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Introduction: 1. Movie, "What Price Glory," starring James Cagney as Capt. Flagg, a sexually immoral, heavydrinking, tough and fighting marine captain in France with his company "L" during WW I. Little story to the movie; which depends for any appeal for the most part on its corny jokes and the irresponsible behavior of the captain and his almost-but-not-quite-as-tough first sergeant. In front-line trenches one of company's wounded and dying marines suddenly sits up and challenges the captain to take some risks himself in the no-man's area, ending with the words, "What price glory now, Captain Flagg? What price Ghory?" Stung by the man's inference that he sends his men but doesn't take risks himself. the captain takes the risk of movin against the enemy, even as his men have been doing. 2. Above movie a poor story, but does illustrate that in mili#

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rate people act differently and have different abilities (Illustrate further from memory of pictur if time parmits), each paying some price for such glory as he may achieve.

3. The message of our Scripture is similar to this truth from the picture. Scrip, teaches that individual christians differ from each other in their abilities to express and practice their faith, but that the Holy Spirit speaks through all the varying gifts and abilities.

4. We want here to consider some of the warieties of spiritual ability, the price and achievements of some of them. In so doing we may find help and guidnace in expressing the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. "What Price Glory for a Christian?" might well be our theme.

Scrip. will guide our thinking. Its list of gifts or abilitie

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1 Corinthians 12:1-11.....4 can be placed, for convenience in 4 classifications. I. Abilities of speech. 1. Ecstatic language. a. V. 2 & 3. b. Paraphrase: "Your pagan experience tells you how at one time you used to be swept away by frenzied impulses under the control of idols, that only spoke by those whom they possessed. Even so, the man who breaks out into exstatic language in your assemblies will reveal the quality of his inspiration. If he curses Jesus, you know the source If he acclaims jesus as the Lord. it is indeed a power of the Holy Spirit which possesses him." (Abingdon Bible Commentary, p. 1187.) c. Tongues. v. 10b d. Today, tongues sometimes used. (1) Illustration: Huntington, Ark., Assembly of God meeting, girl speaking & anothe

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interpreting.

(2) Sometimes no interpreters, & then what? Similar speaking among American Indians & ancient Egyptians, but no Christian interpretation. Interpreter definitely needed for this to be evidence of God.

e. Often accompanied by "rolling," "dancing," etc., as Mrs. J. B. at Huntington, which can incapacitate body for days after,

& does no visible good.

f. Enthusiasm, losing self in the Spirit, ris fine, but test is its effect in producing faith and the works of faith. Lack of follow-through in living would indicate absence of true Holy Spirit.

2. Utterance of wisdom, or speak ing from one's insight into the meaning of things, as to what is true. Some can quickly discern truth from given facts, and some

can't.

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3. Utterance of knowledge, or telling of things or facts with which one is familiar personally through study or experience.

4. Prophecy. Though thought often to be ability to foretell future, this is not major meaning of the word. Means speech which is divinely inspired, which is of God. As inspired by God it does often give strong clueds as to future, especially if certain courses of action are followed. In this sense prophets exist today, even as of old.

a. Dr. Alvarez

b. Leslie Weatherhead

c. Bishop Oxnam

(In their respective fields). II. The ability of faith.

1. Christian faith is belief in God.

a. As answer to question of beginning of things.

b. As source of comfort & help

c. As source of hereafter.

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I Corinthians 12:1-11...../ 2. Christian faith is confidence in God. a. 23rd Psalm the class expres sion of faith in God. b. In Christ's life his "not my will but thing be done," and "Thy will be done," (in L. Prayer) illustrate confidence. 3. Christian faith is fidelity to God. a. Present stories of "rats." or traitors among American prisoners of the Communists make us angry. Christian will try to understand terriffic pressure that caused weak to yield, but try to strengthen self so to be prepared to resist such pressure if faced with it. Fidelity to God is sometimes dangerous today. b. Professed Christians among Army find their fidelity to Him tested by pressures to drink, gamble, curse, steal to replace lost or missing property. Strong faith demands fidelity to Him in spite of these pressures.

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c. Not all have ability of strong faith, but each should do best according to his ability. III. Abilities to heal and work miracles.

1. Healing.

a. Jesus' healing. b. Peter & John, healing.

c. Leslie' Weatherhead's

"P"Psychology, Religion, & Healing"
(1) Healing missions & faith

healing.

(2) Psychiatric healing

(3) Medical healing, which depends on nature (or God).

d. Not all can heal, but frequently healing is a specifically Christian ability, Christ giving meaning to this ability.

2. Miracles.

a. Jesus. Performed but didn't make center of His ministry.

b. Presently, in fiction or hearsay for most of us, for we don t perform or experience them. This causes many to doubt them. At least some unusual abilities, Protestant Catholic : Jewish (Check Which) If Protestant—What Denomination? State below your interest or experience in: CHURCH ACTIVITIES: Bible study : Bible Teaching MUSIC: Choir? ; Lead Singing? ; Solo Work?\_ What Instrument do you play? Name and Home Address of Parents or Next of Kin:

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as manufacturers, artists, scientists, discoverers, mechanics, ec. Can't honestly deny miracles or affirm them.

3. Relative few have ability of healing or miracles, but without doubt many who do find these powers come directly from God.

IV. Ability to distinguish between

good and evil spirits.

l. People in Jesus' day believed spirits were actually intelligent forces of good or evil that operated among natural things. Jesus worked within this framework of belief.

a. Jesus casting demon, or spirit of evil, from man into swine, who ran over cliff.

b. For today this idea is refuted as much as accepted, or more often refuted. Since most must be uncertain, at least, on this, the important interpretation is some can distinguish between good and evil attitudes.

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c. Not always possible to live entirely in the right attitude or spirit, nor always to kno good from evil. Only to some this gift.

Conclusion:

1. The Holy Spirit expresses Himself in various separate ways

among people.

2. These ways are through abilities of speech, ability of strong & constant faith, ability to heal and work miracles, and ability to distinguish between good and evil spirits or attitudes.

- 3. Let yourself be used for Him. Work at developing special abilities for Him. Work is the price of the glory that abilities rightly used for Him can bring. Don't worry if can't do as others, but do best with what you have and where you are.
- 4. "..there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit."

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