

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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Heb 2:4

4 God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

Paul lists in 1 Cor. 12, nine gifts or manifestations of the Spirit. These are the supernatural tools or equipment for Christian Service. Any Spirit-filled Christian can manifest any of these gifts as the Spirit directs.

1 Cor. 12 describes the supernatural weapons, the supernatural equipment that belongs to every Spirit-filled believer.

1 Cor 12:1-2

Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.

1 Cor 12:4-7

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

Notice that these Divine supernatural gifts of the Spirit are given to every believer, not just the Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher- but they are for every Christian today.

These supernatural gifts are not just for a few select, elite ministers. They are for every believer, and that includes you.

“Manifestation” means a showing forth

God wants to show forth His gifts, His presence, through us to everybody can profit.

The Holy Spirit is the giver of the gifts.

1 Cor 12:8-11

8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of

tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

Three groups/categories of spiritual gifts

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| Group 1 | Revelation Gifts- Eyes of God |
| A word of Wisdom | |
| A Word of Knowledge | they supernaturally reveal |
| Discerning of Spirits | something |
| Group 2 | Power Gifts- Hands of God |
| The gift of Special Faith | |
| The gift of Healings | they supernaturally do |
| The Workings of Miracles | something |
| Group 3 | Vocal/Inspirational Gifts- Mouth of God |
| The gift of Prophecy | |
| The gift of Tongues | they supernaturally say |
| The Interpretation of Tongues | something |

3 that see
3 that do
3 that speak

The Revelation gifts are the vehicles God uses to supernaturally reveal to His church, and His people, certain things they could not know about in the natural.

The Power Gifts are the vehicles God uses to channel His supernatural power through His church to destroy the works of the devil.

The Vocal gifts are the vehicles God uses to supernaturally build up, strengthen, and encourage His church.

A Word of Wisdom reveals a fraction of the mind of God concerning people, places, or things pertaining to the future and wisdom for the future. Through this supernatural gift, God lets us know how He wants us to deal with a specific situation as it arises in the future.

It has nothing to do with being wise or the soulish power of man.

It is not natural wisdom- it has nothing to do with human academic ability.

A Word of Knowledge is a revelation by the Holy Spirit giving a piece of God's knowledge or information concerning people and situations in the present or in the past.

It is knowledge that surpasses the senses of man.

It is not normal knowledge that comes through study, reading, observation, or experience.

It is not intellectual ability or education.

This supernatural gift always relates to situations in the present or past, but never the future.

Discerning of Spirits is the supernatural ability to see into the spirit world- by this insight the believer can see angels, demons, and discern the condition of the human spirit- good or bad. To discern means to "distinguish, to perceive, or to differentiate"

The gift of discerning of spirits is the God-given ability or enablement to recognize the identity (and very often the personality and condition) of the spirits which are behind different manifestations or activities.

It is not the gift of suspicion or speculation.

It is not fault-finding or judging people.

It is not the discerning of character.

The gift of special faith is a supernatural manifestation by the Holy Spirit supplying unlimited faith in a specific situation to achieve supernatural results.

When this "special" wonder working faith is manifested in your life, God supernaturally empties you of all doubt and unbelief.

It is not natural human faith.

It is not the measure of faith of general faith that all believers possess. Rom. 12:3

It is not the faith obtained by hearings God's word. Rom. 10:17

It is not saving faith. Eph. 2:8-9

Every Christian has faith, but every Christian does not have the gift of faith. 2

Cor.4:13

The gifts of healing is the supernatural impartation of God's divine healing power through you to cure disease and heal the sick and afflicted instantly- in particular, being anointed to minister healing for specific kinds of sickness.

It is not receiving your healing through faith in God's Word.

It is not receiving your healing through the communion elements.

It is not receiving your healing through doctors or medicine.

It is not faith healers or divine healers-God is the only divine healer.

The workings of miracles is a special, momentary gift of authority which enables us, by the anointing of God, to intervene in the ordinary course of nature to do something you could not be done naturally.

Examples: feeding the 5,000, Dividing the Red Sea, Miracle of the floating axe head (here, the law of gravity was suspended as iron was made to float on water).
Miracle of the multiplying of the widow's oil.

The Greek word for "miracle" means: an explosion of mighty power. A release of divine energy. The performance of something which is contrary to the laws of nature.

The gift of prophecy is a supernatural utterance in a known tongue spoken under the anointing of God to edify, encourage, strengthen, and comfort.

Prophecy must always be in agreement with God's word.

The gift of tongues is a supernatural utterance given by the Spirit-filled Christian proclaiming in a public meeting a message from God in a language unknown and not understood by the person giving it. It is always used in conjunction with the gift of interpretation of tongues.

It has nothing to do with the mind or intellect of man.

The gift of interpretation of tongues is the supernatural unfolding by the Holy Spirit through the believer the meaning of a message in tongues delivered in a public assembly so that the church can be encouraged and built up.

It is not the translation of tongues, so the tongues may be shorter or longer than the interpretation. A translation is usually word for word, whereas interpretation of tongues is the sense and meaning of the message of tongues delivered to a congregation. The gift of tongues plus the interpretation of tongues are together equal to the gift of prophecy.

1 Cor 14:26

What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, and has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

Activating the gifts- 5 keys

Given by God's sovereign choice

Imparted by Laying on of hands

Received by Asking of faith

Operated by Boldly moving in faith

Exercised through practice and constant use

1 Cor 14:1

14:1 Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

The Bible teaches:

That we are not to be ignorant of spiritual gifts. 1 Cor. 12:1

That every believer is to have at least one manifestation of the Spirit operating in their life. 1 Cor. 12:7

We are to ask God for, and strongly desire to have spiritual gifts. Mt. 7:11 1 Cor. 14:1

The Holy Spirit is the source of gifts, and He selects, decides, and distributes which gifts are given to each believer. Heb. 2:4 1 Cor. 12:11

The Holy Spirit can expose sin and hypocrisy through the gifts if He wills.

However the Holy Spirit does not give out His gifts to embarrass anybody, the gifts are always employed to encourage, help, heal, and build up people.

That we are not to neglect the gifts in our lives, but we are to stir up the gifts of God. 1 Tim 4:14 2 Tim 1:6

That the motive for moving in the gifts is love. 1 Cor 13:1-8

That the gifts of the spirit are freely given in an instant by the Holy Spirit, we don't deserve them, earn them, or do good works for them, they come on the basis of grace alone. 1 Cor 12:7 and 1 Cor 12:11

The gifts are for the whole body of Christ to function supernaturally to speak, see, and act as God's voice. God's eyes and God's hand on the earth. 1 Cor. 12:7-11

The gifts are to strengthen in us by our willing to take risks and fail.

A believer does not "possess" the gifts; the believer receives gifts from God to be used to meet a specific need, at a specific time, on a specific occasion. The gifts are gifts and they operate on the basis of God's grace, you don't earn them or deserve them. You don't get good enough to get them.

They are cultivated.

All these 9 gifts of the Holy Spirit are supernatural and every Christian should have the manifestation of these gifts in their lives, otherwise you are living outside of the revealed will of God for you life and beneath your privileges in Christ.

Every spirit-filled Christian is entitled to receive, operate in, and experience the manifestation of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The gifts of the spirit are not earned, you don't deserve them, and they are given by Holy Spirit, paid for by the shed blood of Jesus.

Understand the difference between the fruit and the gifts of the spirit. The fruit of the Spirit takes time; it is a growing, progressive process and has to be cultivated. Don't confuse the fruit of the Spirit with the gifts of the Spirit.

The fruit of the spirit is the reproduction of Christ-like character in the believer by the Holy Spirit working in his life over a period of time.

The gifts of the spirit have nothing to do with building character and do not prove you have Christ-like character.

1 Cor 12:7

7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
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1 Cor 12:10-11

11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

It is God's will for ever Christian to receive and operate in spiritual gifts.

1 John 5:13-16

14 And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

Mark 11:24

24 "Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they shall be granted you.

We receive spiritual gifts by praying for them and believing we receive the moment we pray.

Pray for boldness, and expect God to use you in the gifts

Make yourself available to God as a vessel for Him to use.

We must walk and minister in the love of God

Ask for it.

Step out in faith in it.

Some of you in your calling may have a primary calling in one these 9 gifts more than the rest.

How you know- time and stepping out will help you know.

The Lord will birth something in you and you will desire it more than the rest.

He puts His hunger and desire in you for what your called to do.