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#5 Receive & Activate Spiritual Gifts

INFUSING THE LIFE FOUND IN CHRIST  
THROUGH FAITH IN GOD'S VITAL PRECEPTS,  
MAKING EVERY MEMBER WHOLE  
SPIRIT, SOUL & BODY

# Receive and Activate Spiritual Gifts

## Session 5



There are three sets of different gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Bible. The way these gifts are distributed and function is different for each list.

**Ministry** Gifts (*Eph 4:11*),

**Motivational** Gifts (*Romans 12:6-8*)

**Manifestation** Gifts (*1 Corinthians 12:8-10*)

### **Book Nook**

*Gifts of the Holy Spirit*

*By either*

*Kenneth Hagin or*

*Rodney Howard Brown*

These three and their purposes will be better defined in the Finding My Place Seminar. This lesson will help us begin to understand and identify when & why we are to operate in the manifestation Gifts found in (*1 Corinthians 12:8-10*). These gifts are given by the Lord throughout the entire church among all believers

The Apostle Paul admonishes us to “eagerly desire the best gifts”. And the Scripture also says, “*to each are given gifts*” (*Rom 12:6*) according to the work that needs to be done through us.

***1 Corinthians 12:4-7:***

***There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.  
There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.  
There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.***

The word the apostle Paul used was “charismata”, which is a Greek plural term related to the word for grace. Like grace, charismata are given at no price by the Spirit. But there is one thing expected of those who are given *charismata*: the gift is to be used for building up other people. The charismata are given to benefit others - the brothers and sisters of the faith & everyone else. ( whether they are a believer or not. God gives us the charismata so we can express the love of one another

which is at the core of the Christian way of life. **The spiritual gifts** enable and empower what is done for others, and the Spirit distributes them among the believers so they can work together to build up the church more effectively.

The Holy Spirit giving these gifts was essential to the early church, and to many remarkable acts, revivals and movements since then. The one of the most recent was the charismatic movement in the '60s and '70s. The revival of Holy Spirit Baptism began in 1906 Azusa St. Revival. The Word of Faith movement the brought massive healing revival began in the 40's and peaked with men such as Oral Roberts, E.W. Kenyon & Kenneth Hagin at the helm.

## **Manifestation gifts**

The gifts are given through us not to us. They are not for our prideful display so that we may look like someone special above others. The gifts are directed by God through a willing, yielded believer for God's own reasons. They are how Christ shows outwardly or "manifests" through a person and accomplishes His will for the Kingdom of God. So they are referred to in the Bible as the Manifestation Gifts. There are nine gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12. They can be easily grouped into three groups, sorted by what the Holy Spirit allows us to do, say & know.

### **The Manifestation gifts can be divided into three groups**

<i><b>Do Something</b></i>	<i><b>Say Something</b></i>	<i><b>Know Something</b></i>
<b>Power Gifts</b>	<b>Vocal Gifts</b>	<b>Wisdom Gifts</b>
Faith	Tongues	Word of Knowledge
Healing	Interpretation	Word of Wisdom
Miracles	Prophecy	Discerning of Spirits

*1 Corinthians 12:7-11*

*7. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one*

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

### **Gifts of Power verse 9, 10**

- A. **Faith** - Supernatural trust (passive) in God for the miraculous.
- B. **Working of Miracles** - Supernatural intervention active in the ordinary course of nature.
- C. **Gifts of Healing** - Supernatural power to heal sickness and diseases.

### **Gifts of Utterance verse 10**

- A. **Prophecy** - Supernatural utterance in a known language (tongue).
- B. **Divers Kinds of Tongues** - Supernatural utterance in an unknown tongue.
- C. **Interpretation of Tongues** - Supernatural showing forth of the meaning of an utterance: in other tongues.

### **Gifts of Knowledge Verse 8 & 10**

- A. **Word of wisdom** – Reveals what has not yet happened
- B. **Word of knowledge** – Reveals what is already
- C. **Discerning of spirits** – Super-natural insight into the realm of supernatural spirits. Reveals type and intent.

*What a Gift is not*

We must understand the distinction between the *Fruit of the Spirit* and the *Gifts of the Spirit*. The fruit of the spirit is the result of the Spirit filled life, as opposed to living in the flesh. When we come to Christ, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within the believer. When we submit to the Holy Spirit, we receive a life, which bears the fruit of the spirit. This goes for every believer; we should all bear the fruit of the Spirit, all the fruits. The closer our walk, the more like Christ we become.

There are examples of the gifts in use in scripture. Now we will look at each individual gift listed in chapter 12.

## Gifts of Power

### I. Faith

This gift is not the same as the faith that is generated as we believe the word and stand on its promises. We will call that faith Word of faith. This is the gift of Faith. It is supernatural and often pairs up with healing or miracles. The supernatural gift of faith is inspired by the Holy Spirit and is unshakable. This faith will see that the dead is brought to life. It sees through all circumstances.

#### *Biblical Example:*

### II. Healing *I Corinthians 12:9; 28-31*

*<sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,*

*<sup>28</sup> And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But eagerly desire the greater gifts.*

**Definition:** The ability to heal all manner of physical illness, infirmity and disease by divine power, without the aid of drugs, surgery, or manipulation of any kind. All healing is not "divine healing." This gift is not the body's ability to heal itself. IT IS NOT: Medical skill, physical

manipulation, or a developed knowledge of plants, chemicals, or drugs. The Gift of healing is supernaturally manifested. This gift could be in operation for healing incurable diseases. Divine Healing can be activated by faith saturated prayer as in *James 5:15*. But, the gift of healing is not dependant on personal faith for healing. It is simply a matter of a person yielding to the gift of the Holy Spirit to work through them to the benefit of the person bearing the disease or infirmity.

### **The purpose:**

1. Destroy the works of the devil in the human body.( ACTS 10:38)(I JOHN 3:8)
2. To establish the Lord's claims. Proves He forgives sins. (*JOHN 10:36-38*)
3. To authorize the message of God's servants. (*ACTS 4:29-30*);(*5:12; 8:6-7*)
4. Establish the resurrection of Jesus.( *ACTS 3:15-16*)
5. To draw people within the sound of the gospel. (*JOHN 6:2*)
6. To turn people to God. (*ACTS 9:34-35*)
7. To bring glory to God. (*MARK 2:12*) (*LUKE 13:17*)
8. To inspire faith and courage in God's people. (*ACTS 4:29-30*) . Gifts of Healing for one, faith for the other. All sickness is called "oppression of the devil" (*Acts 10:38*)

## **Miracles**

The gift of Miracles is God intervening to suspend or change normal events. It is a supernatural intervention in the ordinary course of nature; a temporary suspension of the accustomed order; an intervention or interruption in the system of nature as we know it. Explain the miracle in natural terms & the miracle vanishes.

***Biblical Example:*** Jesus changed water into wine in the Wedding at Cana, Jesus feeding 5,000 people with a boy's lunch.

***I. Cor. 12:10; 28-31***

## **II. PURPOSES:**

1. Deliverance from the enemy. (Exodus 14:16)
2. To provide for those in need. (Ex. 17:6); (I Kings 17:16);( II Kings 4:6);(John 2:11); (Mark 6:36-37)

3. To carry out divine judgment and discipline. (Acts 13:11-12); (5:9-10)
4. To confirm the preached word. (Mark 16:19-20); (Heb. 2:3,4); (Acts 5:12)
5. To deliver in situations of danger. (Luke 4:28-30); (Joshua 5:12)
6. *Special Miracles.*( Acts 19:11-12)
7. Others: Egypt's plagues. By Angels - Bethesda's pool. Zechariah's dumbness. Samson's parents
8. To raise the dead. Luke (7:14-16) (Mark 5:39-42);( John 11:43-47); (Acts 9:39-42); (Acts 20:7-12)

## **Gifts that Speak**

### **I. Different kinds of Tongues [Languages]1 Corinthians 12:10**

*<sup>10</sup> 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.*

The gift of tongues is not the same as the prayer language you were given when you were baptized in the Holy Spirit. It is very similar in that the Holy Spirit will often use that same language. The gift is operating when the Holy Spirit speaks through a person in a language unknown to the speaker. This can be used for interceding prayer or bringing a message to others. When it is used to bring a message it is intended to be paired with Interpretation of Tongues.

### **Biblical Example: USES:**

1. That we may speak to God through the Spirit. (1 Cor. 14:2)
2. That believers may magnify God. (Acts 10:46) - "Make God great."
3. That we may edify ourselves. (1 Cor. 14:4); (14:18; Eph.5:19)
4. That our spirits might pray. (1 Cor. 14:14); (Rom. 8:27); (Jude 20)
5. With interpretation, the church may be edified. (1 Cor 14:5, 12,26)

We can and ought to control the gift of tongues & prophecy. (*1 Cor. 14:27-28, 37*); (*Prov. 14:4*) however, “do not forbid speaking with other tongues.” (*1 Cor. 14:39*)

Edification is the test. (*1 Cor. 14:26*) All do not continue to speak with tongues after their baptism in the Spirit. However, there is no scriptural reason why they should not. (*1 Cor. 14:5,23*) (*1 Tim. 4:14*); (*2 Tim. 1:6*), Believers can have gifts that lie dormant and do not work, but they would if they stir up their gift.

**Definition:** "Supernatural utterance in a language never learned by the intellect." Speaking in tongues is the evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. (*Acts 2:4*);

- 1 year after Pentecost (*Acts 8: 15-17*)
- 8 years after Pentecost. (*Acts 10:44-47*)
- 23 years later. (*Acts 19:6-7*)
- Paul- (*Acts 9:17*);(*1 Cor. 14:18*)

#### GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

## II. Interpretation of Tongues *1 Corinthians 12:7-10*

The gift is operating when the Holy Spirit speaking through one person has given a message in a language unknown to the speaker. The Holy Spirit gives the translation or interpretation to that same person or to another individual. IT IS NOT TRANSLATION of a language the interpreter understands.

Biblical Example: It gives the meaning.(Greek)- "To explain thoroughly." – (*1 Cor. 14:11*)

Joseph interpreted the baker and butler's dreams.  
(*Genesis 41:15-16*); (*Daniel 5:10-12;17*)

III. THOSE WHO SPEAK WITH TONGUES ARE INSTRUCTED TO PRAY FOR THIS GIFT. (vs. 13)

They usually possess it more than anyone else

IV. MESSAGE IN TONGUES SHOULD BE INTERPRETED.

(*1 Cor. 14:27*) (Greek) - "Someone" - (no competition)

V. MORE FAITH TO INTERPRET THAN TO SPEAK WITH TONGUES.

VI. THE OBJECT IS THE SAME AS FOR PROPHECY.

(*1 Cor. 14:4-5*) - Edification is the test.



### **III. Prophecy 1 Corinthians 12: 1 0**

The gift of prophecy manifested when the Holy Spirit gives a divine message to others through someone in a language normal to the speaker. A tongue with interpretation is equal to prophecy. Prophecy means "to bubble forth! Spring up to speak for another." This Gift is often confused with prediction of future events. That falls under Word of Wisdom. Prophecy never takes the place of the Word of God, the Bible. We prophesy according to the proportion of faith. (Rom. 12:6)

***Biblical Example:*** In the Old Testament only some were prophets and prophesied. In the New Testament, "all may prophesy." (1 Cor. 14:24,31,) (Psalms 45:1); (Nu.21:17); (Jer.15:19)

#### **USES OF THE GIFT:**

1. Speaking to men. Tongues for Speaking to God. (1 Cor. 14:3)
2. To edify the church. (1 Cor. 4:4)
3. Exhort the church ("a calling near") Correction comes through teaching the Word.
4. To comfort the church – (2 Cor. 1:4)
5. Believers may learn the mysterious workings of the Spirit.
6. To convict the unbelievers. (1 Cor. 14:23-25) Women can prophesy as well as men. (1 Cor. 11:5); (Joel 2:28. )

#### **MISTAKEN VIEWS OF THE GIFT:**

- A. Not the office of the prophet.
1. Office cannot be separated from a person. (Eph. 4: 11). The gift is an instrument.
  2. Revelation of things outside the word of God. (Word of Knowledge - Prophecy - the vehicle to deliver it.
  3. (1 Cor 14:5) - Tongues plus interpretation are equal to prophecy, but these gifts , do not place their possessors among the seers.
  4. (Acts 19:6);( Acts 28:8-10). Did not make - them prophets.

**C. Gift of Prophecy not ordinarily used for guidance.** (Acts 13:1-3)

**D. Confused with preaching.**

**E. Confused with just quoting scripture verses.** (John 14:26.)

## Gifts that Know

### I. Word of Wisdom

These three gifts know something that could not be immediately known to the recipient. The supernatural revelation by the Spirit of divine purpose. Supernatural declaration of mind and will of God. Concerns things, places, people, individuals, communities, and nations. The word of wisdom pertains to future events.

#### ***Biblical Example:***

- To warn and guide concerning future judgment or danger.  
*Hebrews 11:7 Matthew 2:13 Acts 11:27-28 Acts 21:4~10-14*
- To reveal God's plan to those He is going to use.  
*Genesis 41:15-16*
- To assure a servant of God of his divine - commission.  
*Acts 26:16-18*
- To reveal the acceptable order and manner of worship.  
*ISRAEL*
- To show a prejudiced sectarian man God's way- of dealing.  
*Acts 10:13-15*

### V. WHAT ARE ITS USES?

- Reveal the purposes of God. *Romans 11:33*
- Reveal deliverance in the midst of trouble. *Acts 27:20-26*
- Give assurance of future blessing. *Genesis 28:15*

### II. Word of Knowledge

This gift reveals things that are current or in the past that are unknown to the speaker.

**Biblical Example: God is conscious of every person, place, thing, - and event at the same time. It is 100% miraculous. Not necessarily spoken. (Samuel & Eli) - "LOGOS" - word, speech, matter, reason.**

#### **WHAT IT IS NOT.**

1. Not natural knowledge.
2. Not Knowledge of God Acquired by Long Experience. -

#### **WHAT IT IS:**

3. An operation of the Spirit. – (*Revelation - chapters 1-3*).

4. A miraculous revelation. (*II Kings 6:9*)
5. Comes without natural effort. (*Acts 9:11-12*)
6. Depends on our fellowship with God, not a knowledge of the Bible. (*Acts 10:19*)

Example: Eli had no open vision - Samuel did.

### What are its uses?

1. To encourage a discouraged servant. *I Kings 19:14-18* -
2. To expose a hypocrite. *II Kings 5:20-27*
3. To convince a sinner of her need. *John 4:16-19*
4. To find a man who was hiding. *I Samuel 10:22*
5. To reveal a man in need. *Acts 9:11* -
6. To reveal corruption in the church. - *Acts 5:3*
7. To reveal a suitable meeting place. - *Mark 14:13-15*
8. To know men's thoughts. *John 2:24*; - *I Samuel 9:19*
9. To reveal sickness.

## II. Discerning of Spirits *I Corinthians 12:10*

This gift does one thing. It reveals the presence and identity of supernatural spirits. IT IS NOT analyzing human character or a power to discern faults in others. Training and skill can provide that ability. This is a gift from the Lord and not a learned ability.

There are 3 kinds of spirits:

1. Divine
2. Satanic
3. Human

**Biblical Example:** In Corinth, there were true and false miraculous workings. One was of Satan, the other of God.

## II. USES OF THE GIFT:

1. Delivering the afflicted, oppressed, and tormented. (*Luke 9:38-39*);(*Acts 5:16*.)
2. Blind, dumb and deaf Spirits.( *Matt. 12:22*);(*Mark 9:25*).
3. Spirits of Infirmity, (*Luke 13:11,16*.)
4. Must distinguish between natural causes and demon influences. (*Matt. 4:23-24*).
5. All sickness is called 'oppression of the : Devil'. (*Acts 10: 38*).

6. To discover a servant of the devil.. EL YMAS – (*Acts 13:8-10*).
7. To stop the plans of the devil. (*Acts 16:16-17*)
8. To expose error. (*I Tim. 4:1*);( *II Peter 2:1*)
9. To uncover demon miracle workers. (*II Thess. 2:9*);( *Rev. 16:14*).
10. Demons never confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. (*I John 4:1-6*)
11. Can reveal good spirits as well as evil. (*II Kings 6:16-17*).

These gifts are given but they are not owned by the person they operate through. It is the Holy Spirit operating in each one as He wills.

*Why are they important?*

*Why do I need to let them flow through me?*

*How do I activate the gifts?*

*How do I receive from someone else?*

***Things to keep in mind***

The character and natural education of the person will influence the way the gifts of the Holy Spirit are presented. The Spirit refined fishermen into the writers of I & II John and I & II Peter.

***More Reading:***

*It would do your faith much good to read more from good faith teachers like:*

*Kenneth Hagin*

*Rodney Howard Browne*

*Andrew Murray*

*E. W. Kenyon*

**THIS WEEK’S BIBLE READING: Ruth**

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