

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT
Life in the Spirit
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Περὶ δὲ τῶν πνευματικῶν, ἀδελφοί, οὐ θέλω ὑμᾶς ἀγνοεῖν. ² Οἴδατε ὅτι ὅτε ἔθνη ἦτε πρὸς τὰ εἰδωλα τὰ ἄφωνα ὡς ἂν ἤγεσθε ἀπαγόμενοι. ³ διὸ γνωρίζω ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐδεὶς ἐν πνεύματι θεοῦ λαλῶν λέγει· Ἄνάθεμα Ἰησοῦς, καὶ οὐδεὶς δύναται εἰπεῖν· Κύριος Ἰησοῦς, εἰ μὴ ἐν πνεύματι ἁγίῳ. ⁴ Διαιρέσεις δὲ χαρισμάτων εἰσὶν, τὸ δὲ αὐτὸ πνεῦμα· ⁵ καὶ διαιρέσεις διακονιῶν εἰσιν, καὶ ὁ αὐτὸς κύριος· ⁶ καὶ διαιρέσεις ἐνεργημάτων εἰσιν, ὁ δὲ αὐτὸς θεὸς ὁ ἐνεργῶν τὰ πάντα ἐν πᾶσιν. ⁷ ἑκάστῳ δὲ δίδεται ἢ φανέρωσις τοῦ πνεύματος πρὸς τὸ συμφέρον

1Cor 12:1-7 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good

ἕκαστος καθὼς ἔλαβεν χάρισμα εἰς ἑαυτοῦς αὐτὸ διακονοῦντες ὡς καλοὶ οἰκονόμοι ποικίλης χάριτος θεοῦ. ¹¹ εἴ τις λαλεῖ, ὡς λόγια θεοῦ· εἴ τις διακονεῖ, ὡς ἐξ ἰσχύος ἢς χορηγεῖ ὁ θεός, ἵνα ἐν πᾶσιν δοξάζεται ὁ θεὸς διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ᾧ ἔστιν ἡ δόξα καὶ τὸ κράτος εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων, ἀμήν.

1 Peter 4:10-11 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies- in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

ὑμεῖς δὲ ἐστε σῶμα Χριστοῦ καὶ μέλη ἐκ μέρους. ²⁸ Καὶ οὓς μὲν ἔθετο ὁ θεὸς ἐν τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ πρῶτον ἀποστόλους, δεύτερον προφήτας, τρίτον διδασκάλους, ἔπειτα δυνάμεις, ἔπειτα χαρίσματα ἰαμάτων, ἀντιλήμψεις, κυβερνήσεις, γένη γλωσσῶν. ²⁹ μὴ πάντες ἀπόστολοι; μὴ πάντες προφῆται; μὴ πάντες διδασκαλοὶ; μὴ πάντες δυνάμεις; ³⁰ μὴ πάντες χαρίσματα ἔχουσιν ἰαμάτων; μὴ πάντες γλώσσαις λαλοῦσιν; μὴ πάντες διερμηνεύουσιν;

1 Corinthians 12:27-30 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

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0. INTRODUCTION

0.1. TRADITION

[<https://www.leannebowen.com/products/the-fruits-and-gifts-of-the-holy-spirit>]

Prophet Isaiah writes about the **7 Gifts** of the Holy Spirit (?). → **attributes of the Spirit**

“The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge, piety, and the fear of the LORD.” Isaiah 11:2

- 1) **Wisdom**. [חֵכְמָה] This enables us to know God and esteem divine things above worldly things.
- 2) **Understanding**. [בִּינָה] Helps us to understand our Catholic Faith, the Bible and Saints.
- 3) **Counsel**. [עֲצָרָה] This is the knowledge necessary to guide ourselves and others to do God’s will. It

helps us help others get through spiritual and temporal problems.

4) **Fortitude**. [גְּבוּרָה] This is the strength we need to endure and have courage. It helps us suffer persecution and adversities for the sake of good.

5) **Knowledge**. [דַּעַת] This helps us to know God, ourselves and others as God knows.

6) **Piety**. [יְרֵאתָ יְהוָה] This gift infuses us with love for serving God and see Him in all events through a holy life of prayer.

7) **Fear of the Lord**. [יְרֵאתָ יְהוָה] “The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” We fear his just punishment of our sins for ever, but we more so fear even displeasing or offending Him.

[<https://return-church.squarespace.com/the-articles-of-faith/22-the-eighteen-gifts-of-the-holy-spirit>]

There are, basically, **eighteen gifts** of the Spirit found in the Bible that God has given to the Church. Each one of these gifts is as important as the other.

1. Word of **Wisdom**: I Corinthians 12:8; Luke 6:9.
2. Word of **Knowledge**: I Corinthians 12:8; Luke 18:22.
3. **Faith**: I Corinthians 12:9; Acts 3:6-7
4. Gifts of **healing**: I Corinthians 12:9, 28; Acts 28:1-10.
5. Working of **miracles**: I Corinthians 12:10; Acts 6:8.
6. **Prophecy**: I Corinthians 12:10; I Thessalonians 5:20-21; Ephesians 4:11.
7. Discerning of **spirits**: I Corinthians 12:10; Luke 8:29.
8. **Tongues**: I Corinthians 12:10; Acts 19:6.
9. **Interpretation** of tongues: I Corinthians 12:10; 14:13-33.
10. **Helping**: I Corinthians 12:28.

11. Administration: I Corinthians 12:28; Acts 6:2-3.

12. Grace: Romans 12:6; Ephesians 3:7; 4:7; I Peter 4:10-11.

13. Ministry/service: Romans 12:7; II Timothy 1:16-18.

14. Teaching: Romans 12:7; Ephesians 4:11-14.

15. Encouragement: Romans 12:8; Hebrews 10:24-25.

- 16. Giving: Romans 12:8; I Corinthians 13:3; Acts 4:32-35.
- 17. Leadership /Ruler: Romans 12:8; Acts 13:12.
- 18. Mercy: Romans 12:8; Luke 5:12-13.

0.2. BIBLE LISTS (WIKIPEDIA)

Romans 12:6-8	1 Corinthians 12:8-10	1 Corinthians 12:28-30	Ephesians 4:11	1 Peter 4:11
1. Prophecy 2. Serving 3. Teaching 4. Exhortation 5. Giving 6. Leadership 7. Mercy	1. Word of wisdom 2. Word of knowledge 3. Faith 4. Gifts of healings 5. Miracles 6. Prophecy 7. Distinguishing between spirits 8. Tongues 9. Interpretation of tongues	1. Apostle 2. Prophet 3. Teacher 4. Miracles 5. Kinds of healings 6. Helps 7. Administration 8. Tongues	1. Apostle 2. Prophet 3. Evangelist 4. Pastor 5. Teacher	1. Whoever speaks 2. Whoever renders service ^[10]

1. WHAT IS “CHARISMA”?

1.1. “SUPERNATURAL” ABILITY

- natural vs. supernatural gifts (not character → **Matthew 7:22-23** On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness)
- talents (Lk 19)

1.2. GREEK WORDS

[VINE]

- 1. δῶρον “to give,” is used (a) of “gifts” presented as an expression of honor, Matt. 2:11; (b) of “gifts” for the support of the temple and the needs of the poor, Matt. 15:5; Mark 7:11; Luke 21:1, 4; (c) of “gifts” offered to God, Matt. 5:23, 24; 8:4; 23:18, 19; Heb. 5:1; 8:3, 4; 9:9; 11:4; (d) of salvation by grace as the “gift” of God, Eph 2:8;
- 2. δωρεά denotes “a free gift,” stressing its gratuitous character; it is always used in the NT of a spiritual or supernatural gift, John 4:10; Acts 8:20; 11:17; Rom. 5:15; 2 Cor. 9:15; Eph. 3:7; Heb. 6:4; in Eph. 4:7, “according to the measure of the gift of Christ,” the “gift” is that given by Christ; in Acts 2:28, “the gift of the Holy Ghost,” the clause is epexegetical, the “gift” being the Holy Ghost Himself; cf. 10:45; 11:17, and the phrase, “the gift of righteousness,” Rom. 5:17
- 3. δῶρημα, δωρηματος, τό (δωρέομαι); *a gift, bounty benefaction*; Rom. 5:16; James 1:17.
- 4. δόμα lends greater stress to the concrete character of the “gift,” than to its beneficent nature, Matt. 7:11; Luke 11:13; Eph. 4:8; Phil. 4:17
- 5. δόσις denotes, properly, “the act of giving,” Phil. 4:15, euphemistically referring to “gifts” as a matter of debt and credit accounts; then, objectively, “a gift,” Jas. 1:17
- 6. χάρισμα “a gift of **grace**, a gift involving **grace**” on the part of God as the donor, is used (a) of His free bestowments upon sinners, Rom. 5:15, 16; 6:23; 11:29; (b) of His endowments upon believers by the operation of the Holy Spirit in the churches, Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor. 1:7; 12:4, 9, 28, 30, 31; 1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6; 1 Pet. 4:10; (c) of that which is imparted through human instruction, Rom. 1:11; (d) of the natural “gift” of continence, consequent upon the grace of God as Creator, 1 Cor. 7:7; (e) of gracious deliverances granted in answer to the prayers of fellow believers, 2 Cor. 1:11
- 7. μερισμός “a dividing” (from μέρος “a part”), is translated “gifts” in Heb. 2:4, “gifts of the Holy Ghost” (marg., “distributions”); in 4:12, “dividing”

1.3. THE TRINITY PRESENT IN THE CHURCH

- **1Cor 12:4-6** Now there are **varieties** of (1) gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are **varieties** of (2) service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are **varieties** of (3) activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone (Διαίρέσεις δὲ χαρισμάτων εἰσὶν, τὸ δὲ αὐτὸ πνεῦμα· ⁵ καὶ διαίρέσεις διακονιῶν εἰσιν, καὶ ὁ αὐτὸς κύριος· ⁶ καὶ διαίρέσεις ἐνεργημάτων εἰσιν, ὁ δὲ αὐτὸς θεὸς ὁ ἐνεργῶν τὰ πάντα ἐν πᾶσιν)
- the **empowering source** → God, the Father
- the **ministering authority** → God, the Son (the Lord) → **(1) King, (2) Prophet, (3) Priest...**
- the **realising power** → God, the Holy Spirit

2. USING THE GIFTS

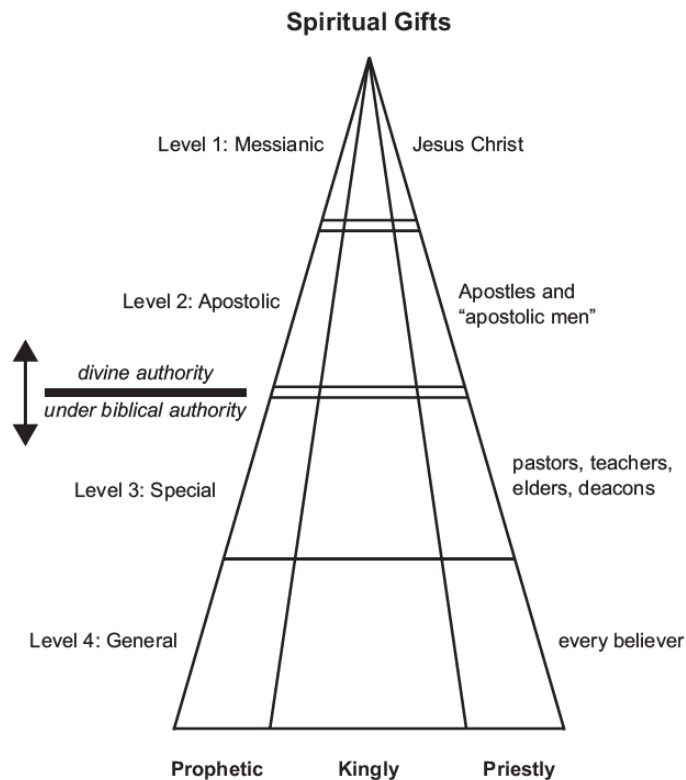
[THOMAS Robert *Understanding Spiritual Gifts*] The Corinthian Christians had known what it was to be moved by forces outside themselves, demonic forces. Very clear distinctions existed between these forces and powers operative in the gifts. To think that satanic emissaries are incapable of producing counterfeits for any proper function of the Holy Spirit is a mistake. Great precautions are necessary to keep from confusing these misrepresentations with genuine divine operations. Real gifts of the Spirit have an unmistakable earmark: a willing acknowledgment of Jesus as Lord with conviction of mind and devotion of soul. Such a cry of adoration can come from no lesser source. An endowment of this nature is uniquely from God.

2.1. CHURCH → THE BODY OF CHRIST

- **1Cor 12:12** For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ

2.2. AUTHORITY

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2.3. RECEIVING GIFTS

- Acts → baptism of the Spirit

2.4. CHURCH EXISTENCE

- **Rom 12:4-9** For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if (1) prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if (2) service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who (3) exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who (4) contributes, in generosity; the one who (5) leads, with zeal; the one who does (6) acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. ⁹ Let → love be genuine. (καθάπερ γὰρ ἐν ἑνὶ σώματι πολλὰ μέλη ἔχομεν, τὰ δὲ μέλη πάντα οὐ τὴν αὐτὴν ἔχει πρᾶξιν, ⁵ οὕτως οἱ πολλοὶ ἐν σώμα ἔσμεν ἐν Χριστῷ, τὸ δὲ καθ' εἰς ἀλλήλων μέλη. ⁶ ἔχοντες δὲ χαρίσματα κατὰ τὴν χάριν τὴν δοθεισαν ἡμῖν διάφορα, εἴτε προφητείαν κατὰ τὴν ἀναλογίαν τῆς πίστεως, ⁷ εἴτε διακονίαν ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ, εἴτε ὁ διδάσκων ἐν τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ, ⁸ εἴτε ὁ παρακαλῶν ἐν τῇ παρακλήσει· ὁ μεταδιδούς ἐν ἀπλότητι, ὁ προϊστάμενος ἐν σπουδῇ, ὁ ἐλεῶν ἐν ἰλαρότητι. ⁹ Ἡ ἀγάπη ἀνυπόκριτος. ἀποστυγούντες τὸ πονηρὸν, κολλώμενοι τῷ ἀγαθῷ)

2.5. CHURCH MINISTRIES

- **Ephesians 4:8** When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men. (ἀναβὰς εἰς ὕψος ἠχμαλώτευσεν αἰχμαλωσίαν, ἔδωκεν δῶματα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις)
- **Eph 4:10-13** He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the (1) apostles, the (2) prophets, the (3) evangelists, the (4) pastors and (5) teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. (ὁ καταβὰς αὐτός ἐστιν καὶ ὁ ἀναβὰς ὑπεράνω πάντων τῶν οὐρανῶν, ἵνα πληρώσῃ τὰ πάντα. ¹¹ Καὶ αὐτὸς ἔδωκεν τοὺς μὲν ἀποστόλους, τοὺς δὲ προφήτας, τοὺς δὲ εὐαγγελιστάς, τοὺς δὲ ποιμένας καὶ διδασκάλους, ¹² πρὸς τὸν καταρτισμὸν τῶν ἁγίων εἰς ἔργον διακονίας, εἰς οἰκοδομὴν τοῦ σώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ¹³ μέχρι καταρτησώμεν οἱ πάντες εἰς τὴν ἐνότητα τῆς πίστεως καὶ τῆς ἐπιγνώσεως τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, εἰς ἄνδρα τέλειον, εἰς μέτρον ἡλικίας τοῦ πληρώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ)

2.6. CHURCH MEETINGS

- 1 Cor 11:17,18 20, 33,34; 14:26 → **1Cor 11:33 - 12:1** So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another- ³⁴ if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home- so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come. **12:1** Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed...
- **1Cor 12:7-11** To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

3. AVOIDING THE PITFALLS

3.1. "SUPERNATURAL" BODY OF CHRIST

- → spiritual battle → supernatural powers...

3.2. PURPOSE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS: EDIFICATION (14:1-36)

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3.3. LOVE RELATIONSHIPS

- → helping others (healing; guidance; upbuilding; encouraging...)
- → temptation to jealousy, envy, self-aggrandizement...
- **1Cor 13:4-8** Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or

rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away (Ἡ ἀγάπη μακροθυμῆι, χρηστεύεται ἡ ἀγάπη, οὐ ζηλοῖ, [ἡ ἀγάπη] οὐ περπερεύεται, οὐ φυσιοῦται, ⁵ οὐκ ἀσχημονεῖ, οὐ ζητεῖ τὰ ἑαυτῆς, οὐ παροξύνεται, οὐ λογίζεται τὸ κακόν, ⁶ οὐ χαίρει ἐπὶ τῇ ἀδικίᾳ, συγχαίρει δὲ τῇ ἀληθείᾳ· ⁷ πάντα στέγει, πάντα πιστεύει, πάντα ἐλπίζει, πάντα ὑπομένει. ⁸ Ἡ ἀγάπη οὐδέποτε πίπτει· εἴτε δὲ προφητεῖαι, καταργηθήσονται· εἴτε γλῶσσαι, παύσονται· εἴτε γνώσις, καταργηθήσεται)

4. TO REMEMBER

- The gifts are no substitute for sanctified Christian character; nevertheless, they are badly needed powers in the life of the church.
- Gifts make the church function as the organism, the Body of Christ.
- Operation of the charismata requires mutual loving trust among the members of the church.