

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

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*“Using Your Gift(s) to
Combat the Struggle”*

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STRUGGLE:

To endure violent or difficulties efforts in the face of opposition while **struggling** with the problem.

GIFTS:

A notable capacity, talent, or endowment.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS:

God gives **spiritual gifts** to those who have received salvation through Jesus. The **purpose** of the **spiritual gifts** is to edify (build up), exhort (encourage), and comfort the church.

FOUNDATION

PURPOSE

the reason for which something is done or created or exists.

PLACEMENT

the action of putting someone or something in a particular place or the fact of being placed.

PRAISE

the expression of approval or admiration for someone or something.

SELECTION

**WHAT GIFTS WOULD YOU THINK EMBRACE
OR SUPPORT THE WORK OF EVANGELISM?**

Acts 8:5-6	_____
Acts 8:26-40	_____
Acts 14:21	_____
Acts 21:8	_____
Ephesians 4:11-14	_____

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IDENTIFIED GIFT(S) _____

PURPOSE _____

IDENTIFIED GIFT(S) _____

PLACEMENT _____

Where do you find this gift most effective?

IDENTIFIED GIFT(S) _____

PRAISE _____

Where do you find reason to praise God because of the gift(s)?

ASSESSMENT

How do you distribute your gift to the Kingdom of God?

Time? _____

Talent? _____

Treasure? _____

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)

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Acts 8:5-6 (NIV)

⁵ Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there.

⁶ When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said.

Acts 8:26-40 (NIV)

Philip and the Ethiopian

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”

²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship,

²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet.

²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

³¹ “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.”

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³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?”

³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?”

[³⁷] ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Acts 14:21 (NIV)

The Return to Antioch in Syria

²¹ They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch,

Acts 21:8 (NIV)

⁸ Leaving the next day, we reached Caesarea and stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the Seven.

Ephesians 4:11-14 (NIV)

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

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¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.