

Gifts of the Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:1-14

1. God doesn't want us ignorant
 2. Not everyone is going to have all of these gifts
 3. The Spirit divides to each according to His will
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1. Paul did not want the church at Corinth to be ignorant concerning spiritual gifts. I Cor. 12:1— 14
 2. Letter written not to an individual, but to the whole church. Paul infers that not every man is going to have all these gifts, (1 Cor. 12:8) but the church should covet them and as they did, the Lord by His Spirit would divide to every man differently as He determines.

Different kinds of gifts

* Different kinds — simply means 'different'

1 Cor. 12:4— 7

Two lines of thought:

1. These gifts are administered to different ones in different ways. Different kinds of operations means that they operate in different ways and not just always the same way in different individuals.
2. There are different kinds of gifts, and there are different gifts; there are differences of administrations (service), and there are different kinds of operations (working).

Three different things, not just gifts; but gifts, administrations, and operations

Manifestations:

1 Cor. 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

* It isn't just given to the individual, but it is given to profit the whole church.

Gifts of the Spirit proclaim Jesus as Lord!

1. Be careful of those who manifest the "gifts" of the spirit, but do not manifest the "fruits" of the spirit.
2. You don't own the "gifts!"

Different kinds of Gifts

- Simply means "Different"
- There are Different gifts but the Same Spirit
- **1 Cor. 12:7** Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.
- The gifts of the Spirit are given to profit the whole church.

Nine manifestations and three categories of gifts:

- Three of them "say" something
- Three of them "do" something
- Three of them "reveal" something

3 gifts that "say" something (gifts of speech):

- Prophecy
- Different kinds of tongues
- Interpretation of tongues

3 gifts that "do" something (gifts of the power):

- Gift of faith
- Working of Miracles
- Gifts of Healings (both plural)

3 gifts that “reveal” something (gifts of revelation):

- Word of wisdom
- Word of Knowledge
- Discerning of spirits

1 Cor. 12:31 “But eagerly desire the greater gifts.”

1. Word of Knowledge

- The **supernatural** revelation by the Holy Spirit of certain facts in the mind of God
- It is supernatural
- Gift manifested through Visions
 - * Acts 9:10— 12, 10:9— 20
- Through inward revelation
 - * Peter — “Thou art the Christ”
 - * Eli — Samuel — 1 Sam. 3:4— 10
- Used to
 1. Encourage the church
 2. Expose hypocrisy - Acts 5:3

2. Word of Wisdom

- The **supernatural** revelation by the Spirit of God concerning the Divine purpose in the mind and will of God.
- Can come in different forms
 - * Acts 11:28— 30
 - * Acts 21:10— 11

- Can be conditional
 - * 2 Kings 20:1
- Used to set apart those for special ministry
 - * Acts 9:15
- Used to assure of God 's protection - Acts 27:10

3. Discerning of Spirits

- Gives insight into the spirit world
- Discerning God - Is. 6:1
- Discerning Christ — Heb. 7:25
- Discerning the Holy Spirit
- Reveals source of supernatural manifestations — Acts 16:16— 18
- Discerning of spirits not 'discernment '
 - * Not mind-reading

4. Gift of Faith

- Special faith which God gives on certain occasions. A supernatural gift of the Spirit whereby that which is spoken or desired by man or spoken by God will eventually come to pass.
- Faith for supernatural sustenance — 1 Kings 17:2-6
- Faith for raising the dead
- Faith for casting out evil spirits
- Faith for ministering the Spirit - Gal. 3:5

5. Working of Miracles

- A supernatural intervention in the ordinary course of nature, a temporary suspension of the natural order through the Spirit of God.
- In the Old Testament
 - * Exod. 7-14 - miracles in Egypt

- * 1 Kings 17:12— 16 — meal and oil
- * 2 Kings 4:1-7 - widows pot of oil
- In New Testament
 - * Acts 5:1-5 - Ananias and Sapphira
 - * John 6:5-14 — Jesus fed the five (5) thousand
- Used to confirm the preaching of the Word
 - * Acts 13:4— 12
 - * To display God 's power and magnificence — ‘explosions of almightiness ’

6. Gifts of Healings

- Purpose: to deliver the sick and to destroy the works of the Devil in the human body.
- Matt. 10:8 - disciples authority to heal the sick
- Acts 10:38 - Jesus ministry of healing
- Lk. 4:18 — Is. 61

7. Gift of Prophecy

- Supernatural expression in a known tongue
- “to speak for another”— to speak for God or to be His spokesman
- “to flow forth”— to bubble forth like a fountain, to spring forth ’
- Gift for all - 1 Cor. 14:1-5
- Distinction between prophecy and prophets ministry
 - * 1 Cor. 14:3 - are all prophets?
 - * Illustration of gift — Acts 21:8— 11
- Wrong use of gift creates confusion
 - * Given to edify the church - 1 Cor. 14:3-4
 - * Forth telling not foretelling
 - * 1 Thes. 5:19— 21

8. Gift of Tongues

- Supernatural expressions by the Holy Spirit in languages never learned by the speaker, not understood by the mind of the speaker, nor necessarily always understood by the hearer.
- Tongues, a supernatural sign - Mk. 16:17
- A devotional gift - 1 Cor. 14:18,19
- Public ministry
 - * Not intended for everybody - 1 Cor. 12:30
 - * Two (2) or three (3) at most — 1 Cor. 14:27-28

9. Interpretation of Tongues

- Supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit the meaning of an utterance in tongues.
- Does not operate unless tongues have
 - * To make the hearers know what has been said — 1 Cor. 14:5
- Interpretation not translation
- In private prayer life - 1 Cor. 14:13-15
- In public ministry
 - * Not all at once — 1 Cor. 14:27,40
 - * Keep silent if no interpreter - 1 Cor. 14:28
 - * Decently and in order - Eph. 4:30
 - * To edify the Body - 1 Cor. 14:26