

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

NOTES

Read 1 Cor 12:1

Spiritual Gifts Defined and Listed

The word charisma, or charismata, ...

Various lists of the charismata are given in scripture, none of which seem to be exhaustive.

The Holy Spirit manifesting Himself through each believer ...

The Holy Spirit performs and does the work through the believer - but ...

Read 1 Cor 12:7-10

Message of Knowledge - is an ability to know a fact or truth about a person or situation revealed directly by the Holy Spirit. (ex - John 4:16-18 ; Acts 5:1-3)

Message of Wisdom - is special illumination that enables one in a specific instance to grasp divine insight regarding a fact, situation, or context. This gift is useful in directing the Body in what to do next; in making God's will known (ex - Acts 6:10 ; 15:13-20)

Faith - as a gift is an extraordinary confidence in God that is unshakable by situations, pain, apparent failure, or ridicule. (ex - Luke 7:9 ; Acts 6:5 ; 27:21-34)

Gifts of Healing - is a gift which enables one to function as an instrument of God's healing grace in the lives of hurting people. The gifts of healings (double plural in the Greek text) include miraculous healing of the body, the mind, the emotions, and relationships. (ex Acts 9:34)

Miraculous Powers - the gifted person is able to cast out demons, show a supernatural sign to unbelievers, or perform a public healing--all to the glory of God. Those with this gift will be humble, broken people, full of the fear of God. (ex - Acts 8:7,13 ; 19:11-12)

Prophecy - is speaking what God wants said with clarity, creativity and power. The primary ministry in this gift is not prediction, but in confronting people with the truth about God and man--with conviction and repentance as the result. (ex - Acts 13:1 ; 15:32 ; 21:10)

Distinguishing Between Spirits - is the heightened ability to determine whether the source behind a teaching, problem or action is divine, merely human, or satanic. (ex - Acts 16:16-18)

Tongues - enable some Christians (1 Cor 12:30) to praise God either in another language not learned (Acts 2) or in ecstatic utterance which is not an earthly language (1 Cor 14). This is separate from one's personal prayer language as it relates to the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Interpretation of Tongues - is required if speaking in tongues is exercised publicly in a loud voice. This gift allows one to declare to others the intent or meaning of the public utterance, so that the entire Body is built up. (1 Cor 14)

Questions -

1. What is the difference between a message of knowledge and a message of wisdom?
2. What is the difference between Prophecy and Tongues with Interpretation.
3. Have you experienced any of these gifts in action?

Purposes of Spiritual Gifts:

1. To Glorify God Read Ps 77:13-14

2. To Edify (build up) the Body of Christ (the church)

Read 1 Cor 14:26

Questions-

1. Do all believers have a spiritual gift(s)?
2. Give some examples of how the operation of spiritual gifts could strengthen the church.

3. **Evangelism** - to demonstrate the ...

Read 1 Cor 2:4-5

Questions-

1. Why is it important for evangelism to be accompanied by demonstrations of power?

SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE NOT:

1. Natural ... (1 Cor 12:6-7)

-these are the workings of ...

2. Indicators of Spiritual ...

-The Corinthian church

-The better test for spiritual maturity is ...

3. Authoritative in Themselves

Read 1 Jn 4:1

Also 1 Cor 14:29

-the gifts must be tested, can NEVER ...

4. Something to be ...

Read 1 Thes 5:19-21

Also 1 Cor 14:1

5. Uncontrollable ...

Read 1 Cor 14:32-33

-You are never ...

How Does It Happen? What Does It Feel Like? How Do I Know When God Is Trying To Use Me?

-The experience is different for every believer,
but here are a few examples of what others have
reported when being moved by the Spirit:

What Do I Do When I Am Unsure?

- 1. Immediately Pray -**
- 2. Seek Counsel from Spiritual Leadership**
- 3. Be Open to Correction.**
- 4. Step Out in Faith**