

## 2.4 Spiritual Gifts

### DEFINITION

*Spiritual gifts* can be defined as gifts bestowed upon believers—each believer having their own proper gift(s) to strengthen their local church and the body of Christ.

### EXPLANATION

*Spiritual gifts* are supernatural and divine. They come with the infilling of the Holy Spirit and are given by God. Every Spirit-filled believer has a *spiritual gift*. It is God's desire that you know your spiritual gift(s) and operate in it/them. Although you may only have one spiritual gift, God can use you or anyone He wants to, to operate in any of the *spiritual gifts* at any given time and place.

In 1 Corinthians 12:1, Paul indicates that believers should not be ignorant (lacking knowledge or information) about *spiritual gifts*. In 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, there are *nine (9) spiritual gifts*, and they perfect the saints, work the ministry, and edify the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12).

God has intentionally placed *spiritual gifts* within His people—the believers. God works through you, the believer, using *spiritual gifts* to bless, lead, and minister to His people. That is why it is important to discover and develop your *spiritual gift(s)*. God wants you to know what your *spiritual gift(s)* is/are. Once you know your *spiritual gift(s)*, it should be confirmed by others you know, your pastor and ministry leaders within your local church. They can also be confirmed by other ministers within the body of Christ.

Spiritual Gifts: Read 1 Corinthians 12:8-10.

### Gifts of Insight and Revelation

1. Word of Knowledge  
Supernatural revelation or insight that God gives concerning the divine mind, will, or plan, relating to a specific matter or situation, through the impartation of information.
2. Word of Wisdom  
Supernatural revelation or insight from God on how to impart knowledge regarding a specific matter or situation at a given moment in time.
3. Discerning of Spirits (human, angelic, demonic)  
Supernatural revelation or insight from God to recognize or understand a specific spirit type (human, angelic, or demonic) and its intent or motive, whether good or evil, whether of God or not of God.

### Gifts of Power and Action

4. Faith  
Supernatural, God-given ability that is an unwavering, intensified belief and trust in the power of God against all odds for a specific matter or situation.
5. Healing  
Supernatural power from God that restores from or cures any manner of illness, injury, disease, or imperfection that is humanly impossible.
6. Working of Miracles  
Supernatural power from God operating through a human to perform powerful acts that transcend or alter the ordinary laws of nature.

## Gifts of Utterance and Communication

### 7. Prophecy

Supernatural ability to receive and communicate an immediate, instant message (not prepared or conceived with the human mind) from God that can be regarding the past, present, or future—can be a warning.

### 8. Diverse Tongues

Supernatural ability from God to publicly speak in one or more languages/tongues (utterances) that are unknown to the speaker and hearers and need to be interpreted.

### 9. Interpretation of Tongues

Supernatural ability from God to interpret (give the meaning of) one or more public languages/tongues (utterances) that are unknown to the speaker and hearers. (*This spiritual gift is dependent upon the gift of Diverse Tongues.*)

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