

God Gifts

Part 1

1 Corinthians 12:1–6 (NASB95)

- 1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware.
- 2 You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to the mute idols, however you were led.
- 3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus is accursed”; and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.
- 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.
- 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.
- 6 There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.

g1243. διαίρεσις *diairesis*; a distinction or variety: — difference, diversity, division.

g5486. χάρισμα *charisma*; a (divine) gratuity, i.e. deliverance (from danger or passion); (specially), a (spiritual) endowment, i.e. (subjectively) religious qualification, or (objectively) miraculous faculty: — (free) gift.

g1248. διακονία *diakonia*; attendance (as a servant, etc.); figuratively aid, (official) service (especially of the Christian teacher, or technically of the diaconate): — (ad-)minister(-ing, -tration, -try), office, relief, service(-ing).

g1755. ἐνέργημα *energēma*; an effect: — operation, working.

Ephesians 4:7–12 (NASB95)

- 7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift.
- 8 Therefore it says, “WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN.”
- 9 (Now this expression, “He ascended,” what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?)
- 10 He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)
- 11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,
- 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

Apostle – see; They awaken people to their God designed potential. They are instrumental in people discovering who they really are, and walking alongside them to get there. They forge new paths in the Kingdom and are a catalyst for change wherever they go.

Prophet – hear; They are effective in revealing God’s heart for His people where ever they go. They can accurately discern God’s heart for a situation. They help people experience God’s voice for the very first time and help them develop hearing the voice of God in their own life.

Evangelist – sense; They make the stories of Jesus’s remarkable goodness and love famous. They are the carrier of good news and partner with Jesus in celebrating people’s transformation. They stir curiosity and desire to know Jesus. Their life is a living invitation to all to join the Family of God.

Pastor – feel; They are instrumental in guiding people through brokenness back to wholeness and healing their soul from wounds that keep them where they are. They create a safe atmosphere of family and belonging. They bring fun and enjoyment to God's ministry and allow people to feel like they are part of a greater family.

Teacher – speak; They make the truth and knowledge about God accessible to all. They have an ability for breaking confusion and misinformation. They are strategic in helping people know the truth of God and also how it applies to their own life.

James 3:1 (NASB95)

1 Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.

Matthew 20:16 (NKJV)

16 So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are **called**, but few **chosen**.”

Revelation 17:14 (NKJV)

14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are **called**, **chosen**, and **faithful**.”