



## The Holy Spirit and Spirituality 1Q 2017 Lesson 8 The Holy Spirit and Gifts of the Spirit

### SABBATH

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What is the difference between fruits and gifts of the Spirit?

Gifts are abilities—endowments—given directly for the purposes of spreading the gospel—preaching, teaching, prophecy, healing etc.

Fruits are traits of character that are developed within the believer through a trust relationship with God and the indwelling of the Spirit.

### SUNDAY

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Read first paragraph, “The fruit of the Spirit...” I am concerned that the choice of the word *Author* in this paragraph could lead to misunderstanding. I would have preferred the word “Source.” God is the source of all life, all that is holy, righteous, good, etc. So, if we mean by the word Author—Source, then no problem, but the word Author can also mean the one who writes and when it comes to the development of the fruits and the expression of the gifts is this true?

It is true God is the source—but are we saying we have no part in the development of the fruits or the expression of the gifts? That we don’t also act a role impacting the expression of these gifts and fruits?

Is one of the gifts of the Spirit, the gift of prophecy? And does the gift of prophecy lead some prophets to write Scripture?

Peter says:

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2Pet 1:20,21

Notice, Peter says God is the source—but is Peter saying God is the one who is speaking or writing?

Do you remember this quotation from a few weeks ago?

The Bible is written by inspired men, **but it is not God’s mode of thought and expression. It is that of humanity. God, as a writer, is not represented.** Men will often say such an expression is not like God. **But God has not put Himself in words, in logic, in rhetoric, on trial in the Bible.** The writers of the Bible were God’s penmen, not His pen. Look at the



different writers. {1SM 21.1}

So, is God the Author of the Bible? Well... just to ensure I don't get a lot of emails—I thought we should consider this quote?

In the instruction given in our schools, **the natural and the spiritual are to be combined**. The **laws obeyed by the earth** reveal the fact that it is under the masterly power of an infinite God. The **same principles run through the spiritual and the natural world**. Divorce God from the acquisition of knowledge, and you have a lame, one-sided education, dead to all the saving qualities that give true power to man. **The Author of nature is the Author of the Bible**. Creation and Christianity have one God. **God is revealed in nature, and God is revealed in His word**. In clear rays the light shines from the sacred page, showing us the living God, as represented in the laws of His government, in the creation of the world, in the heavens that He has garnished. **His power** is to be recognized as the only means of **redeeming the world from the degrading superstitions that are so dishonoring to God and man**. {CT 395.2}

Wow—so much in this passage—is God the Author of Scripture? Yes, is He the writer of Scripture? No! What does this mean? He is the Source, but not the writer! And, what law did you hear being described in the paragraph above?

Did you notice this author of that statement said “the same principles run through the spiritual and the natural world.” The penal/legal theologians deny this and insist that human methods of sinful beings, imposed rules with coercive enforcement, run through the spiritual. It is a lie!

The author said that God's power is “the only means of **redeeming the world from the degrading superstitions that are so dishonoring to God and man**.”

What does this mean? From what is God's power redeeming the world? Degrading superstitions—and what are degrading superstitions? False beliefs, lies, distortions, which when believed degrade the mind, warp the character and turn beings that were created to represent God's character of love into beings who would kill others as just punishment for sin.

Then what is the power that redeems from superstitions? The power of love and truth!

To bring it all together, I found this quote, what do you think of it?

**The Bible points to God as its author; yet it was written by human hands;** and in the varied style of its different books it presents the characteristics of the several writers. **The truths revealed are all "given by inspiration of God" (2 Timothy 3:16); yet they are expressed in the words of men.** The Infinite One by His Holy Spirit has shed light into the minds and hearts of His servants. He has given dreams and visions, symbols and figures; and



those to whom the truth was thus revealed, **have themselves embodied the thought in human language.** {FLB 10.3}

**The Lord speaks to human beings in imperfect speech, in order that the degenerate senses,** the dull, earthly perception, of earthly beings may comprehend His words. **Thus is shown God's condescension.** He meets fallen human beings where they are. **The Bible, perfect as it is in its simplicity, does not answer to the great ideas of God; for infinite ideas cannot be perfectly embodied in finite vehicles of thought.** Instead of the expressions of the Bible being exaggerated, as many people suppose, the strong expressions break down before the magnificence of the thought, though the penman selected the most expressive language through which to convey the truths of higher education. {FLB 10.4}

**God designed the Bible to be a lesson-book** to all mankind, in childhood, youth, and manhood, and to be studied through all time. **He gave His Word to men as a revelation of Himself.** . . . It is the medium of communication between God and man. {FLB 10.5}

Do we see God is the Author but not the writer of the Bible, and would this mean that He is the Author, but not the writer of the fruits and gifts in our individual lives?

The lesson makes the distinction between fruits and gifts. The last fruit listed is “self-control” Is the fruit of self-control from the Holy Spirit or from the self?

It is from the Holy Spirit—how then is it self-control?

Because of fear and selfishness (our carnal nature), we, apart from Jesus, are slaves to the impulses of that nature, thus we are unable to control ourselves but will give in to fear and impulse. However, when the Holy Spirit takes what Christ achieves and restores in us Christlike character we love God and others more than self. This gift of God’s love transforms us and enables us to resist the temptation of fear and impulse and we then are set free to exercise our own individuality in choosing to live in harmony with God’s design. This is the only way love can exist!

In the second paragraph, the lesson states, “The gifts of the Spirit are given so that we can serve others and build up the body of Christ, His church.”

What does it mean to build up the church?

Is it talking about a building, properties, equipment so that our facilities have the best sound and recording and broadcast equipment? Or are buildings and other physical materials merely other resources for the actual building up of the church?

So what does it mean to build up the church?



I thought, given the intense energy of many Christians in politics today, and the intense friction between Islam and other religions, including Christianity, that this quote was interesting from the book *The Great Controversy*:

**The regulation adopted by the early colonists, of permitting only members of the church to vote or to hold office in the civil government, led to most pernicious results.** This measure had been accepted as a means of preserving the purity of the state, but it resulted in the corruption of the church. **A profession of religion being the condition of suffrage and officeholding, many, actuated solely by motives of worldly policy, united with the church without a change of heart.** Thus the churches came to consist, to a considerable extent, of unconverted persons; and even in the ministry were those who not only held errors of doctrine, but who were ignorant of the renewing power of the Holy Spirit. **Thus again was demonstrated the evil results, so often witnessed in the history of the church from the days of Constantine to the present, of attempting to build up the church by the aid of the state, of appealing to the secular power in support of the gospel** of Him who declared: "My kingdom is not of this world." John 18:36. **The union of the church with the state, be the degree never so slight, while it may appear to bring the world nearer to the church, does in reality but bring the church nearer to the world.** {GC 297.1}

So can we build up the church by getting the right politicians elected or the right judges placed on the Supreme Court? How many Christians think they are doing their Christian duty by pursuing such a path?

So, how do we build up the church?

**If you walk in the light**, you can every one be light bearers to the world. Do not seek to accomplish some great work and neglect the little opportunities close at hand. We can do very much by **exemplifying the truth in our daily life**. The influence which we may thus exert cannot be easily withstood. Men may combat and defy our logic; they may resist our appeals; **but a life of holy purpose, of disinterested love in their behalf, is an argument** in favor of the truth that they cannot gainsay. Far more can be accomplished by **humble, devoted, virtuous lives than can be affected by preaching when a godly example is lacking.** **You can labor to build up the church, to encourage your brethren, and to make the social meetings interesting;** and you can let your prayers go out, like sharp sickles, with the laborers into the harvest field. Each should have a personal interest, a burden of soul, to watch and pray for the success of the work. {My Life Today 220.2}

**You cannot build up the church until you are a transformed man.** {2T 626.2}

So how do we build up the church?



First we must personally surrender to Jesus and experience Him, know Him intimately and be changed in the heart. We cannot share what we do not know. Then, we can live God's principles and as we do this the power of love combined with truth will be the prevailing power that influences and changes other people bringing them closer to God and His design for life.

Thus building up the church means working to restore God's character and methods within people so that individually and collectively we function in love and truth!

The third paragraph states, "Therefore, spiritual gifts are worthless without the fruit of the Spirit." thoughts?

Again, I prefer another word here, ultimately, eternally, the lesson is correct, without the transformation of character which is evidenced by the fruits, and results in eternal life there is no genuine worth in the gifts. But most people don't think this way and thus when they hear worthless too many think having no worth or value—including earthly worth, so I am concerned the word-choice might lead to some misunderstanding. I would have preferred the word, "pointless" "spiritual gifts are pointless without the fruit of the Spirit."

For example: the gift of languages can have quite a significant worth or value in this world to make money, to negotiate treaties, etc. but it is all pointless if it doesn't result in people being reconciled to Christ and healed from sin and selfishness. What does it profit a man to gain the entire world but to lose his soul?

Same with the gift of prophecy—many cults find the false gift of prophecy, scrying, fortune-telling, etc. to be quite worthwhile, or valuable, but it is all pointless if it hardens the heart and ultimately doesn't have any true worth.

Bottom green question is perhaps the most important question, "Why is love so central to all that we do as Christians?"

Notice in 1 Corinthians, in Chapter 12 Paul lists the spiritual gifts, then in Chapter 13 expounds on love, which is the more excellent way, and then in 14 approaches those who are speaking in tongues telling them the better way is not tongues, but love. Why?

Read 1Cor 13 from *The Remedy*:

If I am gifted to speak the language of people and angels but do not have God's love in my heart, I am only making meaningless noise, because I remain terminal and dying.<sup>2</sup>If I am gifted with prophetic insight and understand all mysteries and knowledge, and if I am trusted to move mountains but do not have God's love in my heart, I am a fraud because I am still dying in sin and am nothing at all.<sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions to the poor and die as a martyr tied to a



burning stake but don't have God's love in my heart, I am still unhealed and have gained nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is the principle upon which life and health are built to operate, and when active in intelligent beings, love is patient and kind. Love gives in order to bless others and does not envy, boast, or promote self.<sup>5</sup>Love is not intrusive, rude, selfish, irritable, or hot-tempered. And love doesn't hold grudges or keep a record of wrongs.<sup>6</sup>Love takes no pleasure in evil but rejoices with the truth.<sup>7</sup>Love always protects, always heals, always restores, builds up, trusts, hopes, and perseveres.

<sup>8</sup>Love originates in God and therefore will never stop and never fail. But one day, prophecies will cease, talking will be paused, and human knowledge will fade.<sup>9</sup>We are finite—knowing just a part of all truth, and prophecy is just a piece of a greater whole.<sup>10</sup>But when God restores the universe to His perfect design of love, all imperfection will disappear.<sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I talked like a child, bragging about myself; I thought like a child, focusing on the dos and don'ts, and I reasoned like a child. But when I grew up, I embraced God's kingdom of love and put the childish ways behind me.<sup>12</sup>Our minds are so darkened by selfishness that we see God's kingdom poorly, like a reflection in a cloudy mirror; but when he returns, we shall see perfectly—face to face! Right now I know only part of God's reality; then—I will have all questions answered and fully know the truth, just as God fully knows me.

<sup>13</sup>So these three endure: trust, hope and love; but the greatest of these is love.

## MONDAY

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Read first paragraph, “It is not we...” Do we agree that we do not earn the gifts of the Spirit? Yes, we agree the gifts of the Spirit are not earned. What does it mean to earn something? It means that what is earned is compensation, reward, pay, something *owed* us because of our work and we do NOT earn the gifts of the Spirit.

However, does our *maturity* have anything to do with receiving the gifts of the Spirit?

And does our maturity have anything to do with our choices—our works?

Will parents give the gift a new car to a 12-year-old child? Why not? Consider all the gifts we withhold from our children, not because we are selfish, but because we determine (judge) that they are not mature enough to handle the gift and would harm themselves (and others) if we gave it to them.

Is this a factor in why we don't receive more gifts of the Holy Spirit?

God has in store love, joy, peace, and glorious triumph for all who serve Him in spirit and in truth. His commandment-keeping people are to stand constantly in readiness for service. They



are to receive increased grace and power, and increased knowledge of the Holy Spirit's working. **But many are not ready to receive the precious gifts of the Spirit which God is waiting to bestow on them. They are not reaching** higher and still higher for power from above that through the gifts bestowed, they may be recognized as God's peculiar people, zealous of good works. {8T 247.3}

So one factor in receiving the gifts of the Spirit is our own heart attitudes and maturity, the choices we make to prepare ourselves to be vessels that will use the gifts in harmony with God's methods.

And, then, there is the question of need—even if we are mature do we receive gifts for which we have no need, for which God has no purpose for us to fulfill?

The second paragraph states, “Paul says that the grace of Christ secured the **right** to give us gifts.”

What does this mean? What are they trying to say? What does it mean *secured the right*? From whom? Who had the right if God didn't have it and had to secure it?

Does the Bible actually teach this idea or is this another example where the human law lens has infected Christian thought and created an idea that is not part of God's kingdom?

Here is what Ephesians 4:7 says:

- But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.—NIV
- Each one of us has received a special gift in proportion to what Christ has given.—GNT
- But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.—KJV
- But Christ gives each one of us just what we need in each circumstance for our good and our development.—The Remedy

Does this saying anything about securing rights of some kind?

No, this idea of securing rights is false and based on the idea that somehow Christ did not have the right—think about that—Christ, who is our Creator, has always had absolutely right to love us, to do whatever He can for our good and healing—in harmony with God's methods and principles. Yes or no?

Read the third paragraph, “Innate ability as such...” How can you tell the difference? And does it make a difference if the ability is innate talent or a special endowment from God?

The following is speaking of the parable of the talents:

**The special gifts of the Spirit are not the only talents represented in the parable. It includes all gifts and endowments, whether original or acquired, natural or spiritual. All are to be employed in Christ's service.** In becoming His disciples, we surrender ourselves to



Him with all that we are and have. **These gifts He returns to us purified and ennobled, to be used for His glory in blessing our fellow men.** {COL 328.2}

Read last paragraph, “The Holy Spirit is the one...” What are the learning points in this paragraph?

- The Holy Spirit determines who is gifted and with what gift
- It is a false conclusion to think only one specific gift is evidence of the working of the Spirit
- Gifts themselves are not the primary evidence of the working of the Spirit in the life; the fruits of the Spirit are the primary evidence!
- Gifts are only given when necessary for the advancement of God’s cause, but fruits are always the result of the working of the Spirit in the life
- No need to be envious because, rightly understood, we would not want the other person’s life, responsibilities, or gifts!

## TUESDAY

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The first paragraph makes the point that spiritual gifts are for service and building up of the church and fulfilling God’s purposes. Then in the second paragraph they point out: “It is a tragedy when God’s gifts, which are supposed to foster unity in the church, are misused so that only certain individuals are elevated...This fosters disunity and gives way to divisiveness.”

Do you agree? Would this include elevating EGW? Does anyone elevate EGW above others in the church? What should be elevated—the messenger or the message, the health care provider or the antidote? And in this case the message is the message about God and the antidote is Jesus Christ.

So, we don’t value Paul, or Peter or Apollos or EGW or Tim Jennings, we value Jesus and elevate only Him, the Father and God’s kingdom of love and truth!

What is the underlying root that allows for such elevations and divisions to occur? Thinking through imposed law—if we think through design law all of this fades away.

Imposed law, level four and below, always look for some authority to be in charge, to determine right and wrong, to set rules, to make rulings, to give the answers—parents, umpires, referees, judges, kings! It is the thinking of a child and Paul says we must put away childish things and grow up.

When we realize it is all about healing, restoration, recreation of Christlike character, then we realize those with the gifts have more responsibility to carry the remedy and work for the healing of souls. The gifting is not for elevating or exalting and individual but for equipping them to do more work for God’s kingdom.

But regarding divisions, read Colossians 2:13-17:



When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup> **having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us;** he took it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. <sup>17</sup> These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

What was nailed to the cross? Something that was against us and stood opposed to us? What was against us? Something that causes division and causes us to judge each other with regard to eating and drinking and worshipping—what would that be?

Was the written law, ceremonial or moral given to cause division or to reveal the gospel? And is the gospel against us or for us?

What about the Sabbath? Would it be correct to read it this way: “Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration but do judge and cause division over the weekly Sabbath day.”

Is the point about the rituals, commandments, or about doing away with judgmentalism and things that cause division?

Does the Sabbath cause division, or does the judgmental attitude people have cause the division?

And what causes the judgmental attitude? Believing God’s law functions like human law and therefore we look at behavior, we look at rules, we make lists of things to do and then begin inspecting others to insure they are doing the right things.

This is legal religion, consider this quote from *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessings*:

The effort to earn salvation by one's own works inevitably leads men to pile up human exactions as a barrier against sin. For, seeing that they fail to keep the law, **they will devise rules and regulations of their own to force themselves to obey. All this turns the mind away from God to self. His love dies out of the heart, and with it perishes love for his fellow men.** [Notice rule keeping, legal religion, turns people away from God and destroys love out of the heart] A system of human invention, with its multitudinous exactions, will **lead its advocates to judge all who come short of the prescribed human standard.** The atmosphere of selfish and narrow criticism stifles the noble and generous emotions, and **causes men to become self-centered judges and petty spies.** {MB 123.1}



This is the epitome of divisiveness and is NOT the gospel of Jesus Christ which breaks down dividing walls and brings unity.

When we return to design law, we realize the truth of these things. What was nailed to the cross? What causes division? Was it the law God gave us to lead us back to Him? Did the ceremonial system cause division or was it designed to teach us the gospel?

What was the source of division that was against us and was nailed to the cross? Our carnal nature—our selfishness, our fear, our insecurity, that leads to all the pettiness and division.

So Col 2:13-17 from *The Remedy*:

When your condition was terminal, when selfishness reigned unchecked in your minds, and when your hearts were tied to the destructive cravings and practices of the world, God intervened and brought you the life-giving Remedy—Jesus Christ. He reclaimed you from your terminal condition,<sup>14</sup> nullifying the pathology report that certified you as dead in sin; he made it clear that the written code, with its regulations, was only a diagnostic instrument designed to expose our terminal state and teach us the need for a true cure, and he nailed it to the cross.<sup>15</sup> Through his death, he revealed the truth about God and—in his humanity—eradicated selfishness, thus he completely destroyed Satan’s weapons of lies and selfishness, and triumphed over Satan at the cross.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, don't worry about the opinions of those who promote certain rituals, foods, drinks, holy days or religious festivals as a means of being healed and being reunited with God.<sup>17</sup> We know these are merely symbols or metaphors designed to teach the truth of God's healing plan; but the actual Remedy is found only in Christ.

## WEDNESDAY

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Are spiritual gifts available today?

But the gifts of the Spirit are promised to every believer according to his need for the Lord's work. **The promise is just as strong and trustworthy now as in the days of the apostles.** "These signs shall follow them that believe." This is the privilege of God's children, and faith should lay hold on all that it is possible to have as an indorsement of faith. {DA 823.2}

“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.” Joel 2:28

Read last paragraph, “The work of God will be completed...” What do you think of the idea that the gifts of the Spirit will never supersede the Bible?



Why? Is this a false comparison? **Is the reason the gifts will never supersede the Bible is that they have different purpose or functions?**

What is the purpose of the Bible? A revelation of God to man, a lesson book. Are the gifts a lesson book, or are the gifts enablings to improve our ability to distribute the truths found in the lesson book?

This problem has arisen because some people have falsely believed the gifts are the lesson book, that we can receive messages from the gifts that become the lesson book, either through visions, dreams, tongues, or angel visits. However, any gifts in visions, dreams, tongues or angel visits—if these are from God, will be for the purpose of opening our understanding, giving directions for application etc. of the truths found in the lesson book, the Bible.

In other words, when the Bible is available we should not look to the gifts to tell us what has already been revealed in the Bible. This would be like a patient today praying to God for a sign—a miracle—to let them know whether they should quit smoking or not. God will not provide such a sign to a person in our society, because the truth on that question has been revealed, and if they reject the truth a special sign or miracle won't be given.

This is the central point Jesus was making with the parable of Lazarus and the rich man, if they reject Moses and the prophets, then even if a miracle of a dead man named Lazarus being resurrected won't persuade them, something which Jesus proved true shortly thereafter.

Likewise, if we don't value the Bible as our lesson book, but instead look to signs and wonders to replace the Bible as our lesson book, we will be deceived.

## THURSDAY

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Read first paragraph: “While there are genuine...” How can we tell the difference between true gifts of the Spirit and false gifts?

True gifts always harmonize with God's character and design of love, practicing the methods of truth and liberty.

False spirits will undermine truth, and thus the Scripture, and will ultimately undermine liberty, which leads to rebellion and the destruction of individuality.

The third paragraph states “God gives the church the gift of discernment.”

I paused on this because while the gift of distinguishing between spirits and the gift of wisdom are listed in 1Corinthians 12 as part of the spiritual gifts, Hebrews tells us the mature *develop by practice* the ability to discern the right from the wrong.



So, while God gives the gift of discernment, is there a part we must play, i.e. must we cooperate with God and think, practice, reason, evaluate, weigh evidence?

The gold that Jesus would have us buy of Him is gold tried in the fire; it is the gold of faith and love, that has no defiling substance mingled with it. The white raiment is the righteousness of Christ, the wedding garment which Christ alone can give. **The eyesalve is the true spiritual discernment** that is so wanting among us, for spiritual things must be spiritually discerned (RH April 1, 1890). {7BC 965.1}

The eye is the sensitive conscience, the inner light, of the mind. Upon its correct view of things the spiritual healthfulness of the whole soul and being depends. **The "eyesalve," the Word of God, makes the conscience smart under its application;** for it convicts of sin. But the smarting is necessary that the healing may follow, and the eye be single to the glory of God. The sinner, beholding himself in God's great moral looking glass, sees himself as God views him, and exercises repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.... {7BC 965.5}

The Laodiceans . . . were not entirely blind, else the eyesalve would have done nothing to restore their sight, and enable them to discern the true attributes of Christ. Says Christ, **By renouncing your own self-sufficiency, giving up all things, however dear to you, you may buy the gold, the raiment, and the eyesalve that you may see** (RH Nov. 23, 1897). {7BC 965.6}

Do we get spiritual discernment without our repentance, without our dying to self, without our study of God's word?

## FRIDAY

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read and discuss questions



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**We need HELP! With what?** Well, after 10 years of ministry, this website has collected a huge number of articles, blogs, videos, podcasts, and notes that need to be categorized and indexed, so YOU can easily find all that's been said on a particular topic. The problem is, we don't have hundreds of eyes and ears on staff to search, read, listen, and find all these nuggets of truth. So, Come And Reason is calling on you, our faithful supporters, to help us with this task.

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Thank you, all, ahead of time for your participation and help in this rather significant endeavor!

**Calendar:** Come and Reason now has a Calendar of Events on our Website. If you would like to know what is coming up or where Dr. J is speaking or who is teaching a particular week, check out the calendar.

**April 27-29:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the AACC Event The Struggle Is Real at the Thomas Road Baptist Church at Liberty University at Lynchburg, VA. For more info visit <http://lynchburg.cmhesummit.com/>

**May 6, 2017:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at Summit Northwest Ministries, Post Falls, Idaho: for more info visit: <http://www.summitnorthwest.org/>

**June 8-10, 2017:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the AACC Event The Struggle is Real in Naperville, IL.

**AUGUST 1, 2017:** Dr. Jennings' new book *The God-Shaped Heart* will be released by Baker Books. Here is a brief description:

Love is more than emotion, more than compassion, more than positive regard for another; love is power—the power to live, heal and be free. Love is functional, operational, with specific design parameters built into the fabric of reality. Love is intelligent and as we intelligently choose to harmonize with how love functions we not only experience greater health, fulfillment and wellbeing, we are transformed to become forces for good in the world. In *The God-Shaped Heart* Christian psychiatrist Dr. Tim Jennings explores the healing power of love, exposes a belief system infecting Christianity that obstructs love, and identifies eternal truths that open the heart to God's transforming power of love.

**September 15,16 2017:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the Church in the Valley, Aldergrove, British Columbia, Canada.

**October 12-16, 2017:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at Garden Grove SDA church in Garden Grove, CA. This will be a multi-speaker event focusing on the atonement. For more information contact:

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**October 27, 28, 2017:** Dr. Jennings will speaking at the Arlington SDA church in Arlington, TX. For more information contact: <http://www.arlingtonadventist.com/>