

Spiritual Gifts

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When we talk about spiritual gifts, we have to remember that they have to be used with the fruit of the Holy Spirit, which is listed in the following passage.

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ fgentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ² And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body ato be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

One type of spiritual gifts is the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The gifts of the Spirit are special abilities that God gives to His children for the edification of His church.

We should use them to bless each other and build each other up together into a strong church that honors God.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-27

⁴ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works eall in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by fthe same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Unity and Diversity in One Body

¹² For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink ^[g] into one Spirit. ¹⁴ For in fact the body is not one member but many.

¹⁵ If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *would be* the smelling? ¹⁸ But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where *would* the body *be*?

²⁰ But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. ²³ And those *members* of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable *parts* have greater modesty, ²⁴ but our presentable *parts* have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it, ²⁵ that there should be no ^[h] schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another. ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

- 1) Wisdom can be defined as knowing what to say or do what is correct within the Will of God in a specific situation.
- 2) Knowledge can be defined as knowing or receiving the revelation of something about a person or situation without having received this information through natural means.
- 3) Faith can be defined as total trust in the promises of God that does not give up during adverse circumstances.

- 4) Gifts of healing can be defined as praying for people who are sick physically or emotionally and having the capacity to bring the healing power of God to their lives.
- 5) Miraculous powers can be defined as performing signs and wonders beyond natural laws to show the Presence and Power of God.
- 6) Prophecy can be defined as communicating a word on behalf of God. This word can be a verse or passage that applies to a specific situation.
- 7) Discerning of spirits can be defined as the ability of perceiving what type of spirit act in a certain situation and determining if the spirit comes from God or not.
- 8) Speaking in tongues as a gift of the Holy Spirit can be defined as the capacity to speak a language without having studied it in order to communicate a message pertaining to the gospel. This gift of the Holy Spirit should be distinguished from the tongues that are available to every believer, which are received when the believer is baptized or immersed in the Holy Spirit. These tongues are words that only God understands; they are for personal edification and for having special communication with God.
- 9) Interpretation of tongues can be defined as being able to understand and communicate a message that has been given in tongues.

Another type of spiritual gifts is the ministries of Jesus Christ.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the [\[a\]](#)edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— ¹⁶ from whom the whole

body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Finally, there other spiritual gifts.

Scripture: **1 Corinthians 12:28**

²⁸ And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

Scripture: **Romans 12:6-8**

⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it* in *our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Prayer: Father, please bless us to operate in the spiritual gifts that You give us.