

## Legal Ground Class- 02/23/09

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### **Review of: 7 Redemptive gifts-** from Romans 12:6-8

“And we have different gifts according to the grace given to us. If the gift is prophecy, that individual must use it in proportion to his faith. If it is service, he must serve; if it is teaching, he must teach; if it is exhortation, he must exhort; if it is contributing, he must do so with sincerity; if it is leadership, he must do so with diligence; if it is showing mercy, he must do so with cheerfulness.”

Prophet, Servant, Teacher, Exhorter, Giver, Ruler, Mercy

These line up with the 7's in scripture

7 days of creation, 7 Last words of Christ, 7 churches in Revelation, 7 items in the tabernacle, etc

Although we operate in all of them, each person tends to function in one of them as their primary redemptive gift- their primary design.

### **Redemptive gift of Exhorter**

#### **Traits:**

- Love people- are energized by large groups. Thrive on horizontal connections
- Big vision, big ideas
- Designed to be leaders- enjoys being front and center
- Charismatic leaders—capacity to form community quickly -able to unite people with common vision- use inclusive language to draw people in.
- Openness, love movement and variety
- Ability to pull everything together
- Importance placed on appearances- presentation to others, clothing, etc
- Conquest (positive) -Ability to lead a large group against spiritual enemy
  - Ability to take on ideological enemy
- Revelation—ability to bring the missing piece we didn't have before
- Ability to “read” someone and know how to push them for good or bad- Mature exhorter will not choose to “trip their trip line”
- Born for leadership- expansionist like ruler
- Mature exhorter walks in reality where they know the actual cost it will take to get from here to there.
- Chatty! – “chatter boxes” as kids. Yet mature exhorter prolific in their expression—exhorter is designed to know God and make him known to man

#### **Negatives:**

- Using their influence to lower the standards of others (compromise)
  - Moving boundaries- normalization or standardization of sin

- Leader lives a particular lifestyle, encourages others in it or covers it up
- Often surrounding sexual issues (promiscuity, abortion, homosexuality) (President Clinton, many leaders who embrace gay lifestyle etc)
- Often starts with acceptable soul pleasure and goes to sensuality or perversion
- Inability to confront others
  - Fear of man
  - Seeking approval of man
  - *Choose relationships over principles*

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."  
 "Evil abounds when good men do nothing"

- Holding on to people instead of releasing them
  - Not willing to equip people and provide a platform for their own growth and development
  - Actually blocking others from moving on
  - People who do leave often leave with curses in their ears
- Denial: Refusing to look at cause and effect and live in reality
  - Unrealistic Goals- non reality about time, people & effort will take to get a job done
  - Irresponsible
  - Lack of long term planning
  - Denial of compromise
  - Inability of exhorter leadership to accept the fact that God is disciplining them
    - Reproofs of God reinterpreted
- Exploitive leadership/relationships
  - People under them expected to pick up the slack/make up for their irresponsibility (from not living in reality of cost it will take)
  - Legendary for casting vision and getting the underlings to pay the price while they coast
  - Pyramid organizational structure
  - life flows to them as the leader rather than life flowing from their leadership on down
  - they suck life out of their followers and use the gifts of others to promote their own agendas
  - often "jolly" you into doing something you don't want to do
- Self Centered- desire for personal comfort
  - Difficulty staying in peer relationships- start as friends then pull rank and dominate. Peers feel violated when no longer equal
  - "conquest follows commerce"
  - Self centered- self gratifying worship- consider the worship "good" when feel good or get a buzz!
  - Complacency, self absorption rooted in pride

Many exhorters fail in the corporate arena because they make enthusiastic promises for something unsubstantiated by reality and end up burning people

Exhorters are particularly vulnerable to fears of losing their following and fear that others will not need what they have to offer them (i.e. pastors won't confront members of congregation for fear they will lose members of their congregation.)

*Get their legitimacy from people following them* instead of from their being a child of God.

## Mesmerizing Spirit

### **Mesmerizing Spirit- perversion of work of Holy Spirit** **The primary focus of the mesmerizing spirit is to defame God**

Cultural illustration pick pocket—creates activity to control what you look at

- give honor to the dishonorable
  - give honor to those who defile you
- dishonor to the honorable
  - theft of honor
  - observing/exaggerating problems so cannot see the good/what God is doing

Theft of honor has a devastating effect on the community- based on non reality

Mesmerizing spirit—cause and effect relationship

Choosing to turn “a blind eye” to something today gives legal ground for the mesmerizing spirit tomorrow

**If today you are the subject of being mesmerized- it is because either you or forefathers chose to not see what they could.**

Examples:

- Abused women- at first sign of abuse, ignore it focusing on all the good in the person- accepting what is unacceptable and trying to influence others to shift their focus
- Babe Ruth actually a very dishonorable man, carouser, gambler, womanizer- well known at the time; yet our culture has knowingly whitewashed all of his iniquities because of his baseball skills- giving honor to a dishonorable man
- **Current economic situation:** 25% Christians voted for Clinton even though he was immoral- chose to overlook that *because he promised a better economy-* now shocked that our financial institutions are bad off and none *of the regulators saw* it etc etc—mesmerizing spirit chose not to see what was morally wrong with Clinton because he could help us **financially**

**When you choose to ignore what you can see,** it will open the door to the mesmerizing spirit so that **eventually you will lose your ability to see reality (what you want to see)**

- D.I.D defense mechanism- for survival sake chose not to look at painful incident(s). i.e. choose to look at good of dad and ignore that dad abused you—opens door to mesmerizing spirit. (note: this is the normal response to abuse- unfortunately the enemy

leverages it against us so that you not only have to deal with the abuse, but the mesmerizing spirit)

- In treating D.I.D you encounter this in trying to break the amnesia barrier—mesmerizing spirit- within system will have parts whose job is to mesmerize you (—high dramatic parts- follow their pain but have no success- because the real issue remains hidden)
  - Address it as demonic- bind the mesmerizing spirit controlling where you look (and where client looks)

War on behalf of client and all their parts so it can't control what you look at, **ask God to shine HIS light wherever he wants to shine it and hold it there as long as he has to until ALL involved are able to see it** (don't coach her/him in where that is – can easily be witchcraft)

- Do not work with someone unless you have 2 or 3 intercessors praying that one thing

Mesmerizing spirit has immense power—

i.e. can cause a person to leave the church (God has for you) because the mesmerizing spirit spotlights the one rude person you encountered and has you focus on that instead of all the good that God is doing there.

Likewise, you can stay at a horrendous exploitive church because you focus on the one good quality in the church or pastor and not see the colossally unhealthy environment or glaring sin in the pastors life.

Ex: Bible- Saul —(saw David as a threat)

The exhorter is especially prone to this as they live in non reality- *see it how they would like it to be*. The Mercy is also vulnerable as they don't want to face the truth of how people are.

**7 Days of Creation:** Exhorter gift lines up with the **4<sup>th</sup> day of Creation-** God created the Sun, Moon and Stars.- “the greater light to have dominion over the day and the lesser light to have dominion over the night.....to dominate the day and the night and to separate light from darkness.” Exhorter meant to be a light to the world and to have dominion over time and the times of God.

Psalm 19:1-4

*The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

*Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they display knowledge.*

*There is no speech or language  
where their voice is not heard.*

*Their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.*

Limits to everything but to the stars- every attempt to count futile—every one proclaiming sound in a language that transcends the soul.

Exhorter known for their wordiness—yet, designed to be prolific in their use of words—to express eloquently and extensively the things He gave them to express. Need to focus on developing the quality versus quantity of words

**Markers** of living under curse from misappropriating the exhorter gift:

- Time is devoured- not able to develop own resources and gifts
- Living under exploitive leadership or drawn to/working in exploitive organization

**Positive Actions:** to remove curse, need to repent ways in which have taken legitimacy from your gift, or using gifts in wrong way to exploit others. Repent for ways in which you have used your influence to compromise others or legitimize your own sin. Walk in high moral standards. Be willing to lay down relationships and confront others with the truth. Resist public opinion, focus on and empower godly principles—*seek the higher principle instead of trying to find an exception to it*. Strive to walk in center of God’s will  
Embrace the truth that *God loves me even when no one else loves me*.

**Blessing needed for effectiveness-** (comes from walking in positive numbers) The blessing of Moses--You have the time, mentors and resources to develop your own gifts and strengths. To systematically develop those areas of greatest potential. You are able to bring people from the spirit of slavery into sonship.

**Birthright** is to reveal the nature of God to mankind. To walk in the principle of reality.

*Exhorter mean to bring the Glory of God*

*Walk in authority over public opinion highlighting virtue and holiness. Authority over jezebel spirit*

**4th head of Leviathan: Time.** Work hard- further behind. No joy in your work- no progress. Time devoured in a myriad of ways. Boundaries and goals useless.

**Behaviors which empower the 4th head of Leviathan:**

- Seeing God as unfair and excusing or lowering His moral standards
- Adjusting your response to your *perceived* reality
- *Seeing circumstances as necessitating exploitation of others*
  - U.S.—to combat terrorism, Guantanamo, (torture, waterboarding, violating 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights etc)
  - watch “24” and see how many times in each episode they default to “the end justifies the means”
- Justifying temporary exploitation (forcing people to serve where they shouldn't- sinning against their design for your own purposes/agenda)

Compare work conditions in U.S. to Europe—no lunch, expected overtime, less vacation (ex. UBS- in Europe- start w/ 4-6wks vacation, take long lunches, only work 40 hrs, no weekends, no office voice mail. Same business, in U.S. start w/2 wks vacation, often work thru lunch 24hr availability, expected to work until the job gets done—work 45-55hrs/wk)

**When walking in dominion over 3<sup>rd</sup> head of Leviathan-** Time is multiplied. You find joy in your work, you have discretionary time to invest in your gifts, unlocking your design.

**7 items in tabernacle:** Golden Lampstand - shines light on teacher & giver. Bring light to revelation of Jesus Christ which teacher has and to worship anointing which giver has. Exhorter meant to bring revelation of the nature of God. ***Light flows from PURE oil.*** (No mix of spirit and soul) Biggest problem of exhorter is the tainting of the oil by soulish influences- impurity of expression of gift

**7 Churches in Revelation-** Thyatira: Exhorter Church—Note admonition; **But you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and teaches and deceives My slaves to commit sexual immorality and to eat meat sacrificed to idols—*vulnerability not to confront the defiant sinner!***

**7 last phrases of Christ:** **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**  
Designed to be relational-. **Responsibility to know God better than know people.** *Exhorter has a responsibility to understand the principles of God and to stand on them-* even thru the pain of not being able to perceive God or rejection from man. Authority in the gift comes thru *embracing the pain!*

**How to honor and exhorter**—include them in the activity!

**How to minister to the Exhorter portion –**

- ask God to enlarge their capacity to understand and walk in spiritual principles.
- Instruct them how they were designed to reveal the nature of God to the other portions of the spirit- as well as to others
- That walking in truth can be painful, but assure them that God has deposited everything they need for life in righteousness.
- That God would strengthen their ability to embrace reality and the pain that comes with it.
- Ask God to enlarge their capacity to war against the mesmerizing spirit—that God would shine the light on the things He wants them to see and hold it there long enough until they are able to embrace it.
- That this portion would interface with Jesus as the Spirit of Truth, that they would gain increased capacity to be truth tellers especially when it is relationally costly
- Bless the exhorter portion in its ability to speak and reveal the sublime. To grow in their capacity to increase the quality of their words. To reveal the profound.

**Era of church history**— Renaissance- Reformation - During this time, there was a restoration of expressiveness and presentation in the church: restored music, beauty, joy, celebration, honor& ceremony. Came against the elitism in the church (espec. England where the king was the head of the church) New denominations were born.

**Places:** Chicago (“windy city” ) LA, Aztecs, Detroit, LA, Southwest Airlines, Whales, Italy, France, Argentina

LA produces 80% of all pornography

**Exhorter Institutions:** Empire building-high profile, Divisive, Normalization of sin/moral impurity. Retailers. Central City Planning—high control opportunistic, draw from others. U.S. Auto market—all about presentation, image rather than functionality of having a car.

**Examples in bible of redemptive gift of Exhorter:**

Jeremiah, Moses, Paul of Tarsus, Ephraim, Corinth

William Wilberforce, Winston Churchill

*Exhorters are God’s change agents IF walking in reality.*

**Synergy—**

**Exhorter/Teacher** – Hewlett/Packard – Hewlett: technical, science, inventiveness, teacher culture = Packard: relational outside interface marketing. Paul/ Luke- Luke teacher meticulous laying it out, Paul- could enter any culture and move them

**Research for Renunciation Prayer**

- 1) Ask God to reveal specific ways in which you or your forefathers used your gift of influence to lower the standard of others
- 2) Ask God to identify ways that you and your forefathers saw circumstances as necessitating the exploitation of others, or sinned against their design to promote your own agenda.
- 3) Ask God to identify ways in which you and your forefathers empowered the mesmerizing spirit.

**Renunciations and Prayer for release**

Lord, concerning my family—I offer up these events where people in my family line chose to use their gift of influence to lower the standard of others

I offer up..... (examples)

Lord, I proclaim that this is contrary to Your design. I reject and renounce the misappropriation of the exhorter gift and confess that this is iniquity. I repent for ways in which I saw your law as unfair and sought to lower the standards for myself and others. I choose to walk in the truth and apply that truth to my self. I want to be a shining lampstand to others- that my life would be a revelation of Your nature to others- highlighting the truth as a flame of light in the darkness.

Lord, I also offer up to you these instances where myself or those in my family line saw circumstances as necessitating the exploitation of others, or sinned against the design of others to promote their own agenda

.....(examples)

I acknowledge this is sin, and iniquity- I reject and renounce this on behalf of my family and myself. I confess that this is a devastating twisting of design! I repent for ways in which I have adjusted my response to my *perceived* reality, then justified my response to myself and others. I choose to be a man/woman of principle and to not allow circumstances to dictate my responses. I chose to be a truth teller. I choose to embrace my birthright to be a lifegiving leader!

Lord, I also offer up to you these instances where myself or someone in my family line has empowered the mesmerizing spirit thru a refusal to embrace the painful or costly truth.

(examples)

I acknowledge this as sin, and iniquity, reject and renounce it. I proclaim that I was designed to walk in the principle of reality. I give you permission to shine Your light in my life and hold it there long enough until I am able to see what you see—to focus on what You are highlighting to me no matter how painful.

Lord I repent for the ways I have tried to avoid speaking the truth thru sheer cowardess; for ways in which I have sought to seek an exception to biblical principles for myself or others instead of seeking a higher principle of truth.

Lord, I acknowledge that it was right for the Cannanite curse to be in my family line because people violated Your law. Yet, I proclaim that the Law of liberty greater than that of sin and death.

Lord, I command that every curse, demonic assignment and devouring spirit that was empowered by these sins to leave my spirit, soul, body, birthright, spouse and family to 1000 generations.

Lord, you are the Righteous Judge of the universe, I ask you, Father God to enforce these righteous decrees.

I ask you Lord to restore the years the locust has stolen, to restore the blessings robbed by this curse. To restore the key resources I need to move forward in my destiny. I specifically ask that you would release to me and my family line the blessing of Moses that I would be able to have the time, mentors and resources to unpack my unique design.

## **Resources:**

Teaching on the Mesmerizing Spirit: Life Dominion and Honor CD by Arthur Burk (CD#5)

<http://www.plumblineministries.com/inc/sdetail/43233>

Love and Legitimacy: teaching CD set by Megan Caldecourt

<http://www.plumblineministries.com/inc/sdetail/49145>

