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I. To declare things that would be helpful

1 Corinthians 12:1 (NKJV) Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

1 Thessalonians 4:13 (NKJV) But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

A. The believer's authority

Luke 10:19 (NKJV) "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

B. The believer's equipment

1. The armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-18 (NKJV) Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all

perseverance and supplication for all the saints;

2. The gifts of the Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 (NKJV) for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

C. The believer's responsibility

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NKJV) Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

C. The believer's hope

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (NKJV) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

II. To declare the whole will of God

Ephesians 1:11, 9, 5, 7 (NKJV) In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined ***according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will***, 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, ***according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself***, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, ***according to the good pleasure of His will***, 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, ***according to the riches of His grace***

A. His purpose

2 Timothy 1:9 (NKJV) who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but ***according to His own purpose and grace*** which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

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B. His good pleasure

Luke 12:32 (NKJV) "Do not fear, little flock, for ***it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.***

C. The riches of His grace

Ephesians 2:7 (NKJV) ***that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace*** in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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