

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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Guidelines and Principles

1. Do not be ignorant concerning the gifts. (1 Cor 12:1 with Eph 4:16)
2. To each has been given gifts for the common good. (AMP Rom 12:1-6 and 2 Tim 1:6)
3. Be fulfilled in joy by using them for the common good of all. (Rom 12:6,12 & 1 Cor 12:7)
4. Gifts are the Church's spiritual building material.
 - A) The Gifts always are meant to exalt Christ. (1 Pet 4:10,11)
 - B) The Gifts always unify the Church; we are mutually dependent on one another. (Rom 12:5 & 1 Cor 12:25)
 - C) The Gifts are meant to profit all and edify all (Eph 4:8-16)
 - D) Gifts show us our own shortcomings without them. (Rom 12:3)
5. Stir up the gift that is in you. (1 Tim 4:14 & 2 Tim 1:6)

Gifting Groups in the Bible [Lists]

The Ministry Gifts [from Eph 4:11-12]

APOSTLE: One sent forth to establish.

PROPHET: One proclaiming God's message, primarily among believers.

EVANGELIST: One proclaiming God's message, primarily to unbelievers.

PASTOR: Overseer of the local Church and the needs of the flock to shepherd them.

TEACHER: Preserves and clarifies the truth of the Word of God.

[Adding from 1 Cor 12:27,28]

WORKERS of MIRACLES: Doing supernatural acts among believers and unbelievers.

HEALERS: Carrying gifts of healings to the sick. (gifted from 1 Cor 12:9)

HELPERS: Assists Church leadership in meeting the Church needs and the needs of the people.

ADMINISTRATIONS: Guides and leaders other ministries in getting work done orderly.

SPEAKERS in VARIOUS KINDS of TONGUES: Meeting people's needs as prophetic mysteries are uttered by the Holy Spirit's inspiration.

The Manifestation Gifts [from 1 Cor 12:7-10]

Word of Wisdom: Supernatural insight into future events.

Word of Knowledge: Supernatural insight of facts past or present.

Faith: Supernatural belief without doubt (not 'saving faith')

Healings: Supernatural remedy to restore bodies. (a plural gift in the Greek NT)

Working of Miracles: Supernatural displays of power in the natural.

Prophecy: Supernatural utterances to edify, exhort and comfort.

Discerning of spirits: Supernatural ability to discern and distinguish spiritual activities.

Various Kinds of Tongues: Supernatural utterance in a language not one's own, given in a public prophetic manner, usually directed for the unbeliever (not one's 'tongues' prayer language)

Interpretation of Tongues: Supernatural ability to interpret in a known language a message given through *Various Kinds of Tongues* (not a translation, but an essence-concept.)

The Motivation Gifts [from 1 Cor 12:6-8]

Prophecy: Motivated through the declaring of truth and revealing righteousness.

Service: Motivated through serving by meeting practical needs.

Teaching: Motivated through studying and reporting the things of the Word of God.

Exhortation: Motivated through encouraging people (a cheerleader).

Giving: Motivated through giving financially to support the needs of others/church.

Administrating: Motivated through leading, management and organizing; getting work done through others.

Mercy: Motivated through doing acts of mercy and identifying comfort that needs to be given, especially to others in distress.

There are other gifts mentioned in the Bible that are not in these groups such as:

hospitality; suffering for the gospel, martyrdom and some might add others, but these are the most commonly accepted.