



CONCERNING SPIRITUAL GIFTS February 17, 2008

Categories of Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual Gifts

Membership Gifts

Romans 12:6-9
Ephesians 4:7
1 Peter 4:10,11

- Gifts of Christ
- Every believer has one or more membership gifts
- prophecy, ministry(service), teaching, exhortation (encouragement), giving, leadership, mercy (compassion), and many more

Ministry Gifts

Ephesians 4:11

- Gifts of Christ
- Some have been given one or ministry gifts
- Five ministry gifts (apostle, prophet, pastor, teacher, evangelist)

Gifts of the Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

- Gifts of the Spirit given to believers
- Every believer can potentially manifest all of the nine gifts of the Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:28

1 Corinthians 12:28 is an assorted list of Ministry Gifts and Membership Gifts.

Understanding the gifts of the Spirit

The working of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer is both an abiding presence and a flowing presence.

He abides in you as your Comforter, Teacher, Counselor, Guide, Intercessor, etc.
He flows out of you as your Empowerer, Coworker, Strengtheners, etc.

He abides in us as our Comforter, to comfort us and not to make us comfortable. Many people have the wrong idea that if they feel nice and comfortable – it means the Holy Spirit is there. That is a misconception.



1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The Gifts of the Spirit

> 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Revelation Gifts (Gifts that “reveal” something)	Vocal Gifts (Gifts that “say” something)	Power Gifts (Gifts that “do” something)
Word of knowledge	Tongues	Faith
Word of wisdom	Interpretation of tongues	Gifts of healings
Discerning of spirits	Prophecy	Working of miracles

In later services, we will cover each gift in greater depth. Today, we establish an overview of the gifts of the Spirit.

1. The gifts of the Spirit are given to all believers.

1 Corinthians 12:7

2. The gifts of the Spirit are a “manifestation” of the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:7

They are an expression of Him (the Spirit). An operation of the gift of the Spirit is the Holy Spirit expressing Himself. He always glorifies Jesus (John 16:14).

3. The gifts of the Spirit are given to edify people and glorify Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:7 14:12

4. We are to desire spiritual gifts while maintaining our love-walk

1 Corinthians 12:31 14:1

We are to desire the best gifts. The “best gift” is the gift that is best suited for the situation.

1 Corinthians 12:11

Our desire works in cooperation with the Holy Spirit’s will. The Holy Spirit is willing, are you?

5. Every believer can manifest all of the nine gifts of the Spirit

Believers are told to covet the best gifts and also to desire spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:31, 14:1). Obviously there are no restrictions here – implying that a believer can desire for any of the nine gifts of the Spirit listed.



"For to one is given..." (1 Corinthians 12:8) must be understood as with respect to a particular instant in time, and not in terms of ability to manifest the gifts. 1 Corinthians 12, 13 and 14 all flow together in thought. In a particular meeting when they are gathered together (1 Corinthians 14:26), different gifts are distributed by the Spirit, to different people. In a subsequent meeting the distribution may be different, that is, one who had words of knowledge in once meeting, may manifest gifts of healings in another.

6. Because spiritual things can be taught, believers can be taught and trained in the release of the gifts of the Spirit.

The more you exercise and flow in certain gifts the easier it becomes to have more of those manifestations of the Spirit.

In general about spiritual gifts:

Gifts need to be stirred up, otherwise, they diminish in their expression through neglect or fear (1 Timothy 4:14, 2 Timothy 1:6,7).

Gifts can be imparted Romans 1:11

7. We release the gifts through faith

Galatians 3:2,5,14 Romans 12:6

8. Often, several gifts can flow in conjunction with one another to accomplish a specific work that God wants done.

Therefore do not become too rigid about the classification/categorization of spiritual gifts.

Gift pack.

9. Gifts empower membership gifts and ministry gifts

Romans 12:4-6

The nine gifts of the Spirit make up the believers "Toolbox".

10. The gifts of the Spirit are no indication of spiritual maturity

1 Corinthians 1:4-7 1 Corinthians 3:1

The difference between spirituality and maturity:

Spirituality = your sensitivity to spiritual things. Even the unsaved can be "spiritual"!

Maturity = Christ-likeness

A believer could be very spiritual and yet be very immature.

The Holy Spirit is here to make us Christ-like.

However, being sensitive to the Holy Spirit will enable us to recognize and release His gifts.

11. The gifts of the Spirit can be manifested anywhere, at any time



The gifts of the Spirit in every day life
The gifts of the Spirit – in your home
The gifts of the Spirit – in your school/college/workplace
The gifts of the Spirit – in ministering to people

Our goal in this series is to get believers trained and released to flow in the gifts of the Spirit.



USEFUL RESOURCES



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