

Activating Our Position in Christ

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Spiritual Gifts Explained – The Power Gifts

Today we are going to take a little deeper look into the gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned here...

1 Corinthians 12:7–11 (ESV) — 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.

...Last time we broke down the gifts into groupings...

→ **The Grouping of Spiritual Gifts...**

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Perceiving	Power	Proclaiming
Wisdom	Faith	Prophecy
Knowledge	Healings	Tongues
Discerning of spirits	Miracles	Interpretation of tongues

Today we are going to dive deeper into our first grouping known as **PERCEIVING GIFTS...**

1. The Spiritual Gift of Faith

1 Corinthians 12:9a (ESV) — to another faith by the same Spirit...

Πίστις - pistis

Faith means to believe to the extent of complete trust and reliance

What is this particular faith that is being referred to here?

Before we answer that, let’s look at some various kinds of faith in the NT

➤ **There is Saving faith**

Ephesians 2:8 (ESV) — For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God

➤ **There is Sanctifying faith**

Galatians 5:22–23 (ESV) — 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

The word here translated “faithfulness” is the same word used in 1 Corinthians 12:9 and Ephesians 2:8...

The Holy Spirit develops and grows faith within us as believers...

But there is a third type of faith that is referred to here as the gift of the Spirit...

➤ **There is Supernatural faith**

➔ **Spiritual Gifts Explained – Power 1**

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Faith	A supernatural impartation of belief and confidence for a specific situation
Healings	A supernatural power given by God to an individual removing _____ and _____
Miracles	A supernatural power given by God to an individual producing _____ and _____

Sanctifying Faith is Mustard Seed faith...

Matthew 17:19–20 (ESV) — Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.”

Supernatural Faith is Miraculous Faith

Examples in Scripture

➔ **1 Kings 17 – Elijah and the Drought**

1 Kings 17:1 (ESV) — Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.”

1 Kings 18:36 (ESV) — And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, “O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word.

➔ **James 5 – Faith like Elijah**

James 5:17 (ESV) — Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.

I do believe these two – The Fruit of Faith and the Gift of Faith work together...

James 5:14–16 (ESV) — Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

1. The Spiritual Gift of Faith

2. The Spiritual Gifts of Healing

1 Corinthians 12:9b (ESV) — ... to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit

χαρίσματα ἰαμάτων

Both words are in the plural...

Literally...

“gifts of healings”

I do not believe that someone with the gifts of healings can heal at will...

Jesus Himself didn't do that!!!

→ John 5 - Healing the cripple at the pool of Bethesda...

John 5:2–9 (ESV) — Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

There were MANY others who were blind, lame, and paralyzed around the pool that Jesus DID NOT HEAL!

→ Acts 3 - Peter and John healing cripple at Temple gate...

Acts 3:1–2 (ESV) — Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple.

This event took place just weeks after Jesus' ascension into heaven...

In other words, the cripple had been there begging while Jesus was in Jerusalem, but Jesus didn't heal him!

John 5:19 (ESV) — So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

→ Spiritual Gifts Explained – Power 2

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Luke 5:17 (ESV) — On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal.

1. The Spiritual Gift of Faith

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3. The Spiritual Gift of Working of Miracles

1 Corinthians 12:10 (ESV) — to another the working of miracles...

Literally ...

ἐνεργήματα δυνάμεων

“the workings of miracles” or “the workings of powers”

→ **Spiritual Gifts Explained – Power 3**

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Miracles	A supernatural power given by God to an individual producing signs and wonders

In Galatians 3 we are given an interesting insight regarding miracles...

Galatians 3:5 (ESV) — Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith

First, it is God working the miracles...

Second, those miracles are released through Spirit-filled believers hearing God’s heart and then exercising faith

Let me take a brief minute to distinguish between “gifts of healings” and “workings of miracles/powers”...

Gifts of healings are for removing diseases and infirmities

- **These may or may not be immediate**

Workings of miracles are supernatural signs and wonders

- **These are almost always immediate**

While both of these are expressions of God’s Kingdom power, healings focus on diseases and infirmities while miracles touch everything else...

Examples in Scripture

→ **Luke 8 – Woman and Jairus’ daughter**

Luke 8:44–46 (ESV) — She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. And Jesus said, “Who was it that touched me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!” But

Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me.”

Luke 8:54–55 (ESV) — But taking her by the hand he called, saying, “Child, arise.” And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And he directed that something should be given her to eat.

It is interesting that, in Scripture, you will find a close tie between the workings of miracles and deliverance of demons...

Mark 9:38–39 (ESV) — 38 John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” 39 But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

Here it is called a “mighty work” but the word is “dunamis”

→ Acts 8 – Philip in Samaria

Acts 8:6–7 (ESV) — And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed.

Acts 8:13 (ESV) — Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.

I’m not saying that every miracle is freeing the demonized, but deliverance from demons is a working of miracles...

→ Acts 20 – Paul with Eutychus

Acts 20:9–10 (ESV) — And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, “Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.”

→ A final sobering reality regarding healings and miracles

Jesus in Nazareth...

Mark 6:5–6a (ESV) — 5 And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And he marveled because of their unbelief.

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