

Morning Rundown: 'No Longer in Ministry': Carl Lentz Bares His Soul in Public Letter

Here's a quick rundown of the top stories on :

'No Longer in Ministry': Carl Lentz Bares His Soul in Public Letter

From going through one of the most publicly covered and intensely scrutinized downfalls a preacher can endure, Carl Lentz is now sharing the devil has not won in the battle for his life.

While many carry feelings of derision and distrust toward Lentz for his moral failings, the Bible gives clear instruction on how to handle a brother or sister who has repented of past sins.

In a post on Instagram, Lentz shared an update on where he was in his and his family's faith walk:

Understanding Why God Gave the Church the Gifts of the Spirit

The earliest mention in Scripture of the gifts of the Spirit is when Isaiah prophesies of the Messiah: "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. He shall delight in the fear of the Lord, and he shall not judge by what his eyes see, nor reprove by what his ears hear" (Isa. 11:2-3).

It amazes me that so many Christians reject the gifts of the Spirit and say they are not for today. Yet when people are dramatically healed, prophecies come true, people are ignited

by the Word of God as they learn about it, and specific prayers are prayed for people without previously knowing them or their circumstances, it's puzzling as to why these gifts are not approved by the church.

However, an even better question we should ask is: What are the gifts of the Spirit, and why does God give them to us in the first place? It is a big focus of my new book, *Spirit-Led Living in an Upside-Down World*, which releases May 16.

Actor Mark Wahlberg Shares Faith and Focus in Life

In a refreshingly open and honest interview with Fox News, megastar Mark Wahlberg opened up about his growing faith and changes that he has made in life recently.

The movie star shared that his life has been blessed since making God and his faith a top priority for him and his family.

"I attribute everything good and everything positive in life to my faith. ... As soon as I started putting my faith and focus on God, good things started happening for me," says Wahlberg.

 To purchase Charisma founder and bestselling author Stephen E. Strang's latest book, "Spirit-Led Living in an Upside-Down World," go to .