

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Spiritual gifts (*or charismata*) are gifts that are supernaturally bestowed upon Christians by the Holy Spirit to strengthen the church. Most of the spiritual gifts are discussed in the New Testament, but there are some spiritual gifts found in the Old Testament.

The apostle Paul said one of the most profound statements regarding spiritual gifts in I Corinthians 12:1. The Bible says—

¹ *Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant.*

Paul—through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit—tells us not to be ignorant regarding spiritual gifts. The devil has placed such an attack upon spiritual gifts because he knows there is no way to overpower Christians who operate in spiritual gifts, or the Holy supernatural. However, the devil knows if he can lie to the Body of Christ, and get people to believe that spiritual gifts really are of the devil, then he has severely wounded the Body.

It is time we learn about the Holy supernatural and embrace spiritual gifts. All of creation is waiting for you to arise, and be revealed as a son of God¹. Let's look at the following table of spiritual gifts together. We'll then look at some of their definitions. Operating in these gifts is not even an option anymore if you desire to oust the devil from your family, friends, and regions.

BIBLICAL REFERENCES OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

| OLD TESTAMENT | |
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| SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE | SPIRITUAL GIFT |
| II Chronicles 2:13-14— ¹³ <i>And now I have sent a skillful man, endowed with understanding, Hiram my master craftsman</i> ¹⁴ <i>(the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre), skilled to work in gold and silver, bronze and iron, stone and wood, purple and blue, fine linen and crimson, and to make any engraving and to accomplish any plan which may be given to him, with your skillful men and with the skillful men of my lord David your father.</i> | Craftsmanship |

¹ Romans 8:19—*For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.*

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| <p>I Chronicles 25:3— ³ <i>Of Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiiah, Shimei, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the direction of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp to give thanks and to praise the LORD.</i></p> <p>II Chronicles 7:6— ⁶ <i>And the priests attended to their services; the Levites also with instruments of the music of the LORD, which King David had made to praise the LORD, saying, “For His mercy endures forever,” whenever David offered praise by their ministry. The priests sounded trumpets opposite them, while all Israel stood.</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Worship (gift of music)</p> |
| <p>Genesis 40:8, 12— ⁸ <i>And they said to him, “We each have had a dream, and there is no interpreter of it.” So Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell them to me, please.”</i> ¹² <i>And Joseph said to him, “This is the interpretation of it...</i></p> <p>Genesis 41:15-16, 25— ¹⁵ <i>And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream, to interpret it.”</i> ¹⁶ <i>So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, “It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace.”</i> ²⁵ <i>Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do:</i></p> <p>Daniel 2:26-28— ²⁶ <i>The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, “Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?”</i> ²⁷ <i>Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, “The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king.</i> ²⁸ <i>But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these.</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Interpretation of Dreams</p> |
| NEW TESTAMENT | |
| SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE | SPIRITUAL GIFT |

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| Romans 12:6— <i>⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;</i> | Prophecy |
| Romans 12:7— <i>⁷ or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;</i> | Ministry Teaching |
| Romans 12:8— <i>⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.</i> | Exhortation Giving Leadership Mercy (compassion) |
| I Corinthians 12:8— <i>⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,</i> | Word of Wisdom Word of Knowledge |
| I Corinthians 12:9— <i>⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,</i> | Faith Healing |
| I Corinthians 12:10— <i>¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.</i> | Working of Miracles Prophecy Discerning of Spirits (human, angelic, and satanic) Speaking in Tongues Interpretation of Tongues |
| I Corinthians 12:28— <i>²⁸ And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.</i> | Apostle Prophet Teacher Working of Miracles Healing Helps Administration Speaking in Tongues |
| Ephesians 4:11-12—(Five-fold ministry) <i>¹¹ And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.</i> | Apostle Prophet Evangelist Pastor Teacher |

CRAFTSMANSHIP A person with the gift of craftsmanship is skilled in working with their hands. Some of their skills include working with: gold, silver, bronze, iron, stone, wood, purple and blue, fine linen and crimson, and engraving tools.

WORSHIP (GIFT OF MUSIC) People with the gift of worship have an amazing ability to praise and worship the Lord. They often have an anointing to help others encounter God through music. Their worship gift might include instruments and/or their voices. The gift of worship can be used for warfare, breakthrough, inspiration, ushering in peace, and/or ushering in the presence of the Lord.

INTERPRETATION OF DREAMS This gift enables a person to accurately and precisely interpret either night dreams or day dreams. This gift often goes hand-in-hand with the gift of prophecy.

PROPHECY Prophecy is the supernatural ability to receive a message from God in order to edify, exhort, and comfort the Body of Christ. In its purest sense, prophecy is simply hearing what the Holy Spirit is saying, and then speaking that forth. Not all prophecies contain predictions about the future.

MINISTRY In its pure definition from the Greek language², the gift of ministry refers to a person who has a servant's heart. Ministry involves running errands, and/or being an attendant, like a waiter at a table.

TEACHING A person with the gift of teaching has the ability to understand the more difficult things of God, and explain them in a way that is easy to understand.

EXHORTATION Exhortation is the ability to motivate, build-up, and/or encourage another person.

GIVING The gift of giving is when a person has been blessed by God with resources or time, and then able to give them when they are needed with a cheerful heart³.

LEADERSHIP A leadership ability is God-given insight into when something needs to be done, who can do it, how it can be completed, and how to lead those people to get it accomplished.

MERCY A person with the gift of mercy has a heart to care for and encourage those who are not able to care for themselves and whom no one else would care for. It also involves knowing who and when to help.

WORD OF WISDOM A word of wisdom is a message, concept, or bit of wisdom that God reveals supernaturally to the recipient. It may or may not be shared with others.

WORD OF KNOWLEDGE A word of knowledge is a message, concept, or bit of knowledge that God reveals supernaturally to the recipient. It may or may not be shared with others.

FAITH A gift of faith is knowing what you hope for, having a conviction about things you can't see, trusting God, believing God's words, and obeying God. (See Hebrews 11:1⁴.)

2 Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries for the word, *ministry*—
G1248, *διακονία, diakonia, dee-ak-on-ee'-ah, From G1249; attendance (as a servant, etc.); figuratively (eleemosynary) aid, (official) service (especially of the Christian teacher, or technically of the diaconate): - (ad-) minister (-ing, -tration, -try), office, relief, service (-ing).*

G1249, *διάκονος, diakonos, dee-ak'-on-os, Probably from διάκω diakō (obsolete, to run on errands; compare G1377); an attendant, that is, (generally) a waiter (at table or in other menial duties); specifically a Christian teacher and pastor (technically a deacon or deaconess): - deacon, minister, servant.*

3 II Corinthians 9:7—*So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.*

4 Hebrews 11:1—*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

HEALING The gift of healing is a supernatural ability to bring or release healing to a person's soul (mind, will, and emotions) or physical body.

WORKING OF MIRACLES This gift is demonstrated when the Holy Spirit comes upon a person and they are able to perform a miracle. A miracle is a supernatural act that is humanly impossible without the intervention of God. Two examples would be God using a person to raise someone from the dead, or heal a cripple person.

DISCERNING OF SPIRITS This gift is the supernatural ability to know what is from God and what is not from God. A person operating in this gift can often reveal a demonic spirit or influence, and bring God's power and love to replace it.

SPEAKING IN TONGUES The gift of tongues is the language of the Holy Spirit. One of its supernatural abilities is to instantly speak another human language not known by the believer speaking it. This is what happened on the day of Pentecost when everyone heard them speak in his own language⁵.

Another supernatural ability is to speak a Heavenly language not known by the believer speaking it. This purpose is to build up the individual believer,⁶ or the Body of Christ when the message is interpreted.

INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES Supernatural ability to make tongues a clear message to all that are present to edify, exhort, and comfort the Body of Christ.

HELPS The gift of helps or service is the supernatural ability to do for others whatever needs to be done. It is the divine ability to carry another person's burden⁷ without notice or earthly reward.

ADMINISTRATION A person who operates in this gift is usually very organized. They have an ability to perform tasks speedily and accurately. People operating in the gift of administration often make great office managers.

APOSTLE The word, "apostle" simply means an ambassador of the gospel who is sent out on a mission. They have been equipped with supernatural power and spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit to fulfill the mission. Apostolic ministry usually involves laying a solid Christian foundation. In the case of Paul and Barnabas, we see this expressed in church planting as they preached the gospel in new areas. The apostles in the scriptures often worked in teams.

PROPHET A prophet is one who speaks, or communicates a message authoritatively, as moved by the Holy Spirit. According to Deuteronomy 18:22, if one prophecies in the name of Lord and the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him⁸.

5 Acts 2:4-8—*And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.* ⁵ *And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.* ⁶ *And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.* ⁷ *then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?"* ⁸ *And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?*

6 I Corinthians 14:4—*He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself..*

7 Galatians 6:2—*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

8 Deuteronomy 18:22—*when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to*

EVANGELIST An evangelist is someone who desires that all should come to know the truth that God loves everyone so much that He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die for their redemption, or someone who is gifted to proclaim this message.

PASTOR The word, “pastor” simply means, “shepherd.” Pastors are usually gifted to guide, lead, and set an example for other Christians.

TEACHER A teacher is someone who is able to understand the more difficult things of God and explain them in a way that is easy to understand and live by in a person’s daily life.