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In 1 Peter 4:10, we are told that every believer has a gift, a spiritual endowment that allows us to minister to one another. Jesus lets us be a part of what He is doing in the earth. It is Jesus who works through us for the benefit of another person. The thing about a gift is that it is always for the benefit of another. We are told we are being good stewards when we allow this, as the gift was given to us through grace—unmerited favor from God.

In 2 Timothy 1:6, we are reminded to stir up the gift that is in us. One of the meanings of *stir* is to awake from a sleep. Another is to activate; this involves the process of something being developed in our lives, which begins to make it operational.

This is what brings about action, where we act on what we believe. The importance of not just being a hearer of the Word of God but a doer is spoken of in James 1:25.

Second Timothy 1:6 in the Amplified Bible (Classic Edition) says, “...to stir up (*rekindle the embers of, fan the flame of, and keep burning*).”

Our prayer language, praying in Spirit, is the most powerful way the Lord has provided for us to be more spiritually alive to God.

Dear Partners and Friends,

In the month of June, we touched many lives while traveling through several states here in the U.S., ministering in churches. One testimony from Texas came from a friend we were able to encourage in the Word of God. Because of the Word ministered, he said that his tractor was healed mechanically, saving him \$25,000 to \$30,000, which was what he was told the repairs would cost. Our hearts opening up by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God is powerful.

Jude 1:20 (NKJV)

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.

We have no spiritual lack, as the Spirit of God is inside of us. When we pray in tongues, this does not make the Holy Spirit perform for us; rather, it benefits us spiritually. He is not the problem—we are the ones needing to open up spiritually to Him. Our prayer language benefits us because, I believe, it is one of the most practical ways for us to fan the fire already within us.

2 Timothy 1:6-7 (NKJV)

⁶ Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

A gift working through us is for others. God's love within our hearts is what causes us to focus on others. The thing about fear, though, is that it causes us to put the focus on *us*.

The reasons there is fear within the heart of a person can vary greatly, as each person is uniquely different. No matter what the circumstances are that we are challenged by in life, when we establish beliefs rooted in fear with an expectation of a fearful outcome, this causes us to focus on ourselves.

I remember speaking with a friend of mine before we were to go to minister in a prison for youth. He had a small root of fear within his heart that he was not a minister, as he was comparing himself with me and possibly others and feeling inferior.

As we were talking, he told me, "Cecil, you would not believe how many prophetic words I have received telling me I am a minister." I told him this: "Brother, the reason you are receiving so many words is because

you do not believe you are a minister." Deep within his heart was a small issue of fear where he could see me as a minister but not himself.

His response to me was, "Cecil, you are right. I can see you as a minister but not myself."

That night, the change in him was powerful as he ministered the Word of God with such a fervency. One of the tactics of the demonic realm is to get us to focus on ourselves through fear. But when we begin to believe who we are in Christ, we will stop *trying* to become what we already *are*.

Testimonies“

I keep finding myself looking at my situation and clawing my way back to a mindset of faith. It is like a roller coaster ride of emotions. I've gone through so much over the past two years. However, I've come through it all quite well. I guess I get tired of fighting sometimes, and that causes anxiety. So, you're saying I don't even have to fight. I keep having to be reminded of that. Thanks.”

“Thanks, bro. Your messages are always very straightforward and to the point. Love your many stories of faith that uplift my heart. – Australian Partner.”

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“Thank you, Cecil. You are a lifeline; thank you.”

“Dear Cecil and Lisa,

I just wanted to thank you for the books that I just received in mail!

Thank you so much for visiting our church!

Thank you for your heart and prayers!

Thank you for your kindness!

May God bless you with strong health, happiness, and joy!

May God’s peace be with you always!

In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Thank You!

Lisa and I are very grateful to you, our friends and partners of this ministry, as together we are seeing lives changed. We believe that you, our partners, are greatly prospering—spirit, soul, and body—as you experience increase in the seed you have sown multiplying and increase in the fruits of your righteousness. God’s richest blessings in Christ are already yours. Believe and establish this truth in your heart and have an open heart to receive all that God has given you in Christ Jesus.

Happy Independence Day to our U.S. friends and partners!

Love and blessings,

Cecil + Lisa



Building Upgrades—Update

Thank you for your generous support! We have now completed the first project by replacing a wall and the deck, which is a roof over the ministry storage area. With the rising cost of building materials, we did make some changes in the kind of building material used but were able to keep the final cost down to \$11,015, making purchases before the cost of some materials rose dramatically.



Wall and Deck Complete.

The window company is allowing us to install a number of windows at any time with no change in the original pricing.



Some of the windows that need replacing

We have placed our order for the first six windows, out of the total twenty-seven windows, at a cost of \$3,700. They are scheduled to be installed in the month of July. This leaves a total of \$10,300 for the remaining windows.

Thank you for helping us with the upgrades. Your love and support are a great blessing, and we look forward to the completion of the windows in the coming weeks.

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Through our ministry on YouTube, we are reaching people around the world. We have received many wonderful testimonies by email, and we would love to hear from you!

One lady wrote, "Once more, such encouraging insight into the faith and actions of the man of God. Thank you, Cecil and Lisa. God bless you always as you bless and encourage us."

Another viewer wrote, "Watching from the Philippines. This teaching is very beneficial to me."



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