



# Sabbath Message - The Law of Liberation

## Key Verse:

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:4-8

## Discovering and Developing Gifts

Growing churches train members to discover and deploy their spiritual gifts and passions both within and outside the church

### **Main Point # 1**

We have been liberated from slavery to sin and death

Culture  
Expectations  
Traditions  
Habits  
Addictions

### **Main Point # 2**

We have been liberated by the power of the Holy Spirit to life and holiness

Good works  
Charitable living  
Loving relationships  
Fellowship with the brethren  
Worship of our Most High God

### **Main Point # 3**

Spiritual gifts are integral to the life and body of Christ, the church

- God has made and gifted all of us in this church to “play” a special part.
- Gifts are given by God’s grace, to align with the purpose for which we were created.
- We are to focus our energies around the area where God has gifted us.
- The impact on the local body, when ministries and church life grow out of gifts instead of filling slots and running programs, is dynamic!
- If someone is not gifted for a particular ministry and do not have a team to support him/her, don’t start the ministry.

## Main Point # 4

The concept of liberating people can be used to grow and mature the church

- When we begin to see the pastoral and other leadership roles as coaches/facilitators rather than star player
- When we allow people with the God-given dream, passion, gifting, and team, to initiate and champion ministries.
- When we recruit and unleash gifted people that are smarter, better, more experienced, and have more leadership abilities and potentialities than me.
- When we each help one another discover their spiritual gifts
- When we make it easy for people to get involved in ministry

When we operate in the area of our gifting and passion, we will go far beyond anything one could ask of them.

God beckons us to come close.  
Freed from *slavery* to sin, freed to take on His yoke  
Released from our traditions, habits and addictions  
Invited to follow him as *friends* to Golgotha  
Yet closer still does God call us,  
Beyond all expectations to be adopted as *sons*  
To draw nearer still to Him, shedding our stained old cultural rags  
Adorning ourselves with His white garments  
To take our place at His table,  
As His *bride* In the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

The vision for this church in faithfully fulfilling the Great Commission is to bring people to Christ, multiply healthy churches and establish a Canadian Conference of SDB Churches.

## Reflect

*“Do not free a camel of the burden of his hump; you may be freeing him from being a camel.”*

*G.K. Chesterton<sup>1</sup>*

## Remember

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<sup>1</sup> G.K. Chesterton, *The Dover Reader* (Mineola, Dover Publications, 2014), 280.

*“In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.”*

*- Augustine of Hippo*

Spiritual gifts are a significant part of the life of the body of Christ and it should be our deepest desire to teach and deploy those in the church into ministry according to their gifts.

## React

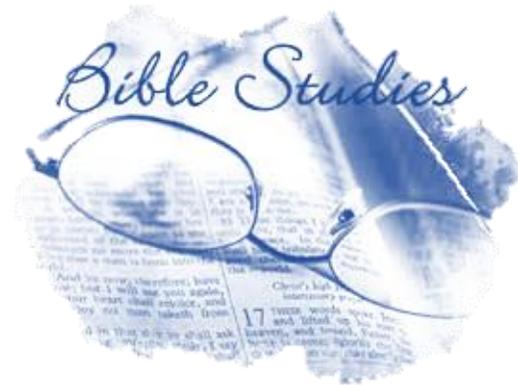
Are you operating in your area of giftedness?

Take the [spiritual giftedness inventory](#) and share/discuss with one of your brethren how your unique giftedness may be used to grow the church and glorify God.<sup>2</sup>

*It is never enough to be hearers of the word only, we must be doers of the word – we must obey the word of God and put into practice the principles of scripture.*

In this series “High Impact Church” based on Chip Ingram’s study guide We will discover 12 laws that are the keys to growing a church designed for maximum Kingdom Impact.

It is my prayer that these principles will form the biblical foundation for a new vision in our church and establish faith based expectancy as we commit to fulfill the Great Commission.



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<sup>2</sup> Spiritual Gifts Survey, Lifeway Christian Resources, 2003. [http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcF\\_MYCS\\_030526\\_Spiritual\\_Gifts\\_Survey.pdf](http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcF_MYCS_030526_Spiritual_Gifts_Survey.pdf)

