

LESSON 11

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Memorize:

“As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

(1 Peter 4:10)

INTRODUCTION

Paul writes in **1 Corinthians 12:1**: “Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.” The gifts of the Spirit are God-given gifts (Greek: *charisma*) of special anointing endowed to the Spirit-filled believers. These gifts cannot be earned or achieved through our own efforts.

In **1 Corinthians 12:27**, Paul reveals the Church as the Body of Christ. He goes on to explain that the members of the “Body” of believers will exercise different gifts, even as the members of the human body have different functions and purposes. He points out that we, as members of the Body of Christ, are given different gifts designed to work together in harmony, just as the members of our physical body are designed to do.

Besides the nine supernatural gifts listed in **1 Corinthians 12**, there are other gifts mentioned in the scriptures such as: Apostles, Prophets, Teachers, Helps, Administration (**1 Cor. 12:28**); Exhortation, Giving, Leadership, Mercy (**Romans 12:6-8**); Evangelists (**Ephesians 4:8, 11-13**); and Hospitality (**1 Peter 4:9-10**).

1. There are diversities of **gifts**, differences of _____
(**diakonia*), and diversities of _____ (***energema*).
(**1 Corinthians 12:4-6**)

**diakonia*: to minister, to serve

***energema*: energy, in working, an effect. It is God’s supernatural power working the manifestation of those gifts.

2. Does every child of God receive a gift? (**Ephesians 4:7; 1 Corinthians 7:7**)

3. We should "... _____ the best gifts..." (1 **Corinthians 12:31**)

"Follow after charity (love), and _____ spiritual gifts..." (1 **Corinthians 14:1**).

4. **Ephesians 4:8** tells us that God gave gifts unto men. This includes the five-fold ministry as listed in **verse 11** (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers). List the three purposes these gifts are given to the church: (Read verses **12-13**)

- 1) _____
2) _____
3) _____

9 SUPERNATURAL [MANIFESTATION] GIFTS DEFINED (1 Cor. 12:7-10)

1. **Word of Knowledge** is when God reveals to you some unknown information or facts that you had no human way of knowing. Read **Acts 5:1-11**.

What information was supernaturally revealed to Peter about Sapphira and Ananias? _____

2. **Word of Wisdom** is the imparting of divine intelligence and understanding through us to bring about a solution (action) to known circumstance(s). Read **1 Kings 3:16-28**.

Had the Lord given Solomon the *Word of Knowledge* as the solution to the dilemma, he would have been told which woman was the real mother by name. However, God gave him wisdom to bring about the same results. How was the real mother revealed? (**vs. 26**) _____

3. **Discerning of Spirits** is the supernatural ability to discern or recognize the presence of an evil or good spirit and to identify it as well. Read **Acts 16:16-18**.

Was what the woman was saying true or false? _____

She was correctly identifying Paul and Silas. It was not **what** she was saying that became a nuisance but **how** she was saying it. Sometimes Satan speaks the truth but with evil motives!

4. **Gift of Faith** is confidence and knowledge in the heart about something that God will bring to pass. Read **Acts 3:1-9,16**.

Peter and John were on their way to the temple when they saw a lame man at the gate called Beautiful. When Peter fastened his eyes upon him, he received

the gift of faith to believe that God would heal him. What did Peter say was the reason this man was healed? (vs. 16) _____

5. **Working of Miracles** is the supernatural intervention that bypasses all the natural and physical laws we live by.

Read the scriptures and list the miracles that took place by the hands of the apostles:

- 1) _____ (**Acts 3:1-9**)
2) _____ (**Acts 9:36-40**)
3) _____ (**Act 19:11-12**)

6. **Gifts of Healing** is the supernatural healing of the body or mind not by diagnosis or by prescribing treatments, but by laying on of hands, anointing with oil or sometimes just speaking the Word. Read **Acts 28:8**.

What did Paul do to the father of Publius? _____

What was the result? _____

7. **Gift of Prophecy** is the supernatural utterance in the known language of the speaker and hearers. Read **1 Corinthians 14:3-4**.

What are the three purposes listed for the *gift of prophecy*?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Should prophecies be judged? (**1 Corinthians 14:29**) _____

8. **Gift of Tongues** is the supernatural utterance given by the Holy Spirit in languages never learned nor understood by the mind of the speaker nor always understood by the hearers. Read **1 Corinthians 14:27-28**.

If we know there is no interpreter, what are we to do? _____

9. **Gift of Interpretation of Tongues** is the interpretation of the **Gift of Tongues**.

When you speak or pray in tongues, do you understand what you are saying? (**1 Corinthians 14:13-14**) _____

When you bring in a message of prophecy or tongues, does it overtake you so that you have no control? (**1 Corinthians 14:32**) _____

12 ADMINISTRATIVE [SERVICE] GIFTS DEFINED

1. *Prophet* – The divine enablement to proclaim God’s truth with power and clarity in a timely and culturally sensitive fashion for correction, repentance or edification. **(1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11)**
2. *Teacher* – Ability to understand, clearly explain and apply the Word of God to the lives of the listeners. **(1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11)**
3. *Evangelist* – The divine enablement to so effectively communicate the message of Christ to unbelievers that they respond in faith and discipleship. **(Ephesians 4:11)**
4. *Apostle/Missionary* – Comes from the Greek *apostolos* which means “one sent.” It is the divine enablement to start churches and oversee their development. **(1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11)**
5. *Shepherd/Pastor* – The divine enablement to lead, care for, and nurture individuals or groups in the Body of Christ as they grow in their faith. **(Ephesians 4:11)**
6. *Encouragement/Exhortation* – Ability to reassure, strengthen and affirm those who are discouraged or wavering in their faith in such a way that they feel helped and healed. **(Romans 12:8)**
7. *Hospitality* – The divine enablement to care for new or needy people by providing fellowship, food and shelter. **(1 Peter 4:9)**
8. *Leadership* – The divine enablement to attract, lead, and motivate people to accomplish the work of ministry. **(Romans 12:8)**
9. *Mercy* – The divine enablement to minister cheerfully and appropriately to people who are suffering. To feel sympathy with the misery of another. **(Romans 12:8)**
10. *Administration/Governments* – The special ability to plan, execute and achieve procedures that increase the church’s organizational effectiveness. **(1 Corinthians 12:28)**
11. *Giving* – More than the pocketbook, but giving of oneself. Ability to contribute money and material resources to the work of the Lord with CHEERFULNESS and LIBERALITY. The motivation behind the giving is to advance the work of the Lord. **(Romans 12:8)**
12. *Helps* – The divine enablement to attach spiritual value to the accomplishment of physical tasks within the Body of Christ. **(1 Corinthians 12:28)**

MORE ON GIFTS

1. The supernatural speaking in tongues was not given for the purpose of speaking to other men of different languages to further the gospel. But it was for the purpose of speaking to _____ and not to _____. (**1 Corinthians 14:2**)

Are they usually understood? _____

2. Did Paul desire everyone to be able to speak in tongues? (**1 Corinthians 14:5**) _____

Did Paul speak in tongues often? (**1 Corinthians 14:18**) _____

Did Paul ever forbid speaking in tongues? (**1 Corinthians 14:39**) _____

3. Is praying in an unknown tongue synonymous with praying in the spirit? (**1 Corinthians 14:14**) _____

4. Since prophecies, tongues, knowledge have not ceased, we know that “*that which is* _____ (complete)” has not come? (**1 Corinthians 13:8-10**)

We are expecting a completion of God’s kingdom when He comes.

5. You can have faith to exercise all the gifts, work miracles, heal the sick and even raise the dead; but without one very essential ingredient, it would profit you nothing. What is that ingredient? (**1 Corinthians 13:1-3**) _____

6. According to **1 Corinthians 14:26**, all things are done for the purpose of _____ (building one another up).

SUMMARY

The primary purpose of spiritual gifts is for the building up or edifying of believers by other believers. Each member is responsible for using spiritual gifts to help others in the body. Every believer is to be active in this area.

NOTES: QUESTIONS/COMMENTS