

# Sermon Notes

## What Are The Gifts Of The Spirit?

**1 Corinthians 14:1.**

*Pursue love, and eagerly desire the gifts of the Spirit...*

**Ephesians 4:4-8,11-13**

*But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he freed prisoners and gave gifts to people." ... It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

### GIFTLETS FLOWING FROM THE BIG GIFT

*Charis* = grace = BIG GIFT

*Charisma* = gracelet = GIFTLET

*Romans 12:6 "We have gifts (CHARISMA) because of the grace (CHARIS) given to us..."*

Where God's grace is, God's spiritual gifts are!

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS CANNOT BE COMPLETELY LISTED

Over the centuries many have tried to explain or list all Spiritual gifts – and every list has been faulty, incomplete, or too systematic. But the Bible was not designed to be a bunch of lists!!! When it comes to gifts, the Bible is not *prescriptive*, but *descriptive*. Here are some ideas, but definitely not a complete list – surely God's Spirit does things we cannot categorise!

**Apostle:** Sent for the to new frontiers to establish the Church. Eph 4:11, 1 Cor 12:28

**Administration:** To steer, guide towards God's goals: 1 Cor 12:28, Acts 14:23.

**Artistry:** To present God's love in art. Exodus 31:1-11, Psalm 149:3a.

**Celibacy:** Paul says that some have the gift of not needing a partner. 1 Cor 7:6-7

**Discernment:** 1 Cor 12:10, John 16:6-15, Rom 9:1, 1 Cor 2:9-16.

**Evangelism / Missionary:** Eph 3:6-8, Matt 28:16-20, Eph 4:11-16, Acts 2:36-40.

**Encouragement:** John 14:1, 2 Timothy 1:16-18, 2 John 5-8.

**Faith:** All who believe have faith, but perhaps 1 Cor 12:9 implies a gift of extraordinary faith in tough circumstances. 1 Cor 12:9, Mark 5:25-34, 1 Thess 1:8-10.

**Giving:** having material resources and knowing when to give them. 2 Cor 9:6-15, Luke 21:1-4.

**Healings:** To be used as a means for God's grace physically. 1 Cor 12:9

**Hospitality:** To make strangers loved. Rom 12:13, Rom 16:23a, Luke 10:38.

**Intercession/Prayer:** Matt 6:6-15, Luke 11:1-10, Eph 6:18.

**Knowledge (Words of Knowledge):** 1 Cor 12:8; 1 Cor 14:6, Rom 12:2.

**Leadership/Exhortation:** To call people forward in faith. Rom 12:8, 2 Timothy 4:1-5.

**Mercy:** Sensitivity to suffering and knowing how to truly help.

Rom 12:8, Luke 7:12-15, Luke 10:30-37, Matthew 25:34-36.

**Miracles:** 'Impossible' things: 1 Cor 12:10

**Music:** Psalm 96:1-9, Ps 100:1-2, Ps 149:1-2. Playing: Ps 33:1-5, Ps 150, 1 Sam 16:14-23.

**Pastoring (Shepherding):** Spiritual care & protection. 1 Tim 4:12-16, 1 Tim 3:1-13, 2 Tim 4:1-2.

**Prophecy:** 1 Cor 12:10, 1 Cor chapter 14, 1 Cor 14:29

A supernatural message from God – not equal to the Bible and not contradicting it!  
To speak "what is" and "forthtell" rather than "foretell".

**Service (Helping):** Notice what is undone and get it done. Luke 23:50-54, Rom 16:1-16, Phil 2:19-23

**Skilled Craft, Artistry ?** :Psalm 149:3a, Exodus 31:1-11, Exodus 30:1-6, Ezekiel 27:4-11.

**Teaching:** Illuminating minds for Christ. 1 Cor 12:28, Matthew 5:1-12, Acts 18:24-48.

**Tongues:** 1 Cor Chapter 13 & 14.

Tongues are one of the LEAST important spiritual gifts on the list! (1 Cor 14:19)

There are at least three forms of tongues:

1. The miracle of speaking or being heard in an unknown language. (Acts 2:4)
2. A supernatural language - interpreted to build up others. (1 Cor 14:27-28)
3. Praying in Tongues: mysterious, unintelligible, private with God. (1 Cor 14:14)

**Interpretation of Tongues:** The supernatural interpretation of tongues (1 Cor 14:13).

**Wisdom:** God given wisdom from heaven. 1 Cor 2:6-13, James 3:13-18, 2 Chronicles 1:7-11.

**Word Of Wisdom:** The right word at the right time. 1 Cor 12:7

### BE OPEN, ASK, TRY STUFF IN FAITH

*1 Cor 14:1. Pursue love, and eagerly desire the gifts of the Spirit...*

*"Identifying your spiritual gifts is not nearly as difficult as some would imagine. There are several keys to discovering gifts. The most obvious and practical clue is your degree of success in various attempts at ministry... Normally you will have to minister in various areas before you can determine which gifts you have... I also find that our desires frequently indicate the gifts that we have or the gifts that the Lord wants to give to us..." - Jack Deere, Surprised... Pg 170.*

So try stuff. In the name of Jesus try stuff. And then reflect on what you did. That's how to see God's gifts in your life. Surveys and complicated teaching is not necessary!

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE NOT YOURS TO OWN - THEY ARE FOR GIVING

But you can't own spiritual gifts. You can only give with them. You might be surprised to find that you exercise more of them than you imagined. But you need to be open, ask, and give.

*1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.*

### THE GIFTS ALL WORK TOGETHER FOR SOMETHING GREATER

When we are open and available, God gives and uses our gifts to shape a new reality, And God will weld all our separate parts together into the greatest song!