

Go: Be Extraordinary!



We all love to receive presents, don't we? One of my favourite presents was a necklace that my husband gave me. It was made by a friend of mine who spent a lot of time shaping the silver and making it perfect. Another of my favourite presents was an ornament my son gave me. He had bought it months before Christmas when we were visiting somewhere. It really meant a lot that he had been planning my present so far ahead!



What's the best present you've ever had?

Did you know the Holy Spirit is a person who loves to give presents to us? He has an entire treasure trove of good things for us. The Holy Spirit doesn't just give us gifts for ourselves but to help us tell the world about how they can know and love Jesus.



The Holy Spirit gives them to us to help us show people that God is loving, that He knows all about them and that He can make the impossible, possible.



Read **1 Corinthians 12: 4-11**



Write the 9 gifts in the big present outline below



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The Holy Spirit gives us special gifts to help us tell others about Jesus and how He loves them.



Do you play an instrument? What is it?

The gifts of the Spirit are like different instruments that all sound different and are played differently but all come together to make a beautiful sound. The gifts of the Spirit are to encourage the church and are powerful in showing our friends and family how amazing and miraculous God is.



We don't all have the same gifts, but we are all using our gifts for the same purpose – to glorify God, to show and tell Him how amazing He is!

The Holy Spirit gives us these gifts to help others in our church and wherever God sends us. They all do us good and build us up. We use them because God gives us His love for others. It is because of that love that we use His gifts. We should never use these gifts without love!

Let's look at each of these spiritual gifts and see what it means.



Word of Wisdom: Sometimes the Spirit gives us wisdom, to help someone know the right thing to do or say in a situation which we wouldn't know ourselves.



Word of Knowledge: The Spirit gives us knowledge, tells us things, we wouldn't know ourselves.



Gifts of Healing: Having increased faith to know God will heal.



Miracles: Miracles are impossible for us to do on our own. Something happens that should be impossible, but God makes it possible!



Faith: A supernatural knowing, without any doubt or wondering, that God will and is doing something specific in a person



Prophecy: This is a message God gives to encourage people to make them stronger and giving them hope and comfort.



Discernment of Spirits: Helps us know whether something is from God, a person's own mind and heart, or is an evil spirit.



Tongues: The Holy Spirit gives us a language we haven't learned, and we don't know. It is a heavenly language between God and us. When this is used in a group with others it helps us to tune in (like a radio) to what God is saying to everyone.



Interpretation of Tongues: When tongues are used in a public meeting they need to be interpreted. With this gift someone gives a sense of what was said so everyone can learn and grow from it.

The Holy Spirit will give us the right gift for the right time.

It doesn't matter how old you are, the Holy Spirit can give you any of these gifts to help others. You can't work hard to get them; they are a present given by the Holy Spirit to you! Some gifts are for certain times and others we might use more often.



In **Romans 12: 6-8** Paul gives us another set of gifts from God! He just loves giving us gifts!



Can you use your bible to tell us what to do with each of the gifts from this passage?

Gift	What to do with it!
Prophecy	
Serving	
Teaching	
Encouraging	
Giving	
Leading	
Kindness	



Ask the grown up with you to help you put a circle around the gifts in those verses that you are good at using the most.



When we use gifts of the Spirit in our everyday lives, the power of the Holy Spirit can do amazing things that are not possible without him! People's lives can be changed forever!



To be able to use these gifts we need to

- put God first and be filled with the Spirit every day,
- believe that He can use us and ask Him to use us,
- be bold and brave, trusting God for impossible things
- **do it all in His love**



Let's chat to the Holy Spirit about the gifts He has for us:

1. Tell God about the best present you ever had and what was special about it
2. Ask God to fill you again with the Holy Spirit today
3. Ask your grown up (if they are a follower of Jesus) which gifts they have used and to tell you about a time they used that gift to help someone else
4. Ask the Holy Spirit what gift(s) He wants you to use today
5. Thank the Holy Spirit that He will show you the right time, the right people, and the right place to use your gift.

Or you could use this prayer to help you:

Holy Spirit we thank you for giving us special gifts. Thank you that you made each one of us different and to be used in different ways. Please would you use your gifts in me to encourage and help people who believe in you and friends and family who don't. Please give me the boldness to obey you and show others how amazing, loving and powerful you are. Amen