

# The gifts of the Spirit

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1 Cor 12:7-11

SPIRITUAL GIFTS     ta\ pneumatika/xarismata < GREEK>),    **The gifts of the Spirit are Charismata and come from the word grace Charis and are literally gifts of grace or gracious gifts**

**and which were manifested in acts and utterances of a supernatural kind.    The source of these spiritual gifts was God's grace;(from McClintock and Strong Encyclopedia,)**

**to denote extraordinary gifts of the Spirit bestowed upon Christians to equip them for the service of the church. (from International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia)**

## 2) What does the scripture say about them in general?

① **Rom 1:11-12** I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift **to make you strong**— that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. (NIV)

② **1 Cor 12:1-2** Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be **ignorant.** (NIV)

③ **1 Cor 12:31** But **earnestly desire** the greater gifts. (the greater are the ones most needed) literally "**but keep zealously seeking the gracious gifts, the greater** (NASU)

④ **1 Cor 14:1-2** Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy. (NIV)

⑤ **1 Cor 14:12** So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church. (NASU - edification is the purpose of this)

⑥ **1 Cor 14:39** Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues. (NASU - don't forbid the gifts)

⑦ **1 Tim 4:14-15** Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery. Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. (NASU)

(Paul commanded Timothy not to neglect the gift. This scripture shows that it is possible to progress in the gifts. More is also discussed in this passage)

⑧ **2 Tim 1:6** For this reason I remind you to **fan into flame the gift of God**, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. (NIV)

⑨ **Heb 2:3-4** how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? **This salvation**, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. **God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed** according to his will. (NIV)

⑩ **Eph 4:8** This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men." NIV (**Describe the word picture**)(None of the gifts came until Jesus ascended)

## **NOTE: Gifts categories**

### 1. Revelation.

Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Discernment of Spirits

### 2. Power Faith, Healing, Miracles

### 3. Utterance Tongues, interpretation of Tongues, Prophecy

## **3) Details of each gift**

### **① Word of Wisdom**

**Definition:** An instantaneous revelation from God to man giving a solution to a problem. It is applied knowledge. It is not a person's own natural or accumulated wisdom.

#### **Examples:**

##### **• Read Acts 6:1-6**

5 " This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip,(NIV)

*The key elements were;*

**There was a division, God gave the solution. Note that Stephen started out waiting tables and later was called to be an evangelist**

##### **• Read Acts 15:6-29**

8 God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us.

**28 It seemed good to the Holy Spirit** and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements(NIV)

##### **•Read Acts 6:8-10**

10 but they could not stand up against his wisdom or the Spirit by whom he spoke. (NIV)

- **Read Matt 10:18-20**

20 for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. (NIV)

- **Matt 22:21** Pay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's

## **② The Word of Knowledge**

**Definition:** Is a flash revelation of facts which you did not know before

**Examples:**

- **Read Acts 5:1-11**

3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? (NIV)

- **Read John 4:15-18**

18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." (NIV)

## **③ Discernment of Spirits**

**Definition:** A supernatural glimpse into the realm of spirits to reveal their nature to us

Diakrino <Greek> : to judge through, to separate through, to pierce right to the heart of a matter, It is a God given ability to see if something is of demonic origin, human origin or angelic origin and which is involved, It is a distinguishing or discerning to make a decision. it is knowledge from God.

**Examples:**

**Read 2 Kings 6:15-17**

17 And Elisha prayed, "O Lord, open his eyes so he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. (NIV)

## Why do we need the discernment of spirits?

### 1. It is used to discover a servant of the devil

#### Read Acts 13:9-12

Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit, he wasn't speaking his own words but rather these words were the judgment of God. In God's mercy he was only blinded for a time

### 2. To expose a demon and cast him out

#### Read Acts 16:16-18

16 Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future (**And it came to pass in our going on to prayer, a certain maid, having a spirit of Python YLT**). (NIV)

### 3. Expose lying spirits and to expose error

**1 Tim 4:1** But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, (NASU)

### 4. Determine if something is of God or Satan

### 5. To detect good spirits at work

We are all called to try the Spirits

There is a spirit of truth and a spirit of error

#### Read 1 John 4:1-6

but test the spirits to see whether they are from God,  
every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God

## ④ Gift of Faith

**Definition:** A supernatural undoubtable belief that allows a saint to receive a miraculous solution. It is above and beyond normal faith. It is an absolute knowledge that you know that you know. This faith is so strong that you couldn't doubt if you wanted to. With the gift of faith you can speak with great authority.

### Examples:

• **Read Dan 2:24** Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation. (KJV)

**Read 1 Kings 18:26-39** (key verse—18:27-29, 36-39)

36 At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. 37 Answer me, O Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again." 38 Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. (NIV)

### **Read Acts 3:3-10**

6 Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." 7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

## **⑤ Healings**

**Definition:** Gracious gifts of healings Charismata. More than one type of healing. healings plural.

Healing can be administered by

1. Personal prayer
2. The laying on of hands
3. A command or declaration.  
Taking authority over a disease.  
"be healed right now in the name of Jesus"
4. Believers who don't have a gift of healing.

**Mark 16:18** they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (KJV)

5. Prayer cloths

**Acts 19:11-12** 12 so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them. (NIV)

6. Anointing oil

**James 5:14-15** He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. (NIV)

### **Matt 15:22-28**

28 Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. (NIV)

**At first Jesus didn't answer. The disciples said send her away. When Jesus did answer he said that he wasn't sent to gentiles and compared her to a dog. At this point most would give up walk away and never follow Jesus again. In her answer she proved her faith and persistence and it was so good that even Jesus would not resist her. Her daughter got healed without even asking. The woman requested for her daughter.**

## **©Miracles**

**Definition:** Supernatural intervention in the ordinary course of nature. It is power to do that which is contrary to the physical laws of nature

Energia of Dunamis <Greek> : energies of power

### **Examples:**

**2 Kings 6:4-7** Elisha cut a stick and threw it there, and made the iron float. 7 "Lift it out," he said. Then the man reached out his hand and took it. (NIV)

**Isa 38:7-8**

**Ex 7:10**

**Ex 14:16**

**Ex 15:23-25** 25 Then he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree; and he threw it into the waters, and the waters became sweet.(NASU)

**A tree, a branch, or wood will not make bitters waters sweet. God did it supernaturally. This verse shows a picture of what Christ would in the future do for us in giving living waters to and through his people. It is how he took that which is bitter and changed its very nature.**

**Ex 17:5-7** 6 "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.(NASU) (Horeb or Sinai where the law was given)

**Jesus is that rock and he was struck for our inequities. He became that rock that gave life to all. Pure waters of life. He is the vine and we are the branches and we drink from Him.**

**1 Cor 10:1-5**

For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 and all ate the same spiritual food; 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ. NASU

**Mark 6:44** Jesus multiplied loaves and fish to feed 5000 people



Acts 9:40-41  
Acts 19:11-12  
Acts 20:9-11

## **Miracles, Why? Reasons for them**

**1. To confirm the word of God being preached.** (A powerless gospel won't produce the same results)

**Mark 16:19-20** : And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed. (NASU)

**In evangelism the power of God is imperative . People claim Jesus as the only way, truth and light. When people see miracles, The Word of God is backed up with signs and wonders . As a result, people respond with faith.**

**2 Tim 3:1-5    Acts 4:33-34    Heb 2:3-4**

### **2. To meet needs**

**Mark 6:41-44** 41 Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. 44 The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand. (NIV)

### **3. To protect His people**

**Acts 28:1-6** 3 Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. " 5 But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects.

### **4. To carry out His Judgment**

**Acts 5:1-11** 11 Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events. (NIV)

**How did Peter know in V3? The word of Knowledge. V5 Ananias died, a miracle of Gods judgment. Often the gifts work together.**

### **5. A sign to the unsaved to reach out to them**

**Acts 13:6-12** 11 Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind, and for a time you will be unable to see the light of the sun."Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. 12 When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord. (NIV)

**Acts 8:4-13** 6 When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said. (NIV)

### **6.To confound those who oppose The Gospel**

Acts 13:4-12

### **7. Inspire His saints**

## ⓪ The Gift of tongues

**Definition:** A supernatural imparting of words in a language unknown to the Speaker given as a message to impart to others

*There are Known and unknown languages in tongues.*

**Examples:**

**1 Cor 13:1-2** 1 If I speak in the **tongues of men and of angels**, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. (NIV)

**Acts 2:4-12**

*Difference between the Gift of Tongues(GT) and the Prayer language(PL)*

**Examples:**

**Acts 10:44-46** 46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. (PL)

**1 Cor 14:3-5** 4 One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself (PL)

**1 Cor 14:3-5** 5 greater is one who prophesies than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may receive edifying. (GT)

**1 Cor 12:30-31** 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? (GT)

**1 Cor 14:27-28** If anyone speaks in a tongue, it should be by two or at the most three, and each in turn, and one must interpret; (GT)

**Gift of Tongues**

1. Edify others
2. Used with the Gift of interpretation
3. Not everyone has this gift
4. Operated by one person at a time

**Prayer language**

1. Edify Self
2. Usually not interpreted
3. It is for everyone
4. Everyone can pray together and all are edified

## Ⓢ Interpretation of Tongues

**Definition:** The supernatural translation of the meaning of an utterance in tongues

**How do people receive the interpretation?**

- a. Some only receive a word at a time
- b. Others get a phrase at a time or a sentence at a time
- c. An entire thought at a time

A true interpretation will have a flow to it. The person won't be grouping for words.

### ***Some receive in the first person***

I the LORD will....

### ***Others in the third person***

The LORD your God shall be with you. He will Strengthen you

**Give it out exactly how God gives it to you**

**You either have the gift or you don't. It flows like a mighty river or not at all. God does it as He wills**

## **©The Gift of Prophecy**

**Definition:** Interpretation is proceeded by tongues, Prophecy is not. Prophecy is someone speaking the mind of God. Prophecy is a supernatural utterance in a known language whereby God speaks through a person with a message to the church

OT:5031 NABI <Hebrews> : to bubble up, "boil forth," hence, "to pour forth words, like those who speak with fervour of mind or under divine inspiration, ( Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament. )

Prophetia <Greek> : to speak beforehand., to foretell future events,

**The words used for prophesying, prophecy and prophet are unique and completely different from those used for preaching teaching and evangelizing.**

Keruso <Greek> is used for preaching . preaching : to proclaim, announce, herald, even lecture.

Preaching, even inspired preaching, is not prophecy.

Didasko <Greek> is used for teaching, which means to give instruction.

All Prophets prophesy but not all who prophesy are Prophets. All used car salesmen breathe air but not everyone who breathes air is a used car salesman.

**Examples: Acts 19:6-7 Acts 21:9**

### ***Prophets and the Gift of prophecy***

A prophet of God has a much broader ministry than one with the gift of prophecy. A prophet is entrusted with major revelations from God of the future and has great insight to what God will do in the future. There are differences in ministry. Elijah was more prominent than some of the other Prophets. Jeremiah's ministry was not the same as Ezekiel. Often a prophet is a teacher, while someone with the Gift of prophecy may or may not teach. A prophet is someone who lays the foundation of churches.

**Eph 2:19-22** Prophets are in a position of an overseer in leadership. It is the second highest office in the church.

A prophet is not infallible. The word of God cannot be replaced with the words of a prophet. The doctrine of a prophet may or may not be accurate.

**1 Cor 14:3-4** 3 But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation. NASU.

**1 Cor 14:29** And prophets — let two or three speak, and let the others discern, YLT

The others weigh and discern for the protection of the body of Christ. There is safety in this. So that there is not misunderstanding.

**Rom 12:6** 6 And having gifts, different according to the grace that was given to us; whether prophecy — 'According to the proportion of faith!' YLT (Some translations say The faith others say his faith)

### Tests for true Prophets and Prophecy

#### ***1. Does it come to pass?***

**Deut 18:18-22** 22 "When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which he has not spoken. NASU

Some prophecies are conditional. Let's take Jonah for example. If the people had not repented God would have certainly destroyed them.

Jonah 1:1-3 Jonah 3:4-5 Jonah 3:10-4:3

#### ***2. By their fruits***

**Matt 7:15-20** 16 You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? NASU

#### ***3. Does the prophecy agree with The Word Of God?***

**Isa 8:20-21** 20 To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. (NIV)

**John 12:48-49** 48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day. (NIV)

#### ***4. What the Prophets ministry produce?***

Does the ministry and message produce liberty or bondage? Does it convict and give hope or does it condemn and produce fear and bondage?

**Rom 8:15-17** 15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. (NIV)

**2 Cor 3:16-18** 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (NASU)

### ***5. Bearing witness***

Does what is brought bear witness with your spirit?

**1 John 2:20-24** 20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. 21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth. (NASU)

## **10. Final Attitudes and requirements to receive The Gifts**

1. Be a surrendered vessel
2. Desire to serve rather than to be seen
3. Prayerfully study the Word Of God and gifts of Spirit. Read books on revivals
4. Prepare yourself to think and act with faith
5. Look openly and honestly at the results of gifts of spirit. True gifts will achieve consistently.
6. Seek confirmation from the body of Christ. If you have a gift of healing people will come to you for prayer. That in itself is confirmation.
7. We need to be correctable  
Prov 3:11-12    Prov 13:18    Prov 15:10

**Gifts are given to imperfect vessels to perfect the church.**

There is Gods' part and our part.

#### **Gods Part**

Gods gifts are by His grace.

They are operated at His will.

He will supply the words and the power.

The results are left to God.

What gifts and to whom they are given to is up to God.

#### **Our Part**

We need to desire them.

We need to be ready.

We need to have faith.

We need to be sanctified

We need to know all we can about the giftings and the moving of His Spirit.