

Church Organization

List of Spiritual gifts

There are various opinions as to the number of Spiritual gifts. There are also different ways of categorizing the gifts proposed.

Many items appearing as Spiritual gifts are also required by the Bible of all Christians, such as faith, prayer, evangelism and so on. One explanation is that the Spiritual gift of Faith means faith despite the circumstances, or a particularly strong faith in God. The Spiritual gift of Prayer could mean a supernatural confidence in prayer, or a special ability to pray. All believers are encouraged to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with other people, but the gift of Evangelism could mean a particular gift to reach others.

All spiritual gifts are important to the Church of today.

| Other Gifts☐ | The 5-Fold Ministry☐ | The 9-Spiritual Gifts☐ |
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| Romans 12:6-8☐ | Ephesians 4:11☐ | 1-Corinthians 12:1-14☐ |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • → Prophecy•¶ • → Ministry•¶ • → Teaching•¶ • → Exhortation•¶ • → Giving•¶ • → Leading•¶ • → Showing mercy (compassion)•☐ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • → Apostolic•¶ • → Prophetic•¶ • → Evangelical•¶ • → Pastoral•¶ • → Teaching•☐ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • → Wisdom•¶ • → Knowledge•¶ • → Discerning various spirits•¶ • → Speaking in tongues•¶ • → Interpretation of tongues•¶ • → Prophecy•¶ • → Faith•¶ • → Working of miracles•¶ • → Healing•☐ |

Other Gifts – Romans 12:6-8

Prophecy - One who speaks, or communicates a message, authoritatively, as moved by the Holy Spirit Himself -- (known by their good fruit). They are also known to see visions of the past present or future at God's discretion for his glory or to teach.

Ministry - The God-given ability to do for others whatever needs to be done. Divine ability to carry the burdens or tasks of others without seeking notice or earthly reward.

Teaching - Someone able to understand the more difficult things of God and explain them in a way that is easy to understand and live by in daily life.

Exhortation - The ability to motivate Christians to do the works of Christ.

Giving - Being blessed by God with resources or time and being able to give them where and when they are needed with a cheerful heart.

Leading or Organization- 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. Those that have this tend to have a draw about them that attracts others into watching what they do.

Showing Mercy (compassion) - A heart to care for and encourage those who are not able to care for themselves and whom no one else would care for. Knowing who to help and when to help.

Five Fold Ministry – Ephesians 4:11

Apostolic - One sent by God with a holy mission to fulfill; and the strong powers and Spiritual gifts to fulfill the mission -- (known by the fruit of the Spirit overflowing). Apostolic ministry involves laying foundation(s). In the case of Paul and Barnabas, we see this expressed in 'Church planting' by preaching the Gospel in new areas. Apostles in Scripture worked in teams. An apostolic team shared a 'measure of rule' in churches started through their ministry in regions where they are the first to proclaim the Gospel of Christ. (II Corinthians 10.)

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Evangelical - The term "evangelical" comes from the Greek word that means "good news." Evangelism is sharing the good news of the salvation that is available through Jesus Christ. An evangelical, then, is a person dedicated to promoting the good news about Jesus Christ. It is common to see the 3 B's in operation here; Blow in, Blow up, and Blow out. The evangelist is not responsible for the day to day working of the Church. He or She motivates the local Church to guide people to Christ.

Pastoral – the Leader of the local Church – may consist of Elders, Deacons, and many members. The Pastor may not do all the work but is looked to have all the answers. The size of the Church may be small to mega. The larger the Church is greater the organization. Small Churches may have activates such as: vision, operation/secretary, website, users, alter workers, audio, bookstore, bulletins, Children Church, nursery, home meetings, communion, door greeters, hospital visitation, housekeeping, intercessory payer, men ministry, women ministry, music/worship, newcomer reception, powerpoint, tapes, prayer chain, financial boards, building program, outreach ministry, singles ministry, and youth groups. Large Churches may have additional activates such as: Bible College, schools, prophetic conferences, counseling services, work days, business councils, drama department, moving ministry, and family nights. At first the pastor **pushes** to start the activities and then **runs** to keep up with the activities. Pastor is a word that means 'shepherd.' Pastors are gifted to lead, guide, and set an example for other Christians.

Teaching - At this stage of the message, you have set overarching goals, organized content, and developed a course plan with ideas for how to give members the practice experience that will make it possible for them to achieve the message goals. Lectures are the way most messages are delivered today. INCLUDEPICTURE "http://www.christcenteredmall.com/teachings/spacer.gif" * MERGEFORMATINET **Bible Teachings are** for believers who hunger and thirst for a deeper walk with Jesus Christ. These Bible-based teachings take disciples from understanding the milk of God's Word to learning and applying the meat of God's Word with the ultimate goal of growing into full spiritual maturity or Christ-likeness.

The 9 Spiritual Gifts – 1 Corinthians 12:1-14

Wisdom - A message, concept, or bit of wisdom that God reveals supernaturally to the recipient. It may or may not be shared with others.

Knowledge - A message, concept, or bit of knowledge that God reveals supernaturally to the recipient. It may or may not be shared with others. People with this tend to be able to understand scripture in a way that others simply cannot.

Discerning Various Spirits - The God-given ability to know what is from God and what is not from Him. The Divine ability to see evil spirits or influence and bring God's power (Jesus' blood) and God's love (Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection) in its place in an easier way than those that cannot. People with this ability are also known to be able to tell truth from lie, as well as see God's power in people and places.

Speaking in Tongues - A gift from God and the ability to speak another language not known by the believer speaking it.

Interpretation of Tongues - The God-given ability to make tongues a clear message to all who are present to edify, exhort and comfort the Body of Christ.

Prophecy - The God-given ability to receive a message from God to edify, exhort and comfort the Body of Christ or a believer. To speak the Truth as moved by the Holy Spirit. Most prophesying statements do not contain predictions about the future.

Faith - Knowing what you hope for, having a conviction about things you cannot see, trusting God, believing God's Word, and obeying Him. (Hebrews 11) People with this tend to have an unshakable faith in God, they may doubt themselves but they never doubt God.

Working of Miracles - The ability to perform supernatural acts by God by the Holy Spirit.

Healing - The God-given ability to bring or release healing to a person in their body, emotions, or soul.

Other Spiritual gifts

There is less consensus about other gifts not specifically mentioned in the usual lists of gifts, but that nonetheless seem to be hinted at in Scripture. Some are found in the New Testament such as:

- celibacy (I Corinthians 7:7)^[3]
- marriage (I Corinthians 7:7) and
- (voluntary) poverty

Others are found in the Old Testament such as:

- craftsmanship
- worship (gift of music)
- interpretation of dreams (e.g. Joseph and Daniel)

Gifts of the Holy Spirit are clearly distinguished from the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). Jesus predicted the occurrence of false gifts, particularly in the end time (Matthew 24:24, 7:22, 23).

Gifts of the Holy Spirit are listed in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, 13 & 14, and Ephesians 4.

Conclusion

The gift of Prophecy may just be the greatest of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The reason I say this is because the apostle Paul purposely singles out this gift when telling us to seek after the spiritual gifts.

Paul says to “**desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.**” With him purposely singling out the gift of prophecy in comparison to the rest of the gifts in this verse, I believe that this may be to tell us that the gift of prophecy may be the greatest of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. And when you think about exactly what this gift is all about, I believe that he may be right on the money.

The gift of prophecy is when you get a direct Word from the Lord to usually give to someone else. And when I say a direct word, I mean the message from the Lord that will be given to you will literally be word for word. When you get one of these, you need to try and either write or type all of it out if you are in a place to be able to do so.

The gift of Miracles from the Holy Spirit is where you can get into some real heavy, jaw-dropping, knock-your-socks off type of supernatural activity from Him.

Some of the different Bible Dictionaries describe the word miracle as the following:

- **An intervention in the natural universe by God**
- **A phenomena that transcends natural laws**
- **A divine act by which God reveals Himself to people**

Good examples of actual miracles from the Bible are the following:

- **Jesus and the apostles healing and casting demons out of people.**
- **Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding of Cana.**
- **Jesus feeding 5000 people by multiplying 5 loaves of bread and two fish.**
- **God parting the Red Sea for Moses and the children of Israel.**
- **Daniel not being eaten by the lions in the lion's den.**
- **Peter walking on water.**

Just stop and think about what all of these gifts from the Holy Spirit are all really about. We are talking about God Almighty Himself coming down and manifesting a part of Himself through these gifts, since God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are perfectly one with one another in the Divine Trinity.

This is what I call push-the-envelope kind of activity with the Lord. With every single one of these gifts being direct, miraculous, manifestations from the Holy Spirit, you are attempting to tread into deeper waters with the Lord. And that is exactly what God is asking all of us to do with these Spiritual Gifts.

All Spiritual Gifts are to be used on Earth and the gifts are not greater than the giver (Holy Spirit). All Spiritual Gifts are used to magnify the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. The Spiritual Gifts may be different with each believer. We need to Trust and Obey the Holy Spirit.

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