

Gentle but Determined Restorers

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True spirituality is lacking in modern Christianity, and it is the duty of Christians to speak out against sin and spiritual decline, even if it is difficult.

Scripture: Romans 1:11, Romans 5:15, Romans 6:23, Romans 11:29, Romans 12:6, 1 Corinthians 1:7, 1 Corinthians 12:4, 1 Corinthians 12:9, 1 Corinthians 12:28, 1 Corinthians 12:31

Topics: "Spiritual Gifts", "Holy Spirit"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher delves into the concept of 'charisma,' a Pauline word that signifies a gift of grace or a free gift, emphasizing that all spiritual gifts come from God and should not be a source of personal pride. The term 'charisma' is used to describe extraordinary powers given by God through the Holy Spirit to enable believers to serve the church and fulfill their roles in the body of Christ. The preacher highlights that every genuine Christian has received at least one spiritual gift from God, bestowed at the moment of conversion, to contribute to the community of faith and stimulate growth in Christian maturity.

Transcript

It is more than probable that in the whole history of the United States there was never at any one time so much religious activity as there is today. And it is also very likely that there was never less true spirituality.

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Now, experience has prepared us for the rebuttal we will surely hear from tender-minded friends: "Who are we to judge? We must leave these professed Christians with the Lord and look to our own doorstep. And furthermore, we should be glad for any little bit of good that is being done and not spoil it by faultfinding."

All that sounds good, but it is an expression of a religious laissez faire which would stand carelessly by and permit the whole church of Christ to degenerate morally and spiritually without daring to raise a hand to help or a voice to warn. So did not the prophets. So did not Christ, or His apostles, or the Reformers; and so will not any man do who has seen heaven opened and beheld visions of God. Elijah could have kept his mouth shut and saved himself a lot of trouble. John the Baptist could have kept silent and saved his head; and every martyr might have pleaded laissez faire and died comfortably in his bed at a ripe old age. But in doing so, they would all have disobeyed God and laid themselves open to a severe judgment in the day of Christ.

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