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## GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

The gifts of the Spirit, as listed in 1 Corinthians 12, can be classified in three groups. There are three gifts of revelation, three gifts of power, and three gifts of utterance. The gifts of the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, and discerning of spirits are grouped as gifts of revelation. Faith, miracles, and healings are the gifts of power. The gifts of utterance are prophecy, tongues, and interpretation.

**Read 1 Corinthians 12, 13, & 14**

**The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are fully described in 1 Corinthians 12**

### **I. First, the gifts are grouped according to gifts of revelation, gifts of miraculous power, and the gifts of miraculous utterance.**

#### **A. The Word of Knowledge**

This gift of the Holy Spirit is having knowledge about something that you have no ability or means of knowing based on your human intelligence.

1. **John 1:48** *Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.*
2. **John 11:14** *Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.*
3. **Matthew 16:15** *He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.*
4. **Mark 11:2** *And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him.*

#### **B. The Word of Wisdom**

1. This gift of the Holy Spirit works with the word of knowledge. It gives you the ability and understanding of how to apply the word of knowledge.
2. **Exodus 35:30-35** *And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of*

*cunning work. And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.*

### **C. The Discerning of Spirits**

This gift of the Holy Spirit equips the discerner to see evil spirits that are operating in someone's life. The Holy Spirit pulls back the curtains, exposing the evil spirits so that the person can experience a breakthrough from their bondage.

1. Understanding of motivations
2. Figuring out the why
3. **1 John 4:1** *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*
4. **Acts 8:18-23** *And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also this power; that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.*

## **II. Second, the Miraculous Gifts**

### **A. The Gift of Faith**

This gift of the Holy Spirit grows as we walk with the Lord. You are saved by faith. The gift of faith is knowing full well that you cannot accomplish something on your own, but that Lord has empowered you to move into new levels of ability to do miracles and wonders in His name.

1. **Acts 14:8-10** *And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.*
2. **Ephesians 2:8** *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

## B. The Gifts of Healings

There are actually different kinds of healings that the Spirit will do. Notice that the scripture says “gifts,” plural. These gifts equip you in various ways to access healing for yourself or be an anointed vessel that will heal others.

1. **Matthew 4:23-24** *And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.*
2. **Luke 7:21** *And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.*

## C. The Working of Miracles

This gift of the Holy Spirit is depicted throughout the Bible; from Moses parting the Red Sea to Jesus feeding 5000 people. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is still in the business of working miracles. Similar to the word of knowledge, this spiritual gift is manifested not by human efforts, but by the Holy Spirit. The work is unexplainable by nature. It edifies and delivers others.

1. **Hebrews 2:3-4** *How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?*
2. **Judges 6:36-40** *And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said, Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; and if the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the earth beside, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said. And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water. And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew. And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.*

### III. Third, the Gifts of Supernatural Utterance!

#### A. The Gift of Prophecy

This gift of the Holy Spirit is one that the scripture states, “to especially desire”. This gift is a direct Word from the Lord that is to be given to someone else to edify and build them up.

1. An inspired utterance of a prophet - to utter a divinely inspired message: to preach
2. The function or vocation of a prophet specifically - the inspired declaration of divine will and purpose
3. A prediction of something to come
4. The older writers (prior to the Pentecostal movement) often use it more broadly to mean preaching and teaching. In **1 Corinthians 14:3** *But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.*, -- which may suggest it includes preaching/teaching.
5. **Acts 11:28** *And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.*
6. **1 Thessalonians. 5:20** *Despise not prophesyings*
7. Summary: There is much diversity in the subject of prophesy. The OT major and minor prophets provided much in the area of foretelling. But the NT provides much in the way of forthtelling. That is, the present reality is here (the Messiah) and He fulfills all of what the Hebrew scriptures were about (**Luke 24:45** *Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.*) In 1 Corinthians 14, Paul placed heavy emphasis on building up the Body of Christ through the preaching of the gospel. This was at a time when the Hebrew scriptures served as their Living Word. Since believers today are blessed with the canon of New Testament scriptures, we must preach the whole gospel of God.

#### B. Different Kinds of Tongues

This gift of the Holy Spirit is simply a supernatural ability to speak and pray in a tongue that you do not naturally know. This can be spoken forth in prayer direct to God, or in an assembly where God anoints another Believer with the gift of interpretation, to interpret the word spoken in the native tongue of the congregation (**1 Corinthians 14:2** *For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.* **1 Corinthians 14:13-14** *Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.*)

### C. The Interpretation of Tongues

This gift of the Holy Spirit is to interpret the tongue that was spoken. **1**

**Corinthians 14:13-14** *Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.* This is necessary for the Church as there is no interpretation required in one's personal prayer life. (**1 Corinthians 14:27-28** *If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.*)

The true motivation for having the best gift which is the one that is needed the most! The Love of God.

**1 Corinthians 12:30-31** *Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.* One should be guided and motivated by the spirit of Christian love eloquently communicated in 1 Corinthians chapter 13.

1 Corinthians 14, properly read, explains the difference in public prophecy in tongues versus private prayer life.

1 Corinthians 12 show the gifts grouped and explained according to gifts of revelation, gifts of miraculous power, and the gifts of miraculous utterance.

1 Corinthians 13 describes the proper motivation for the "best gift" which is the one needed at the moment, not one over the others. 1 Corinthians 14 completely describes the difference between private and public use of tongues. All this is done by the apostle to remove the stigmas associated with the supernatural workings of the Holy Spirit both publicly and privately.