



The Gifts of the Spirit : Power Gifts April 06, 2008

1 Corinthians 12:31 14:1,12

3 Categories of the gifts of the Spirit.

Power gifts : gifts that do something.

WORKING OF MIRACLES

Definition

Supernatural intervention into the natural course of nature, events, human ability, resulting in what can only be described as a miracle.

Miraculous supply; Creative healings; Overriding nature; Supernatural happenings

The end result of the miracle is to meet the needs of people, turn the lost to the Lord and glorify God.

Biblical Examples : Old Testament

Moses

- Miracles in Egypt
- Bitter waters sweet
- Water out of a rock

Joshua

- The sun and moon stood still for a whole day

Elijah

- Multiplying flour and oil for the widow at Zarephath
- Rain after 3 yrs of drought
- Fire from heaven

Elisha

- Parting of Jordan
- Healing of waters and barren ground
- Multiplying of a jar of oil to cancel debt for a widow
- Miracle child for a barren woman
- Making an axe head float

Isaiah

- The shadow of the sun moving back 10 degrees

Biblical Examples : New Testament

Jesus

- Turning water to wine
- Multiplying loaves and fish (Matthew 14)
- Calming of the storm (Luke 8)
- Miraculous catch of fish (Luke 5)
- Coin in a mouth of a fish (Matthew 17)
- Making the maimed whole (Matthew 15)

Apostles shadow healing people (Acts 5)



Paul

- Elymas the sorcerer blind for a season (Acts 13)
- Unusual miracles (Acts 19:11)
- No harm from a snake bite on the island of Malta (Acts 28)

Operations

Through a spoken word

Along with a word of knowledge

When acting upon a specific word from God

Faith in the person ministering/releasing the working of miracles.

In some cases, faith also in the recipient of the working of miracles.

GIFTS OF HEALINGS

Double plural "gifts", "healings"

Definition

Supernatural work of God resulting in the physical or emotional healing of a sick person.

Bodily ailments are caused due to many reasons:

- Genetic
- Neglect / Abuse
- Accidents
- Organic
- Demonic

Many ways that God heals:

- Through personal faith in the Word – by confession
- Through faith received by hearing the preaching of the Word and acting on that faith
- Through the prayer of faith offered by the elders

In gifts of healings, very often the recipient may not be exercising active faith – and yet God gifts them with a healing from some sickness or ailment.

Different from learned healing through use of medicine.

Biblical Examples : Old Testament

- Healing of Abimelech's wife and servants from barrenness (Genesis 20)
- Healing of Naaman the leper (2 Kings 6)
- Healing of king Hezekiah (2 Kings 20)

Biblical Examples : New Testament

- The cleansing of a leper (Matthew 8)
- Healing deafness with dumbness (Mark 7)
- The man by the pool of Bethesda (John 5)
- Healing blindness with mud and spit (John 9)

Operations

Along with a word of knowledge



Along with the working of miracles
Through prayer
In the presence of God

Don't get too picky on whether it was a gift of healing or whether it was due to your faith or the other person's faith. Just rejoice in the fact that the person was healed and give all the glory to God.

GIFT OF FAITH

Definition

Supernatural impartation of faith into the heart of a believer to trust God for a miracle in a particular situation or a moment of time.

Different from the faith that a person has developed in God (Romans 12:3, 2 Thessalonians 1:3).
Different from presumption.

Raising the dead
Working of miracles

Operations

Often works along with the gift of the working of miracles
Speak and act with boldness

DEVELOPING IN THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

1. All must earnestly desire the gifts of the Spirit.

We desire to be a church where every believer is touching people through manifesting the gifts of the Spirit.

2. The gifts come from God. However, we can train them, we can mature them and perfect them to greater accuracy.

How do we do this:

- By prayer – THE MORE YOU PRAY THE MORE YOU HEAR FROM GOD AND THE MORE DETAIL YOU HEAR.
- Fasting – New wineskin that contains new wine does not come without fasting and prayer.
- Self restraint – the ability to restrain our emotion, opinion, debate. The ability to hold a word until it is time to release it.
- Increasing in faith – you prophesy according to your faith Romans 12:6
- Character – builds trust with people. The more trust you have among the people, the greater liberty and faith you can exercise to deliver the prophetic word
- Accurate doctrine – keeps you out of error.
- Receiving impartation will add to the strength and dimensions of the work of the Holy Spirit in your life.

3. Gifts empower ministry offices

Those with ministry functions in the body 1 Corinthians 12:28 Romans 12:4-6



The manifestations of the Spirit are released through faith, grace and gifting.
Every BELIEVER has a FUNCTION for which God gives GRACE and accompanying GIFTS.

PROPER FOUNDATION FOR MANIFESTING THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

1. Stir up the gifts of God in you. 1 Timothy 4:14 2 Timothy 1:6,7
Gifts lie dormant because of slothfulness, fear/doubt, neglect, etc.
2. Do not live by the gifts. Always live out of your personal walk with God and based on the written word of God
 - Don't become a prophecy "junkie".
 - Don't make decisions based on prophecies alone. Understand divine order: First is the written Word, second in the leading of the Holy Spirit, third is the wisdom that comes from God, to this you add prophecies, etc.
3. Don't become presumptuous in your desire to manifest the gifts
 - If God is speaking, prophesy. Otherwise exercise self-restraint and keep quiet.
 - If God is leading you to do something, do it. Otherwise, temper your zeal and allow wisdom to rule.
4. The gifts of the Spirit are no indication of spiritual maturity
1 Corinthians 1:4-7 1 Corinthians 3:1
5. Don't base your identity in your gift.
 - If you must have spiritual manifestations to feel that God loves you, that God is near you, etc., then you are basing your identity on your gift. This is wrong. You are who God says you are in His written Word.
 - If you must have other people hear about your gift – then you are basing your identity on your gift. This is a sign of insecurity.
6. Understand the difference between "value" and "function".
Your "value" in God is not based on your gifting. Your gift only defines your "function" not your "value".
7. Guard your motives:
 - Are you promoting your gift or letting people first see your gift and then make room for it? Proverbs 18:16
 - A true pure word can be given with an impure motive – but the Holy Spirit will not bear witness to it. And if the Holy Spirit does not bear witness, then it will not bless people, it will not give life. The Holy Spirit knows your motives.
8. Follow Biblical guidelines

1 Corinthians 14:1,39,40

Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

Let all things be done decently and in order.



USEFUL RESOURCES



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