

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Lists in Romans 12, 1 Cor 12, 1 Peter 4

Romans 12: 6-8 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Corinthians 12: 7-11 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

1 Corinthians 12: 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.

1 Peter 4: 10-11 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies - in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Administration - The gift of administration is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to understand clearly the immediate and long-range goals of a particular unit of the Body and to devise and execute effective plans for the accomplishment of those goals. (arranging daily distribution of food - Acts 6:2-5)

Apostle - The gift of apostle is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to assume and to exercise divinely imparted authority in order to establish the foundational government of an assigned sphere of ministry within the church. An apostle hears from the Holy Spirit and sets things in order accordingly for the Church's health, growth, maturity and outreach.

Discernment - The gift of discerning (or discernment) of spirits is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to know with assurance whether certain behaviors purported to be of God are in reality divine, human or satanic.

Evangelist - The gift of evangelist is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to share the Gospel with unbelievers in such a way that men and women become Jesus' disciples and responsible members of the Body of Christ.

Exhortation - The gift of exhortation-sometimes called the gift of counseling-is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to minister words of comfort, consolation, encouragement and counsel to other members of the Body in such a way that they feel helped and healed. (Barnabas - Acts 11:23)

Faith - The gift of faith is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to discern with extraordinary confidence the will and purposes of God for the future of His work. (healings, miracles)

Giving - the gift of giving is the special ability God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to contribute their material resources to the work of the Lord liberally and cheerfully, above and beyond the tithes and offerings expected of all believers. (disciples gave \$ for Jerusalem church - Acts 11:29-30)

Healing - The gift of healing is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to cure illness and restore health apart from the use of natural means. (Peter and beggar at beautiful gate - Acts 3)

Helps - the gift of helps is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to invest the talents they have in the life and ministry of other members of the Body, thus enabling those others to increase the effectiveness of their own spiritual gifts.

Hospitality - The gift of hospitality is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to provide an open house and warm welcome for those in need of food and lodging.

Intercession - to pray for extended periods of time on a regular basis and see frequent and specific answers to their prayers to a degree much greater than that which is expected of the average Christian.

Knowledge - to discover, accumulate, analyze and clarify information and ideas that are pertinent to the growth and well-being of the Body. Insight and understanding of circumstances by divine aid and understanding of divine things in human duties. Knowledge of God or things of God that belong to God.

Leadership - to set goals in accordance with God's purpose for the future and to communicate these goals to others in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish those goals for the glory of God. (Titus, Timothy)

Mercy - to feel genuine empathy and compassion for individuals, both Christian and non-Christian, who suffer distressing physical, mental or emotional problems, and to translate that compassion into cheerfully done deeds that reflect Christ's love to alleviate the suffering. (Onesiphorus - 2Tim 1:16)

Miracles - to serve as human intermediaries through who it pleases God to perform powerful acts that are perceived by observers to have altered the ordinary course of nature. (Philip - Acts 8:6)

Pastor - to assume a long-term personal responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a group of believers.

Prophecy - to receive and communicate a message of God to His people through divinely anointed utterance. (Antioch church - Acts 13:1; Agabus - Acts 11:28; Acts 21: 10-11)

Service - to identify the unmet needs involved in a task related to God's work, and to make use of available resources to meet those needs and help accomplish the desired goals. (waiting tables - Acts 6:1-6)

Teaching - to communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the Body and its members in such a way that others will learn. (Antioch church - Acts 13:1)

Tongues - The only gift that can be completely and totally for the building up of the individual, can be incredibly personal. (1)to speak to God in a language they have never learned and/or (2) to receive and communicate an immediate message from God to His people through a divinely anointed utterance in a language they have never learned. (new believers in Ephesus - Acts 19:6)

Interpretation of Tongues - to make known in the vernacular the message of one who speaks in tongues. (discussed in 1 Cor 14)

Wisdom - to know the mind of the Holy Spirit in such a way as to receive insight into how given knowledge may best be applied to specific needs arising in the Body of Christ. Kind of like Holy Spirit problem solving from a sense of divine direction. Knowledge rightly applied.