

## Gifts of the Spirit

### 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

#### There are 3 different ways The Holy Spirit works in us

- **John 14:17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells within you and will be in you.
  - **Acts 1:8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
1. **With you:** when does this happen? Before we are saved, the Holy Spirit is with you comes alongside you, and convicts you of sin and righteousness. He's been with you **John 16:8**
  2. **In you:** inside, inhabit, in-dwelling when? When you're saved, if you're a believer the Holy Spirit is in you. To seal you for the day of redemption **Ephesians 4:30**, to sanctify you
    - This is when you become the Temple of the Holy Spirit **1 Corinthians 6:19**
    - This is when sanctification begins, and the fruit of the Spirit happens
  3. **Upon you: Acts 2** the empowering, baptism of the Holy Spirit so they could be witnesses
    - This is where spiritual gifts come
    - Divine enablement, anointing, and power

The gifts of the spirit can be divided into 3 areas

1. Speaking gifts
2. Serving gifts
3. Signs gift

3 lists describe the Gifts of the Spirit

**1 Corinthians 12: 8   Romans 12:5   Ephesians 4: 11**

1. Gifts are varied
2. Gifts are given not earned (**7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:)**)

**What is the best gift? Whatever gift the Lord gives you is the best gift for You  
let God lead you, and allow the Holy Spirit to do as He wills**

3. Gifts are not the Goal.
  - Being obedient to the Lord, overcoming fears, overcoming temptation, bringing Glory and honor to the Lord
  - Being in Christ is the Goal, in Him I live, in Him I move, in Him I have all of my being.
4. Gifts are not natural talents.
5. Gifts of the Holy Spirit are not to be confused with the fruits of the Spirit

**Word of Wisdom**, a special Word of wisdom from God for a specific time,

**Matthew 10:18** You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. **19** But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; **20** for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

## Word of knowledge

to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

- Supernatural enablement of knowledge, not necessarily knowledge by studying the word of God
- The knowledge that God gives a person that they couldn't know any other way
- **Old Testament** King of Syria tries to make war against the King of Israel....**2 Kings 6:12**
- **New Testament** when Jesus asked His disciples who do you say that I Am. Peter answers and Jesus says in **Matthew 16:17** Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. Peter had a divine revelation
- Ananias and Saphira **Acts 5:3**
- We see this gift happen almost every other Sunday in almost every other church

## Faith

9 to another faith by the same Spirit

- This is not saving faith
  - Not the faith when you hear the Gospel
  - Not the faith that comes through the hearing God's word
- **Romans 12:3** Everyone has a measure of faith.
- This is a special gift of faith for a specific situation **for the profit of all. Church or you.**
- Wonder working faith
- A Spirit-given ability to see something that God wants to do, and to have an unwavering confidence that God will do it, regardless of the obstacles.
- **Jesus said to Mary the sister of Lazarus in John 11:40** Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"
- Some of the great works that God has done are because the Holy Spirit of God has given you this gift.

## Healings

- to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,
  - Healings. Not healer,
  - If you have been sick, and the Lord has healed you, you have received a gift of healing
  - Since the fall of Adam, and the consequence of sin mankind has been in need of healing
- Romans 5:12** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

## Old Testament

- Elisha and Naaman **2 Kings 5**
- King Hezekiah **Isaiah 38:21** Now Isaiah had said, "Let them take a lump of figs, and apply it as a poultice on the boil, and he shall recover."

## New Testament: Jesus

- Jesus is the healer, there are 41 miracles of healing described in the gospels
- When John the Baptist sent a messenger to Jesus to ask if he was the Messiah Jesus answered

**Luke 7:22** Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them.

1. Authenticated that Jesus was the Messiah
2. This would be a sign of coming attractions

**Mark 16:17** And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they[e] will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

- We must follow the Lord, and the signs will follow us

**Acts 1:1** The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 until the day in which [a]He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,

- The book of Acts was the continued work of Jesus through the church
- If we see the book of Acts we will see that this took place with the apostles

**Acts 19:11** Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

**The Lord did miracles in the early church and He is still doing miracles in the church today**

## Miracles

**10** to another the working of miracles

- Healing is a miracle
- Miracles could be a lot of things
- Some believers experience these gifts

**Acts 6:8** And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

- The Bible is full of miracles..... starts with a miracle (God created the heavens and the earth) and ends with a miracle (God creating new heavens and a new earth)

■ **Miracle:** an extraordinary event taken as a sign of the supernatural power of God

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- We have natural laws and we have a natural order.
- A miracle is when God decides to supersede natural law with His law, which for Him isn't a wow moment, it's easy.

For some of us in this room, the Lord has blessed us to see and receive and be blessed by these gifts

**Acts 4:31** And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Why did it shake, a miracle

**Acts 5:15** so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. **16** Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

**What's up with Peter's shadow?** Was it a mystical and magical shadow?

- The anointing of the power of the Holy Spirit was on Peter,
- See we underestimate the anointing and we over-mystify the anointing

I think it's much like the hem of Jesus' garment.

**James 5:14** 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. **15** And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

The Bible tells us the elders of the church lay hands on them. There's nothing magical about my hands. It doesn't have anything supernatural in it. There's nothing magical about oil. It's just that we do it, and it's a point of contact.

**Acts 8: 15** who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. **16** For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17** Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. **18** And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,