

# Pursuit 24

Pursuit of Mastery of Giftings

**Php 3:12-14** Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing / do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

# In Review

- What does it mean to Pursue?
- God's Pursuit of Man.
- Man's Pursuit of Sin.
- In of Pursuit of Christ as a Person and an Ideal.
- In Pursuit of Endurance.
- In Pursuit of Holiness.
- In Pursuit of Life worthy of Resurrection





# And then...

**1Co 12:4-11** Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. **5** And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. **6** And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. **7** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. **8** For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; **9** To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; **10** To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another *divers* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: **11** But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

Word of Wisdom

Word of Knowledge

Faith

Healing

Miracles

Prophecy

Discerning Spirits

Tongues

Interpreting Tongues



# And Further still...

**Eph 4:11** And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Apostolic  
Prophetic  
Evangelism  
Pastor  
Teaching

**1Co 12:28** And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

All repeats of some we have already mentioned.

But all of this doesn't answer what a gift is, just lists SOME of the possibilities.

**Rom 12:3-5** For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. **4** For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: **5** So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.



**χάρισμα (charisma)**- grace or gifts denoting extraordinary powers, distinguishing certain Christians and enabling them to serve the church of Christ, the reception of which is due to the power of divine grace operating on their souls by the Holy Spirit.

**According to the Cambridge Dictionary:**

**Gifted**- Having special ability in a particular subject or activity.

So then looking at the list again...

Prophecy- To Speak or to speak forth.

Serving- Also known as ministry, practical help to others.

Teaching- Analysis and proclamation of God's Word.

Encouragement- Exhortation constantly calls on others to heed God's Word.

Giving- Joyfully shares whatever they have.

Leadership- Rules over, presides, and manages people, guide is similar to steering a ship.

Mercy- Compassion towards others in time of distress.

Word of Wisdom- Understand and speak forth biblical truth for application with discernment.

Word of Knowledge- Understanding Truth with insight into deeper meanings.

Faith- Strong unshakeable confidence in God, His Word, His Promises, and His Ability.

Healing- Empowerment of a person to be able to heal. (We view this as dispensational although...)

Miraculous Powers- Performance of supernatural powers .

Discerning of Spirits- Determine the Biblical and Spiritual sourcing of a teaching or person.

Speaking in Tongues/ Interpreting Tongues- Tongues was the ability to speak so that someone who did not understand their language could understand them in their own language. Interpretation was the interpreting of those other languages.

Helps- Gifted at rendering aid with compassion and grace. Linked with giving.



# **But what are the main questions?**

**Is it really about doing a gifts test?**

- You will know. If you give yourself the opportunity.**

**How do I discover my gift then?**

- Your gifts are for the body, so discovering them is an exercise of serving that same body.**

**Gifts and pride.**

- Left hand right hand.**
- Compassion converts to pride.**



**So in conclusion...**

**What is your gift?**

**Pursue discovering it.**

**Are you utilizing your gift?**

**Pursue utilizing it.**

**Are you mastering your  
gift?**

**Pursue Mastery.**





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