

## An Explanation on The Nine Gifts Of The Holy Spirit!



What Are Spiritual Gifts And Why Has  
Christianity As A Whole Fallen  
Away From The Truth???

Why Does the Church of Jesus Christ to day do not exhibit the power

**Over the last 30 years of my evangelistic ministry** and for nearly the last two decades as a disciple of Christ. I have seen so many disciples who understand so little about the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit and in fact today in the body of Christ as a whole few of the major denominational church groups and others which are rapidly failing and falling away from the truth all over the world even understand or can lay hold of these gifts and the reasons are so obvious that one can only shake his head in amazement and wonder why they even bother to call themselves Christians at all!

**In order to obtain any gift from God one must be fully operating in the spiritual realm of God** and living by and in the word of truth, be truly born again and under the mighty wonder working power of the shed blood of the Lamb or you are little more than tinkling brass and in reality a hypocrite and a hindrance to the work of our Lords Kingdom and the great commission of Christ!

**Spiritual gifts can be best described as gifts given of God and given to us by Him** and delivered by the Holy Spirit to achieve God's supernatural goals. These spiritual gifts are the working tools of ministry and they are the success formula for victory over the world and the forces of all evil. Just as we have **five physical senses** that allow us to function in the natural realm of the sin filled world that we as HIS children must walk through on our journey to the promise land as we who are truly HIS perform the work that God has called all of us to do as Christians and true men and women of God and if we are truly HIS and have been washed free of sin and we are truly living our lives for His glory and living in Him and His cause and not ours, then God will give us the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit that will fill us with mighty wonder working power and will bless us, prosper us and help us to complete our work and they will enable us to function properly in the spiritual realm and receive from God all of HIS promises and then the world will see the bright spiritual light that shines forth from our person, our work and the glory of the footsteps taken only in Him in the ministry of and for His cause and without these gifts we cannot come into the full unity of Christ, become His or have any right to call ourselves Christians or expect that we shall be partakes of HIS glorious Kingdom on the other side of the grave!

**What are their Purposes?** Their purpose is specific - to "profit" the body of the church. Jesus "gave gifts unto men ... For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith..." (Ephesians 4:8, 12-14). These nine gifts are specifically available to every believer as the Holy Spirit distributes them (1 Corinthians 12:11). They are not to be merely acknowledged in a passive way, but rather are to be actively welcomed and expected (1 Corinthians 13:1; 14:1).

**The primary function of these and all nine gifts** was to serve as a sign and means of confirming the spoken word (Mk. 16: 20 Heb. 2: 4). We must realize that the apostles and early Christian did not, at first, have the New Testament, as we possess it today. Today, we can provide book, chapter, and verse to verify and confirm the truthfulness of the Word of God. In the absence of such verification, they often performed miracles to convince the observers. Judging from such verses as Mark 16: 17, 18, these gifts were apparently widespread and common among the early Christians just as they are today in those who have been born again and under the blood of the Lamb!

**The gifts of the Spirit are seen** in 1 Corinthians 12: 7-10 and they are nine in number. Exactly what are these gifts?

"7: But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8: For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9: To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10: To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues".

The Gifts!... "The word of wisdom" The gift of the word of wisdom is the application of knowledge that God gives you ( 1 Corinthians 2:6-7). This type of wisdom is a gift which cannot be gained through study or experience. The gift of wisdom is the wisdom of God. It is the supernatural impartation of facts; it is not natural. You can't earn it. It is received from God through prayer (Ephesians 1:17). The gift of the word of wisdom is seeing life from God's perspective.

The gift of the word of wisdom is also the revealing of prophetic future; it is speaking hidden truths of what is not known. It is a supernatural perspective to ascertain the divine means for accomplishing God's will in a given situation, and is a divinely given power to appropriate spiritual intuition in problem solving. Furthermore, this gift involves having a sense of divine direction, being led by the Holy Spirit to act appropriately in a given set of circumstances, and rightly applying knowledge and the word of truth!

The "word of knowledge" A word of knowledge is a definite belief, impression, or knowing that comes to you in a similitude (a mental picture), a dream, through a vision, or by a Scripture that is quickened in you. It is supernatural insight or understanding of circumstances, situations, problems, or a body of facts by revelation; that is, without assistance by any human resource but solely by divine aid.

**Furthermore, the gift of the word of knowledge** is the transcendental revelation of the divine will and plan of God. It involves moral wisdom for right living and relationships, requires objective understanding concerning divine things in human duties, and refers to knowledge of God or of the things that belong to God, as related in the Gospel.

**The gifts of the word of wisdom and the word of knowledge function together;** knowledge is raw material and wisdom builds on it. The "word of knowledge" seems to especially affect the intellect and enable the person having this gift to understand the deeper matters of the gospel. Jesus told the apostles that, "...when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak" (Matt. 10: 19).

"**To another faith**" The gift of faith is the supernatural ability to believe God without doubt, overcome unbelief, and visualize what God wants to accomplish. It is not only an inner conviction impelled by an urgent and higher calling, but also a supernatural ability to meet adverse circumstances with trust in God's words and messages. Non-miraculous and ordinary

**faith comes by "hearing and hearing by the word of God"** (Rom. 10: 17). One purpose of Jesus' recorded miracles is that of producing faith (Jn. 20: 30, 31). Hence, there is not the necessity for recurring present day miracles.

**"Gifts of healing"** The gift of healings refers to supernatural healing without human aid; it is a special gift to pray for specific diseases. Healing can come through the touch of faith (James 5:14-15); by speaking the word of faith (Luke 7:1-10); or by the presence of God being manifested (Mark 6:56).

**There are four types of healings:** physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. There is much diversity within the gift of healings. A truly born again Child of the living God that is washed in the blood of the Lamb and covered in the mighty wonder working power of that blood might have the gift of healing to heal a victim of cancer or have a diversity of the same gift to remove the cause of hate, which leads to cancer.

**According to Mark 16:17-20, the gifts of healing belong to all believers.** You can know whether or not you have the gift of healing by the following:

- A. By the inner witness of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:16).
- B. When you have a special ability to believe for physical healing for someone (Romans 12:3-8).
- C. When you have an overwhelming feeling of compassion which moves you to action (Matthew 20:34).

The gift of healing was not bestowed so that the community of believers could be free of health problems. (1 Tim. 5: 23, 6: 20)

The "working of miracles" A miracle is the performance of something which is against the laws of nature; it is a supernatural power to intervene and counteract earthly and evil forces. The word miracles comes from the Greek word *dunamis* which means "power and might that multiplies itself." The gift of miracles operates closely with the power gifts of faith and healings to bring authority over Satan, sickness, sin, and the binding forces of this age.

Miracles can also be defined as supernatural intercessions of God. God exhorts us with energy to do something that is not natural or normal to us. Some hold the view that "working of miracles" has reference to the ability to impart to others miracle working ability. The Greek words *energemata dunameon* ("working of miracles") can be translated, "active efficacy of powers." The reference seems to be to "mighty signs and wonders" (Rom. 15: 19).

**"To another prophecy"** People sometimes think that "prophecy" means to predict (foretell) what will happen in the future. Prophecy in the New Testament church carried no prediction with it whatsoever, for "he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort" (1 Corinthians 14:3) and helps us build up or strengthen; and should lead us to the Word of God. It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to convict of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment to come (John 16:8-11).

**Prophecy is divinely inspired and anointed utterance;** a supernatural proclamation in a known language. It is the manifestation of the Spirit of God - not of intellect (1 Corinthians 12:7), and it may be possessed and operated by all who have the in filling of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 14:31).

**Intellect, faith, and will are operative in this gift**, but its exercise is not intellectually based. It is calling forth words from the Spirit of God. The gift of prophecy operates when there is high worship (1 Samuel 10:5-6), when others prophets are present (1 Samuel 10:9-10), and when hands are laid on you by ministers (Acts 19:1-6). The gift of prophecy enabled the prophet to speak and teach miraculously. The matter that distinguished the prophet from the teacher was the prophet's ability to foretell the future and to issue teaching based on such foretelling.

The "**discerning of spirits**" Discerning of spirits is the supernatural ability given by the Holy Spirit to perceive the source of a spiritual manifestation and determine whether it is of God (Acts 10:30-35), of the devil (Acts 16:16-18), of man (Acts 8:18-23), or of the world. It is not mind reading, psychic phenomena, or the ability to criticize and find fault.

**Discerning of spirits must be done by the power of the Holy Spirit**; He bears witness with our spirit when something is or is not of God. The gift of discerning of spirits is the supernatural power to detect the realm of the spirits and their activities. It implies the power of spiritual insight - the supernatural revelation of plans and purposes of the enemy and his forces. It is a gift which protects and guards your spiritual life. The recipient of discerning of spirits could miraculously determine the truth being taught by the teacher. We have the charge of "trying the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (1 Jn. 4: 1).

**"Divers kinds of tongues"** The tongues of the New Testament upon close examination do not even resemble the emotional and unintelligible displays that are called speaking in tongues today.

**Tongues were languages**, supernatural utterance through the power of the Holy Spirit in a person, that manifests as spiritual language. The Holy Spirit energizes the tongue to edify believers through language and music and the preaching of the Gospel of our Lord!

**Diverse tongues is the most misunderstood and dynamic gift.** It is not necessarily your prayer language, but it can surface through intercession, conference, or through the individual in time of prayer and it has often surfaced in me in time of prayer or at times of great struggle and adversity as I have fought the good fight for the cause of Christ and the long hard years of the rebuilding of this great outreach missions church of which God has entrusted to my keeping.

**Tongues are uttered in languages not known to the speaker**; these languages may be existent in the world, revived from some past culture, or "unknown" in the sense that they are a means of communication inspired by the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 28:11; Mark 16:17; Acts 2:4, 10:44-48, 19:1-7; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 13:1-3, 14:2, 4-22, 26-32).

**The spiritual gift involving ability to speak in foreign language(s)** not previously studied or to respond to experience of the Holy Spirit by uttering sounds which those without the gift of interpretation could not understand. In Corinth some members of the church uttered sounds the rest of the congregation did not understand. (1 Corinthians 12-14)  
This led to controversy and division. Paul tried to unite the church, assuring the church that there are different gifts but only one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11). When the apostles were baptized in the Holy Spirit (the fullest supernatural empowerment, short of Jesus' experience, Jn. 3: 34), they "**spoke with other tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2: 4).

**We then read:** "Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language" (Acts 2: 6). They are called "unknown tongues" only in the climate of the hearer not knowing the language. The phenomenon of tongues allowed those early Christians who possessed this ability to gain the attention of the hearer and to impress upon the hearer that something supernatural was present (see Acts 2: 1-13). The gift of tongues also provided the person the capability of conversing with others in their own tongue without having studied the language. Even though Greek was cosmopolitan, there were many languages and dialects still spoken (Acts 2:8-11). Tongues were a highly sought after but abused gift in the church at Corinth (1 Cor. 14).

**"Interpretation of tongues"** Just as there were those in the early church who could miraculously speak another language, there were also those who could interpret. Not all hearers in an audience could always understand a language; hence, the need for miraculous interpretation. **Unintelligible gibberish was of no use,** the speaker had to be understood so the meaning could instruct and benefit (1 Cor. 14: 5-19). Specific instruction was given to the church at Corinth regarding tongues. "If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course, and let one interpret," Paul wrote. **"But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church,"** (1 Cor. 14: 27, 28).

**It is important to note that "interpretation"** of tongues is not the same thing as "translation" of tongues, for the interpreter never understands the tongue he or she is interpreting. For example, the message in tongues may be long and the interpretation short because the interpretation only gives the meaning. On the other hand, one may speak a short time in tongues and then given a lengthy interpretation. Yet still, at other times, the interpretation is almost word for word.

**The Word of God says that if you pray in tongues,** you should pray that you will also interpret - not only for the benefit of others - but for your own benefit as well.

**If someone speaks in tongues,** you can ask God to move through you to give the interpretation so others will understand, but you can also do this in your private prayers for your own personal benefit.

**When combined with the inspirational gift of diverse tongues,** the miraculous and supernatural phenomenon known as prophecy results!!!!

**JESUS said!** "They will speak in a new tongue!" What is that tongue? It is **HIS Gospel** and not just...**Unintelligible gibberish** that we see and hear today by those who jabber like a bunch of magpies in order for people to think they are filled with the Holy Spirit and have some special gift of God! This is indeed foolishness and is widespread today but the fact of the matter is it is just an act perpetrated on the masses of people who in fact never read and study the Bible in order to fully understand the gift of tongues!

**Many who call themselves Christians today are denying the Nine Gifts of the SPIRIT** is it any wonder then, why they cannot get people saved , get people healed and have a successful ministry that is being led by the Holy Spirit and is in action for the cause of Christ and not just sitting on the sidelines being just Hearers of the Word and not Doers of it and all of that can be directly attributed to the **lack of .....FAITH!**

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