

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

I. THE REVELATION GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. The Word of Wisdom

1. The Supernatural release of spiritual wisdom. It is the receiving of a specific word of direction by The Holy Spirit. The word of wisdom will help to reveal the outcome of a specific situation after one applies the revealed instruction (wisdom), the knowledge of God's wisdom.
 - a. Noah: Genesis 6 - Destruction was coming upon the earth. His direction to be applied was to build an ark.
 - b. Joseph: Genesis 41 – Famine, Death and destruction was coming to Egypt. Affecting both sinner and saint. God revealed the knowledge on how to guarantee survival for the people through a word of wisdom given to Joseph.
 - c. Paul: Acts 25 – Paul was being plotted against to bring about his death. His appealing to Caesar, The higher Court, guaranteed his safety by centurion escort to Rome. – Acts 16:6-10

B. The Word of Knowledge

1. The revealing of facts in the present time to reveal God's willingness to change a situation or reveal the condition of one's heart.
 - a. Elisha: 2 Kings 5:25-26 – Naaman was struck with leprosy and needed healing. Elisha was given supernatural knowledge to change his specific condition.
 1. Naaman – Dip yourself seven times in the Jordan River
 2. Gehazi – True condition of his heart was revealed
 - b. Ananias: Acts 9:10-12
 1. Paul was struck with blindness. God revealed to Ananias Paul's physical condition through the word of knowledge. We see here how many times different gifts work together to bring about a specific outcome. The Gift of Healing was also operating here.

C. The Discerning of Spirits

The gift of discerning of spirits helps us to identify the operation and activity of the spirit realm – specifically discerning demonic spirits and angelic activity.

1. Daniel: Daniel 5,7,8,10
 - a. The fingers writing on a wall – Dan. 5:5-16, 24-25
 - b. Vision of the ancient of days – Dan. 7:9-14
 - c. The Angel Gabriel – Dan. 8:15-19
 - d. Arch Angels and Demonic principalities – Dan. 10:4-21
2. Paul: Books of Acts
 - a. Acts 16:16-18- The Spirit of Divination
 - b. Acts 14:9 – The Spirit of Faith
3. Peter: Acts 8:17-23 – The Spirit of Bitterness
4. Types of Spirits that can be discerned
 - a. Demonic Spirits
 - b. Angelic Spirits
 - c. Holy Spirit
 - d. Human Spirits

II. THE VOCAL GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

As we grow in our experience and in our relationship with God, the Spirit begins to reveal to us the giftings and our abilities that each and every believer has. As we allow ourselves to surrender our lives to Him, we grow in confidence and position ourselves to be used mightily by His power.

“Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.” Luke 24:49

A. The Gift of Tongues

“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.” 1 Corinthians 12:10

a. Different Kinds of Tongues

1. Tongues of men – 1 Cor. 13:1
2. Tongues of angels – 1 Cor. 13:1
3. Tongues of God – 1 Cor. 14:2

b. The Public Use of the Gift of Tongues

1. It can be an earthly known language.
2. It can be a Heavenly unknown language.
3. Requires the gift of interpretation of tongues to operate alongside of it.
4. It is meant to edify the body. – 1 Cor. 14:13

B. The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues

Whenever the gift of tongues is in operation, the gift of interpretation will also operate alongside of it in order that the hearers may have understanding as to what the Holy Spirit is wanting to communicate. This produces spiritual edification that directly comes from understanding the intended message.

- a. Tongues in a public setting needs to have an interpretation that the hearers may be able to understand the spoken message and come into agreement with it.
- b. Tongues that does not have an interpretation is then meant to edify the individual who has the tongue. It is therefore a tongue that is to mainly be used in devotional time with the Lord.

“So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air. ¹⁰ There are, it may be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them is without significance. ¹¹ Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks will be a foreigner to me. ¹² Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel. ¹³ Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.” 1 Cor. 14:9-13

C. The Gift of Prophecy

The gift of prophecy is a supernatural utterance that is given to the one speaking by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

“Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. ² 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. ³ But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.” 1 Cor. 14:1-3

A. The Purpose of the Gift of Prophecy

1. Edification: to build up, to strengthen
2. Exhortation: to call one near, to summon for help, to encourage
3. Comfort: to give consolation, to help
 - a. Greek: “Paraklesis”
 - b. Comforter

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever” John 14:16

B. What the Gift of Prophecy is Not

1. Not the foretelling or predicting of the future
2. Not for use to give “have to” words
3. Not for criticizing others in their faults
4. Not to be quenched
5. “Do not quench the Spirit.” 1 Thes. 5:19
6. Not the office of a prophet – Acts 21:8-11

D. Tongues – The Prayer Language

It is important that we understand how the gift of tongues can be used/manifested in different ways. We have already seen that tongues can be used in a public setting to help communicate a message to a hearer.

Let's see how tongues can also be used in a personal way to help us in our devotional time with the Lord; mainly in our prayer time.

A. Tongues is received at the time of one's infilling with the Holy Spirit. – Acts 2:1-4

B. Tongues is a gift that every believer has been promised to receive.

***“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”
Mark 16:15***

C. Tongues is a prayer language where our spirit communicates with God directly.

“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.” 1 Cor. 14:2

D. Tongues is used to edify oneself, whereas prophecy is used to edify others.
1 Cor.14:4

E. Tongues can be used to sing spiritual songs unto the Lord.

***“What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.”
1 Cor. 14:15***

“Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,” Eph. 5:19

F. Tongues is used to assist us in our prayers- Intercession – 1 Cor. 14:14

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered” Rom. 8:26

III. THE POWER GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The power gifts of the Holy Spirit are some of the more exciting gifts because they are usually manifested with great power and great authority. They are used on many occasions by God as “Attention-getters” to open the door to share God’s love and grace to those in need of them.

A. The Gift of Faith

God gives an individual a supernatural ability to believe God to do something in the natural that is impossible to do. Only the faith of God is able to accomplish what God is willing to manifest.

- a. Daniel: Daniel 6:21-23 – Daniel’s faith and confidence in God to deliver him from hungry lions.
- b. Paul: Acts 27:22-25 – Paul’s faith in God’s ability to save his life and those who he traveled with in a dangerous storm.

c. Types of Faith

1. Natural Faith – Common human faith that every human has.

2. Saving Faith – The beginning faith that is necessary for one to believe in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

“ Even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.” Eph. 2:5 – 8

3. Measure of Faith – This is the faith that God gives every believer to grow thereby. This kind of faith helps the believer grow and operate in spiritual gifts.

4. The Gift of Faith – One of the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit given for the purpose to manifest a certain activity of the Holy Spirit.

*“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:”
1 Cor. 12:7*

B. The Working of Miracles

The working out of a special manifestation that brings about a supernatural result; bypassing the natural order of things.

- a. Elisha: 2 Kings 2:14 – Elisha striking the Jordan River with a cloak, mantle and splitting up the waters.
- b. Aaron: Exodus 7:10 – Turning a rod into a serpent that then swallows up two other snakes before it returns to be a rod again.
- c. Moses: Exodus Chapters 7-12 – The ten plagues God released through Moses and Aaron upon Egypt.
- d. Jesus: Mark 4:39 – Jesus speaks to a storm and the storm immediately ceases.

“And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.”³⁸ But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”³⁹ Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace, be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.⁴⁰ But He said to them, “Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?” Mark 4:37-40

C. The Gifts of Healings

This is a supernatural manifestation of God that brings about healings and deliverances from sickness, disease and demonic bondages.

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.” Acts 10:38

- A. Jesus: Matt. 4:23-24 – All kinds of sicknesses and diseases were healed through the gifts of healings.
- B. Healings – Plural
 1. For the Spirit – Made alive unto God
 2. For the Soul – Emotions are set free
 3. For the body – Health restored to the flesh
 4. Many kinds of disease known to man are all healable

C. Ways to Receive Healing

1. Exercise your own faith
2. Call for the elders – anoint with oil

“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.” James 5:14-15

3. The power of agreeing with others in praying with you.