

Signs and Wonders #8

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Elements of Our Spiritual DNA

- **The Kingdom** - Seek it First
- **Relationship with the Father** - The Cure for mankind
- **Grace** - Unmerited Favor
 - CS Lewis: What's difference between Christianity and all the other religions? - *"Oh, that's easy, grace!"*
- **Family & Relationships** - Relationship x 3
- We don't just say that for fun: Life is all about it!
- **Equipping the Saints**
 - Exponential growth happens as the Body functions correctly!
- **Signs and Wonders** - Signs shall follow....
- **The Poor** - Incredible potential in the poor in every community

Last Week:

- The weapons of our warfare - Sophisticated - List
- Pulling down strongholds - Where the enemy has a toehold
- Casting down imaginations - Control our mind - Not the opposite
- Every high thing - Simplicity in Christ
- Taking every thought captive - Thoughts lead to actions

Devices of the Enemy

- **2 Corinthians 1:11** - *"....for we are not ignorant of Satan's devices"*
 - Paul said that because he had been exposed to it a lot - experience
- Lies *"....father of lies"*
 - **Jack Taylor** - *"The main thing the enemy has going for him, "God's people will believe a lie!"*
- Deception
 - **Matthew 24:23-25** - *"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand."*
- Confusion - *"God is not the author of confusion"*

- Accusation - Satan = *'accuser of the brethren'*
- Condemnation
- Temptation
- Doubt - *"Don't complicate with logic, that which can only be received and understood by faith". AT*
- Fear - *"For the Lord has not given us a spirit of fear...."*
- Anger - *"put it away from you"*
- Bitterness - *"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;*
- Relational conflict - *"If you have ought against a brother...."*
- Division
- Distraction
- Discouragement
- Offense
- Unforgiveness - *"....even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do"*
- Lust
- Envy
- Greed
- Pride - *"pride comes before the fall"*
- Oppression
- Intimidation
- Weariness
- Religion - *"a form of godliness, but denying the power"*
- Busi-ness **(often doing 'religjous' things)*
- Rebellion
- Jealousy
- Strife
- Idolatry

Acts 1:8 - *"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

"Signs and wonders are a natural phenomenon for the supernatural person" AT

Reasons Signs and Wonders are Not Common Today

- Unbelief - *"He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief."*
- Misunderstood identity - *"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus"*
- Ignorance - *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."*
- Religious orientation - *"Having a form of godliness but denying its power."*
- Lack of exercising faith - *"Without faith it's impossible to please God"*
- Unaware of spiritual authority - *"Behold, I give you authority... over all the power of the enemy."*
- Failure to submit to authority - *"Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls."*
- Insensitive to the Holy Spirit - *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says..."*
- Quenching/grieving the Holy Spirit - *"Do not quench the Spirit... do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God."*
- Personal agenda - *"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition..."*
- Low self-image - *"As many as are led by the Spirit, these are the sons of God"*
- Somebody else should do it - Classic Bible-belt mentality
- Feeling unqualified
- Spiritual laziness
- Inconvenience - Not wanting your life to be interrupted
- Agenda based - When there's an agenda, people can feel it -
- Habitual sin - *"Your iniquities have separated you from your God."*
- Not seeing with spiritual eyes. - *"Lift up your eyes...."*
- Pre-conceived ideas of how it should happen
- Word curses that have taken root - *"You'll never amount to anything"*
- Pride - Self-centered **(remember,we're all at great risk)*
- Uncomfortable surroundings - atmosphere
- Fear of being labeled **(fanatic)* - **1 Corinthians 4:10** - *"....fools for Jesus"*
- Lack of boldness - *"They spoke the word of God with boldness."*
- Negative confession - *"Death and life are in the power of the tongue."*
- Demonic interference - *"We wrestle not against flesh and blood...."*