

Spiritual Gifts Pt. II

Scripture has four main focuses on Spiritual Gifts/Giftings

- Manifestations
- Motivational/Service Gifts
- Leadership/Equipping Gifts
- The Stewardship of Gifts

Review

Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues. All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they? All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way."

- Apostles of the first century church - There are the 12 disciples of Jesus early ministry and the lesser apostles that are challenging to number as opinions vary. Main distinctions between the two types of apostolic people are the Main 12 Testified from eye witness experiences, they all were given the gift of tongues, healing and powerful teaching/preaching to establish the church in truth. They were chosen along with Paul to write the majority of the New Testament. The majority of the other apostles were sent by the original apostles ministry to preach and teach the Good News. The Spirit was also leading this charge calling men and even women into the this great work.

- Apostles in the modern day church - Main distinction is they tend to set up church government and leadership. They will also work to ground the church in simple truths based on scripture. Modern day church planters are typically apostolic because it requires at some point those giftings.

Leadership/Equipping Gifts

“But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it says, “When He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, And He gave gifts to men.” (Now this expression, “He ascended,” what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)”

Ephesians 4:7-10 NASB1995

“And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.”

Ephesians 4:11-13 NASB1995

Motivational/Service Gifts

“Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

Romans 12:6-8 NASB1995

Stewardship of Gifts

“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

1 Peter 4:10-11 NASB1995

