

Stir Up Your Gifts

Key Scriptures on Spiritual Gifts (KJV)

Below is a comprehensive **definition and description** of the **spiritual gifts** listed in the **King James Version (KJV)** of the Scriptures previously provided. These gifts are mentioned primarily in **Romans 12**, **1 Corinthians 12–14**, **Ephesians 4**, and **1 Peter 4**.

1 Peter 4:10–11

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1. Romans 12:4–8

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“For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.”

2. 1 Corinthians 12:1–11

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“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.
... But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
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:
But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.”

3. 1 Corinthians 12:27–31

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“Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.
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.
Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?
Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?
But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.”

4. 1 Corinthians 13:1–2

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“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.”

5. 1 Corinthians 14:1–5

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“Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: ...

But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied...”

6. Ephesians 4:7–13

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“But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ...

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...”

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Definition of Spiritual Gifts (KJV Context)

Spiritual gifts are **divinely bestowed abilities** given by the **Holy Spirit** to believers for the **purpose of edifying the Church, glorifying God, and carrying out His work on earth**. They are not natural talents, but supernatural

endowments that function under the guidance and power of the Spirit.

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“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.” – *1 Corinthians 12:7*

Descriptions of Spiritual Gifts

1. Prophecy

Definition: The supernatural ability to speak forth a message from God. This can include foretelling future events or forth-telling divine truth to encourage, warn, or correct.

Reference: Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:10

Purpose: To edify, exhort, and comfort the church (1 Cor. 14:3)

2. Ministry (Serving)

Definition: A gift of practical service—meeting physical, emotional, or spiritual needs of others.

Reference: Romans 12:7

Purpose: To carry out acts of kindness and support within the Body of Christ.

3. Teaching

Definition: The ability to explain and communicate the truths of God's Word clearly and accurately.

Reference: Romans 12:7; Ephesians 4:11

Purpose: To build up the faith and understanding of the church through instruction.

4. Exhortation (Encouragement)

Definition: The gift of encouraging, comforting, and urging others toward spiritual growth and faithfulness.

Reference: Romans 12:8

Purpose: To uplift and motivate believers in their walk with Christ.

5. Giving

Definition: A Spirit-empowered generosity that goes beyond the tithe and is marked by cheerfulness and sincerity.

Reference: Romans 12:8

Purpose: To meet needs and advance the Kingdom with resources God has provided.

6. Ruling (Leadership/Administration)

Definition: The ability to organize, govern, and lead ministries or groups with diligence and wisdom.

Reference: Romans 12:8

Purpose: To bring structure and guidance to the church.

7. Showing Mercy

Definition: A deep compassion and readiness to help those in need, suffering, or distress.

Reference: Romans 12:8

Purpose: To reflect the mercy of God through acts of love and care.

8. Word of Wisdom

Definition: A supernatural revelation of divine insight into how to apply knowledge to a specific situation.

Reference: 1 Corinthians 12:8

Purpose: To guide the church with God-given solutions.

9. Word of Knowledge

Definition: The Spirit-given ability to understand and speak facts that are divinely revealed—not learned.

Reference: 1 Corinthians 12:8

Purpose: Often used for discernment, healing, or revealing truth.

10. Faith

Definition: A supernatural confidence in God's promises and power that inspires

others and leads to miracles.

Reference: 1 Corinthians 12:9

Purpose: To trust and act boldly for God beyond natural reasoning.

11. Gifts of Healing

Definition: The power to restore physical, emotional, or spiritual health through divine intervention.

Reference: 1 Corinthians 12:9

Purpose: To manifest God's compassion and power in healing.

12. Working of Miracles

Definition: The ability to perform supernatural acts that defy natural laws.

Reference: 1 Corinthians 12:10

Purpose: To affirm the power of God and build faith.

13. Discerning of Spirits

Definition: The supernatural ability to distinguish between the Spirit of God, demonic influence, and human motivation.

Reference: 1 Corinthians 12:10

Purpose: To protect the church from false doctrine and deception.

14. Divers Kinds of Tongues

Definition: Speaking in unknown, Spirit-inspired languages, either earthly or heavenly.

Reference: 1 Corinthians 12:10; 14:2

Purpose: For prayer, praise, or prophetic utterance (with interpretation).

15. Interpretation of Tongues

Definition: The ability to translate or explain the meaning of unknown tongues by the Spirit.

Reference: 1 Corinthians 12:10

Purpose: To edify the church when tongues are spoken publicly.

16. Helps

Definition: A gift of assistance—supporting leaders and ministries through practical aid.

Reference: 1 Corinthians 12:28

Purpose: To strengthen and sustain church functions.

17. Governments (Administration)

Definition: The gift of planning, organizing, and managing church affairs with clarity and order.

Reference: 1 Corinthians 12:28

Purpose: To maintain harmony and productivity in church operations.

18. Apostles

Definition: Pioneers sent with a divine mission, often to plant churches or establish foundational doctrine.

Reference: 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11

Purpose: To lay spiritual foundations and expand the church.

19. Evangelists

Definition: Those specially gifted to preach the Gospel and bring people to salvation.

Reference: Ephesians 4:11

Purpose: To spread the message of Christ to the lost.

20. Pastors and Teachers

Definition: Shepherds who lead, feed, and care for the flock; teachers who instruct in sound doctrine.

Reference: Ephesians 4:11

Purpose: For nurturing and equipping believers.