What's not okay is sitting on what God placed inside you because of fear or pride or the need for everything to be perfect. Love people enough to step out. Pray in the Spirit consistently enough that you're sensitized. And then when you feel that anointing rising -- that bubbling forth from your spirit -- don't hold it back. This is what the last days look like. This is the church God is building. Step over into it.

PRAYER:

Father, I'm stepping over into what You've called me to do. I refuse to let fear or perfectionism hold back what You've placed inside me. Use me this week -- Your way, Your timing, Your glory.

DAILY ACTION:

Take one step of faith today that involves the gifts -- speak an encouraging word over someone, pray for a

person's specific need, or simply tell someone, "I feel like God wants you to know..." and trust Him with the rest.