

## 2. Receiving the Ministry of the Spiritual Gifts.



- ✘ God desires to manifest His Spirit in ministry in and through His people.
- ✘ A few points from Myer Pearlman: <sup>2</sup>
  - ↪ First, “God is sovereign in the matter of the bestowal of gifts; He is the One to decide as to the kind of gift that shall be imparted.”
  - ↪ Second, “He may impart a gift without human intervention at all, and even without the person's asking. But generally, God works in co-operation with man, and there is something that man can do about the matter.”
- ✘ Key Steps in Receiving the Gifts: <sup>3</sup>
  - ↪ First, is **Submission** to the Will of God.
  - ↪ Second, is **Holy Ambition** (1 Corinthians 12:31; 14:1, 39; See Also 1 Thessalonians 5:19; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6)
  - ↪ Third, is **Faith.**

**Let's Believe God For  
A FRESH OUTPOURING  
of His Holy Spirit!**



<sup>1</sup> Pearlman, Myer, *Knowing The Doctrines of the Bible* (Springfield, MI: Gospel Publishing House, 1937, 1981), 331-334.

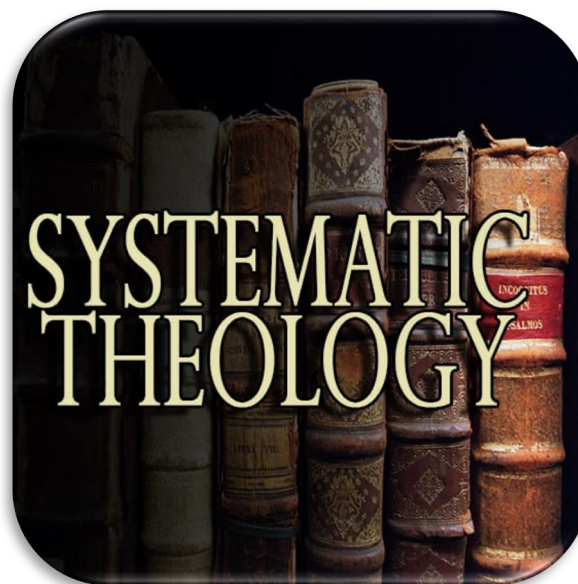
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# Message Talk Sheet

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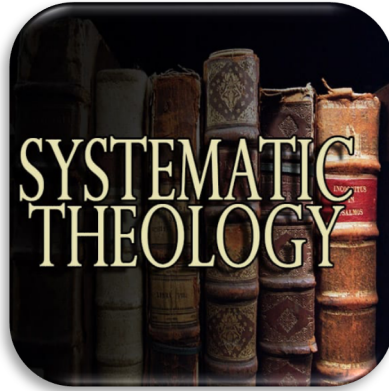
**PNEUMATOLOGY (Part 20)**

The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit:  
The Work of the Holy Spirit

[Part E - "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit"]

Lesson #6 – Testing & Receiving the Spiritual Gifts

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; 13:1-3; 14:1-40; 1 Timothy 4:14;  
2 Timothy 1:6; 1 Thess. 5:19-21; 1 John 4:1-3



## ***PNEUMATOLOGY ~ "The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit"***

### **The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

✘ Learning to be thankful  
for the Holy Spirit.

The Operations of the Gifts  
(Manifestations) of the Holy Spirit:

✘ 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 ~ The Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

✘ 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 ~ The Power & Importance of **Love**.

✘ 1 Corinthians 14:1-40 ~ The Guidelines & Regulations for the  
Operations of the Gifts.

↪ 1 Corinthians 14:12 ~ "Since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it  
be done **for the edification of the church.**"

↪ 1 Corinthians 14:27-29, 40 ~ "Let there be two, or at the most  
three, each in turn... Let all things be done **decently** and in **order.**"



## **1. Testing the Ministry of the Spiritual Gifts.**



✘ The First Test is **Loyalty** to Christ.

↪ 1 Corinthians 12:1 ~ "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren,  
I do not want you to be ignorant."

↪ 1 Corinthians 12:3 ~ "Therefore I make known to you that no  
one speaking by the Spirit of God **calls Jesus accursed**, and no  
one can say that **Jesus is Lord** except by the Holy Spirit."

↪ Acts 16:16-18 ~ Paul and the Slave Girl with a Spirit of  
Divination – Which He Cast Out!

✘ The Second Test is The **Practical** Test.

↪ 1 Corinthians 12:1; 14:12 ~ The Corinthians were spiritual in the  
sense that they displayed a keen interest in spiritual gifts.

↪ But while glorying in the Spirit's energizing power they seemed  
lacking in His sanctifying power.

↪ However important spiritual gifts might be, Christian character  
and right living must be the supreme aim of our endeavors.

↪ Warnings: Hebrews 12:14; Numbers 32:23

✘ The Third Test is The **Doctrinal** Test.

↪ 1 John 4:1-3 ~ "Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits,  
whether they are of God."

↪ 1 Corinthians 14:29 ~ "Let two or three prophets speak, and  
let the others judge."

↪ 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 ~ "Do not quench the Spirit. Do not  
despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good." <sup>1</sup>

