




Spiritual Gifts

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- ➡ **7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. 8 To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. 9 The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing.**





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- ➡ **10 He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. 11 It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have**



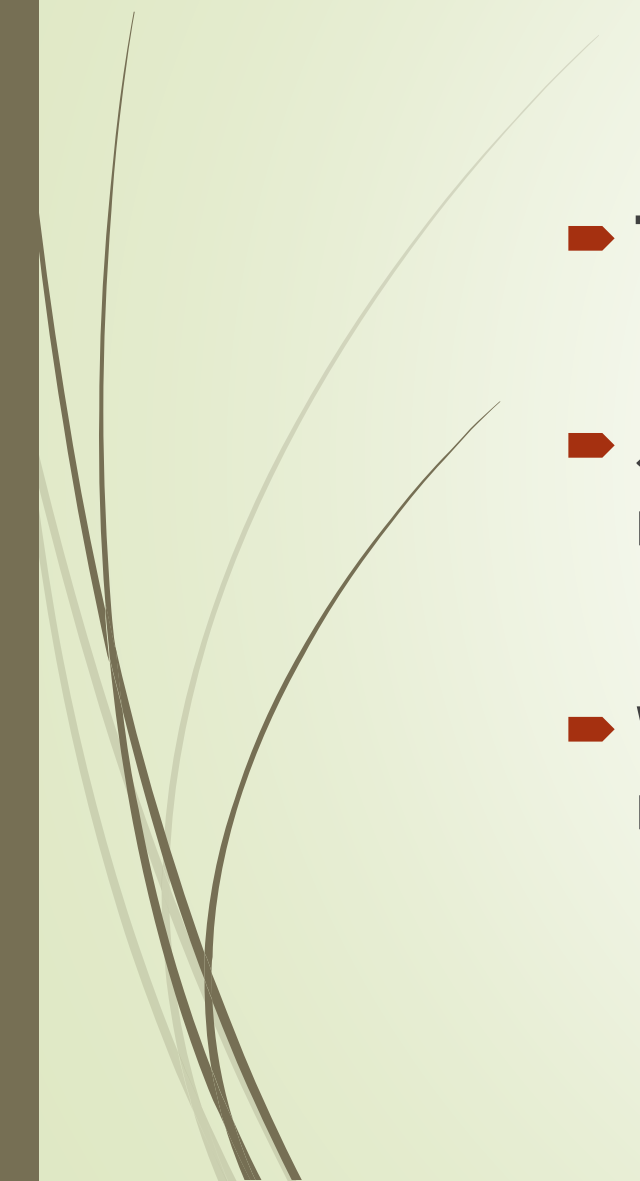
There are four types of gifts

- ➡ **Motivational Gifts – Romans 12:6-8**
- ➡ **Spiritual Gifts – 1 Corinthians 12:7-11**
- ➡ **Ministry Gifts – 1 Corinthians 12:27-31**
- ➡ **Vocal Gifts – 1 Corinthians 12 & 14**

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- Spiritual gifts are often called charismata (which means grace); they are the grace gifts
 - All the gifts were in operation in Jesus' life except tongues and interpretation of tongues



Why did Jesus come to earth?

- **To die for the sins of mankind**
 - **Jesus also came to glorify God, seek and save the lost, make disciples and meet human needs**
 - **We have been given the same mission therefore we need the same power**
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Wisdom

- A special gift in which one speaks an utterance of wisdom. That is, to communicate spiritual wisdom.
- It is meant to handle a particular problem or situation and does not all of a sudden take us to a new level of wisdom.
- Wisdom allows us to make the right choice even when there seems to be only good choices or even no good choice.



Wisdom

- ➡ **Wisdom is about making the correct decisions that keep us moving forward in God's will**
- ➡ **Wisdom is needed in apologetics**



Knowledge



- It is not book learning or scholarly knowledge, but Divine knowledge.
- It is closely related to the gift of wisdom.
- The person with this gift often knows the Word of God in a deep way.



Knowledge

- ➡ It can be supernatural illumination of the Gospel. Illumination is not revelation.
- ➡ It can also be a supernatural illumination about a person or situation.
- ➡ It is primarily a one-on-one gift, probably given at the altar or during a time of prayer. (Personal ministry)



Faith

- **A special endowment of the Holy Spirit to believe for an extra demonstration of God's power.**
- **It may cause faith to stir or rise up in others.**
- **A person who has this gift is able to grasp the vision of what God wants to do and confidently works to see it happen.**



Faith

- **Faith is not always about the immediate, faith is about perseverance (Faithfulness)**
- **We need faith for the miracle, but we need faith to see God move and build His church**




Gifts of Healings

- It is a special dispensation of power to meet the needs of those who are sick (Notice both are plural)
- There are different ways healing is administered: laying on of hands, speaking the authoritative word or anointing with oil.
- There are different types of healing: physical, emotional, spiritual and some are instant and some are gradual.




Gifts of Healings

- **Some people are gifted in certain areas.**
 - **However it must be noted that it is God who heals not men. There is Divine healing not faith healing; in other words men do not have the power and they should never receive the credit or glory.**
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Miracles

- ➡ **It is a demonstration of God's power in an unusual measure.**
 - ➡ **Jesus feeding the five thousand**
 - ➡ **Walking out of prison**
 - ➡ **Raising the dead**
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Miracles

- **Oil and flour that never run out**
- **Striking Elymas with blindness (Acts 13:9-11)**
- **Both Healing and Miracles show the victory of Jesus' death on the cross. They point men to the truth of Jesus.**



Important Things to Remember

- **1. Gifts were never for personal use or advancement. They were to show God's power and draw men closer to Him. They were about helping others and building a body of believers.**
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Important Things to Remember

- ➡ **2. Remember to look to the Giver of the Gifts and not a person. The Holy Spirit glorifies Christ and points to Him as Savior, so should we.**
- ➡ **3. Don't look for a particular gift. Allow God to move as He chooses and give gifts as He deems is best.**