

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

For God so loved the world that He **GAVE**.

Love should be the motivation to give, we should give because of love.

God gives because He loves to give.

The enemy wants to steal the knowledge of that from us and convince us that we need to do something to earn it or deserve it or achieve it.

God has given us life and breath, He has given His Son, His Holy Spirit and eternal life.

God has given us all the benefits of being a child of God.

Among those many benefits are the spiritual gifts.

We are to use our spiritual gifts in relationship with God.

We need to grow in our spiritual gifts or in other words, spiritual capacities.

If we have health insurance that covers eye exams in full at no cost to us, that's a benefit to us.

But if we do not make the doctor's office aware that we have those benefits, they do us no good.

We may have spiritual benefits that we are not even aware of.

We need to make ourselves aware of our benefits.

The 7 spiritual gifts listed in Romans 12 are called purpose gifts.

All believers have at least one purpose gift in alignment with their purpose.

Grace is unmerited favor.

When we operate in our giftedness, we are sharing God's grace or unmerited favor.

We do not get to choose our gifts, they are given by God as He sees fit.

We need to be who we were created to be, don't try to be someone else.

A hammer cannot be a saw, a saw cannot be a hammer.

A brief description of each purpose gift:

1. **Prophecy** enables a believer to bring a word or revelation directly from God under the quickening of the Holy Spirit, sometimes concerning future events.
2. **Service** contributes to the functioning of the body in practical ways.
3. **Teaching** involves analyzing, organizing, and creating systems for information.
4. **Exhorting** is to encourage others to realize their full potential.
5. **Giving** mobilizes resources for the needs of God's work and people.
6. **Leading** is oriented toward achieving goals, coordinating resources, people and processes.

7. **Mercy** is to extend compassion towards people.

The 9 spiritual gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12 are called power gifts.

The gifts are for the common good, for the good of others more than for ourselves.

Power gifts are used in brief dramatic demonstrations of God's power in a particular moment.

Learning to operate in our purpose gifts helps to set us up to receive power gifts.

God can give any believer any of the power gifts, they do not have to match your purpose gifts.

Three of the power gifts have to do with the mind.

Three of the power gifts have to do with the mouth or speaking.

Three of the power gifts have to do with the hand or with doing.

A brief description of each power gift:

1. A **word of wisdom** is a sudden understanding of the best way to proceed in a situation.
2. A **word of knowledge** is a sudden understanding of facts or information, an understanding of what, not necessarily how to do something.
3. The **discerning of spirits** is a sudden knowing of the spiritual dynamics behind the scenes.
4. **Prophecy** gives an instant revelation in words and pictures that reveal spiritual realities.
5. **Speaking in tongues** allows the Holy Spirit to bypass the human mind and speak through us in a supernatural language to say what is on God's mind (used publicly with interpretation). Differs from the personal gift of tongues which is a spiritual prayer language available to every believer, where we are speaking to God, not to people, not necessarily interpreted.
6. **Interpretation of tongues** is an essential counterpart to the public gift of tongues, gives human understanding of the gift of tongues necessary for the edification of the whole body.
7. **Faith**, not the measure of faith which is given to every believer, but rather a supernatural dispensation of grace, a special infusion of faith given by God for a particular moment.
8. **Gifts of healing**
9. **Working of miracles**

There are also gifts listed in Ephesians 4 which some refer to as offices, some call them people gifts, some call them the five-fold ministry.

1. Apostles
2. Prophets
3. Evangelists
4. Pastors
5. Teachers

These are not accessories, these are essential to the mission.

They are used to equip and build up and to train Christians individually and as a whole.

Training means to prepare.

The same greek word for prepare can also be translated repair, as in the mending and preparation of a fisherman's nets in Matthew 4:21 and the restoration of a relationship gone bad in Galatians 6:1.

God wants to repair us and prepare us.

God wants relationships repaired, between us and Him and between us and other people.

Use your giftedness to share God's love by building others up.

Using your gifts in relationship with Christ will result in others being repaired and/or prepared.

Love destroys shame, rejection, discouragement, depression, etc.

1. God's motivation toward you is love.
2. A benefit of God's love is your giftedness.
3. God loves a cheerful giver.

SCRIPTURE LIST

John 3:16

Psalms 103:11

Psalms 103:2

1 Corinthians 12:1-3

Romans 12:3-8

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Ephesians 4:11-13

Romans 5:8

Romans 8:16

2 Corinthians 9:7