

1 Corinthians 12

1 Corinthians 1:4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, 5 that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What are the purposes of the gifts?

Through the Believer (anointing of the Holy Spirit)

*Isaiah 61:1 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me,
Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,
3 To console those who mourn in Zion,
To give them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they may be called trees of righteousness,
The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."*

If the Holy Spirit is truly working in our lives, these are the things that He will be doing through us, this will be a natural outflow of His presence in our lives.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit always work in accordance with His personality, the nature of Jesus and the nature of the Father.

The nature of the Holy Spirit is always in agreement with the nature of the Father-
Exodus 34:5 Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

- always be in agreement with the nature of Jesus- *Philippians 2:5*
Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

v.2 carried away- blindly led

There are diversities of gifts.

- different tools for different jobs

There are differences of ministries

- called to different things

There are diversities of activities.

- your gift may not operate the same as another's, don't seek to copy or imitate but to be led.

We need not be afraid of the gifts.

- *Luke 11:13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"*

Experience is not the gift, although experience may accompany the gift, don't seek after experience.

Word of Wisdom

Knowledge is the accumulation of facts, wisdom is what to do with those facts.

Examples:

- Solomon and the two woman arguing over the baby
- Jesus and the question of taxes
- Acts- apostles waiting on tables

Word of wisdom requires a knowledge of the Word

Word of Knowledge

God imparting to you a knowledge of something you don't know, sometimes comes in illustrations while teaching. Sometimes given in a witnessing situation.

Each gift of the Spirit flows in a natural manner, no auras or sensations, often you won't even be aware that the gift is in operation.

Faith

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

There are various types of faith, first of course saving faith, *Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

Faith that trusts in promises of God.- Hebrews 11

In genuine faith, it is God Who gets the glory, not man for having faith.

- **We do not make things happen because of our faith**

Healings

This could apply to those who heal and those who are healed.

Again remember these are gifts that are given, not that we have to work up.

Miracles

Probably so seldom genuinely manifested because it is so easily to manipulate people.

In our age and culture it is too easy to rely on ourselves and our resources that we don't see miracles the same way.

What really are miracles ? Anything that is impossible with man, i.e.; salvation, changed lives. So we do indeed see miracles today.

Prophecy

prophecies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

1 Corinthians 14:1-4 Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. But he who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

Heb 1:1-2 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son,

There are two areas of prophesy- predictive and didactive or forthtelling.

How do we know if it is really prophesy ?

- 1) Does it match up with the Word?
- 2) Does it match up with facts ?
- 3) Does it honor Jesus ?

Revelation 19: 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Discerning of Spirits

Often times the Lord will give us a check in our spirits, this can be discerning of spirits. We know that there will be deceiving doctrines and false prophets. Some are obvious because they don't match up with the Word, or are begging for money -

- 1 Timothy 6:4 he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, 5 useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.

- Matthew 7:15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 "You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

- 2 Corinthians 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

- 1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Tongues- more in chapter 14

- 1) To assist in prayer life- 1 Corinthians 14:14-15; Romans 8:26
- 2) To assist in our devotional life- 1 Peter 1:8
- 3) To edify ourselves- 1 Corinthians 14:4

Interpretations of Tongues

Often what is called interpretation is actually prophesy, tongues is man to God speech.

Helps

1 Corinthians 12:8;

Read Romans 12:1-8

Teachers

Also comes with the gift to study

Exhortation

Romans 12:6&8

Giving

Romans 12:8

With on mindset, no ulterior motives

Don't call attention to yourself

Give cheerfully, Give honestly, Give freely

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Not an exhaustive list of gifts by any means