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spiritual gifts

there are different
kinds of gifts, but
the same Spirit
distributes them



1 CORINTHIANS 12:4

Spiritual Gift Definitions

LOVE GIFTS

Administration is the “divine enablement to understand what makes an organization function, and the special ability to plan and execute procedures that accomplish the goals of the ministry.” Definition by Bruce Bugbee

Helps is the “capacity to unselfishly meet the needs of others through very practical service” enabling ministry to be ongoing. Definition by J. Robert Clinton

Mercy is the “divine enablement to cheerfully and practically help those who are suffering or are in need.” Definition by Bruce Bugbee

Giving is the “capacity to give liberally to meet the needs of others and yet to do so with a purity of motive which senses that the giving is a simple sharing of what God has given.” Definition by J. Robert Clinton

WORD GIFTS

Teaching is the supernatural “ability to instruct, explain, or expose [Scripture] in such a way as to cause believers to understand the Biblical truth.” Definition by J. Robert Clinton

Exhortation is the “capacity to urge people to action in terms of applying Biblical truths, to encourage people generally with Biblical truths, or to comfort people through the application of Biblical truth to their needs.” Definition by J. Robert Clinton

Apostleship is the “special ability to assume and exercise general leadership over a number of churches [or Christian organizations] with an extraordinary authority in spiritual matters that is spontaneously recognized and appreciated.” Definition by Peter Wagner

Leadership/Ruling is the divine enablement to cast vision, motivate, and direct people to harmoniously accomplish the purposes of God. Definition by Bruce Bugbee.

Shepherding/Pastoring is the capacity to exercise concern and care for members of a group so as to encourage them in their growth in Christ, which involves modeling maturity, protecting them from error and disseminating truth. Definition by J. Robert Clinton.

Evangelism is the special ability to communicate the Gospel message in relevant ways to unbelievers. Definition by Leslie B. Flynn.

POWER GIFTS

Faith is the ability to see something that God wants done and to sustain unwavering confidence that God will do it regardless of seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Definition by Leslie B. Flynn.

The discerning of spirits gift is the ability to perceive issues in terms of spiritual truth, to know the fundamental source of the issues and to give judgment concerning those issues; this includes the recognition of the spiritual forces operating. Definition by J. Robert Clinton.

Works of power (miracles) is the supernatural ability to have spiritual authority over nature or the demonic. Definition by J. Robert Clinton.

The gift of Tongues allows one to “speak, worship, or pray in a language unknown to the speaker.” Definition by Bruce Bugbee.

The Interpretation of Tongues is the “ability to spontaneously respond to a giving of an authoritative message in tongues by interpreting this word and clearly communicating the message given.” Definition by J. Robert Clinton.

Intercession is the special ability to selflessly 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. Definition by C. Peter Wagner.

The gift of prophecy is exercised when someone, usually in a congregation or large gathering, has the capacity to deliver truth of a predictive nature or a situational word from God. The result is to exhort the community, edify or comfort believers, or convince non-believers of God’s truth. Definition by J. Robert Clinton.

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. Definition by C. Peter Wagner.

The gifts of Words of Wisdom/Knowledge are situational communications given by the Holy Spirit for that moment. Thus, we are not just talking about people who are knowledgeable about the Bible or God but are talking about a word which comes from God as wisdom or knowledge for a certain specific situation. Definition by J. Robert Clinton.

Celibacy is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to remain single and enjoy it; to be unmarried and not suffer undue sexual temptation. Definition by C. Peter Wagner

The gift of martyrdom is the special ability to undergo suffering for the faith even to death while constantly displaying a joyous and victorious attitude that brings glory to God. Definition by C. Peter Wagner