

# Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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## I. Introduction

- A. Every child of God has a gift or gifts – assigned when you are born by the Holy Spirit into the family of God. The gift is given for the health of the whole body. Ephesians 4:7, 1 Corinthians 12:7.
- B. Though we share the same Holy Spirit, we are given different gifts for service. 1 Corinthians 12:3.
- C. For the body is not one member but many. 1 Corinthians 12:14.
- D. Gifts have no relation to your past. 1 Corinthians 6:11.
- E. The Holy Spirit assigns each gift as He wills. As it is pleasing to God. 1 Corinthians 12:11, 18; Ephesians 4:7.
- F. Gifts are not for individual glory. 1 Corinthians 12:7 (demonstration of the Spirit), but to build up the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:12
  - 1. Since it is a gift which is given to you, do not boast because the glory is not for you but the giver. 1 Corinthians 4:7.
  - 2. When you exercise your gift people should not see you but God working through you.
- G. Parable of Talents demonstrates that we will all be held accountable for the use of our gifts. Matthew 25:14-30.
- H. Youth is not an excuse for not using your gift. 1 Tim 4: 12, 14.
- I. We should be faithful stewards of the gifts of the Spirit. 1 Peter 4:10.

## II. What is a Gift?

- A. Apostle Paul did not want the Corinthians to be uninformed about gifts of the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:1.
- B. From Greek word *charis* = grace, we get the word gift = *charisma*. The gift of grace. Romans 12:6.
- C. A gift is a divinely ordained spiritual ability
  - Source: special grace of the Holy Spirit
  - Nature: spiritual ability, endowment, power
  - Purpose: service, ministry, to edify saints

#### D. Talents are not Gifts

Table 1: Talent vs. Gift

| Talent     |  | Gift  |
|------------|--|---|
| Source:    | Common grace of Spirit                                     | Special grace of Spirit                       |
| When Given | Present from natural birth                                 | Present from spiritual birth                  |
| Nature     | Natural ability  | Spiritual endowment                           |
| Purpose    | Instruction, Entertainment, Inspiration on a natural level | Spiritual growth of saints, Christian service |

E. Gifts may or may not build on natural talents.

F. Gifts are not offices: apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher, elder/bishop, deacon

1. A person with an office should have the corresponding gift but a person could have the gift without the office.

G. Gifts are not ministries: ministry is an outlet to employ a gift, the area in which the gift is exercised.

1. Your gift remains the same, your ministry may change.

H. Gifts are not fruit

Table 2: Gifts vs. Fruit of the Spirit

| Gifts of the Spirit                       | Fruit of the Spirit                                   |
|---|---|
| Have to do with service                   | Have to do with character (love, joy,... Gal 5:22-23) |
| What you have                             | What you are (Rom. 1:11-13)                           |
| Given from the outside                    | Produced from within                                  |
| Plural                                    | Singular  |
| All gifts not possessed by every believer | Every variety of fruit should be in every believer    |
| Will end                                  | Permanent 1 Cor 13: 8-10                              |

- I. Possession of gifts does not equal godliness.
  - 1. Corinthians church excelled with gifts but had issues with division, drunkenness, etc. 1 Corinthians 1:7.
- J. It is better to be godly than gifted. Fruit of the Spirit is more important than gifts of the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 13.

### III. How Many Gifts?

- A. God likes diversity in his church.
- B. 18 gifts + hospitality (1 Peter 4:9-10). Not an exhaustive list.

### IV. Classification of Gifts

- A. Speaking: Apostleship, Prophecy, Evangelism, Pastoring, Teaching, Exhorting, Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Tongues, Interpretation.
- B. Serving: Ministration, Hospitality, Giving, Government, Showing mercy, Faith, Discernment, Miracles, Healing.
- C. Signs: Miracles, Healing, Tongues, Interpretation.

Table 3: Gifts of the Spirit

| <b>Romans 12: 3-8</b> | <b>1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28-30</b> | <b>Ephesians 4:11</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Prophecy              | Word of wisdom                      | Apostleship           |
| Ministering (Helping) | Word of knowledge                   | Prophecy              |
| Teaching              | Faith                               | Evangelism            |
| Exhorting             | Healing                             | Pastoring             |
| Giving                | Miracles                            | Teaching              |
| Government (Ruling)   | Prophecy                            |                       |
| Showing mercy         | Discernment                         |                       |
|                       | Tongues                             |                       |
|                       | Interpretation                      |                       |
|                       | Apostleship                         |                       |
|                       | Teaching                            |                       |
|                       | Ministration (Helping)              |                       |
|                       | Government (Ruling)                 |                       |

V. Absence of a gift does not make it ok to disobey biblical commands.

- A. We should all give to the church regardless of if we have the gift of giving (those with that gift give generously). 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8, Malachi 3:10.
- B. We should all witness and share the faith regardless of if we have the gift of evangelism. The Great Commission- Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:8 .
- C. Prophecy- Acts 8:4, Discernment -1 Thessalonians 5:21, Show mercy -1 Thessalonians 5:14, Help widows and fatherless -James 1:27.
- D. Commands cover most areas of gifts except signs.

VI. Gifts correspond to needs of the church

- A. Holy Spirit knows exactly what is needed, where, and when.
- B. God needs all the member of his body to exercise all their gifts so that his body may function smoothly and effectively. God needs me, God needs you to exercise your gifts to upbuild his church.