

Breaking Down Spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10. Specifically and Individually

Spiritual Gifts – (1 Cor. 12:8-10)

- Vocal gifts: Prophecy & interpretation of tongues
- Power gifts: Faith, healing and working of miracles
- Mental gifts: Knowledge, Discernment & Wisdom

Mental Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:8, Word of **Wisdom & Knowledge**.

- Knowledge used properly (right people, right time, right place) equals wisdom.

Old Testament - King Solomon

1 Kings 3:9

Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may **discern** between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

1 Kings 3:12

Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a **wise** and an **understanding** heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

- **The situation requiring wisdom** - 1 Kings 3:16-23

1 Kings 3:24

And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. 25, And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

1 Kings 3:27

Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.

1 Kings 3:28

And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the **wisdom** of God was in him, to do judgment.

1 Kings 4:29-31

And God gave Solomon **wisdom** and **understanding**, exceeding much, and

largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore. 30, And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. 31, For he was wiser than all men;

1 Kings 4:32

And he spake 3000 proverbs: and his songs were a three thousand and five.

1 Kings 4:34

And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

New Testament - our Life Application:

1 Corinthians 1:30, But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom....:

James 1:5, If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and it shall be given him.

Power Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:9-10, To another **faith**, gifts of **healing**, the working of **miracles**;

Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9

– **Scenario (Cause & Effect)**

4, And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea...and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.

– **People's Response**

5, And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

– **God's Response**

6, And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

– **People's Humble Response**

7a, Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.

– **Moses's Response**

7b, And Moses prayed for the people.

– **Divine Instruction (mercy)**

8, And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

– **Faith by Obedience (result, healing & miracle)**

9, And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived. ...

From Old Testament (physical) transition to New Testament (spiritual)

- John 3:14-15, And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

New Testament

Acts 16:16-18

And it came to pass, as we went to *prayer*, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us...

– **Spiritual Scenario**

17, The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18, And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I **command thee in the name of Jesus Christ** to come out of her. **And he came out the same hour.**

Vocal Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:10, *prophecy*, divers kinds of *tongues* & the *interpretation of tongues*:

- **Prophecy** {4394 - propheteia: scriptural or other prediction}
- **Tongues** {1100 - glocesah: a language or dialect}
- **Prophecy** {4395 - propheteno: speak under inspiration}

The spiritual bridge: 2 Peter 1:20-21

- 20, Knowing this first, that no **prophecy** of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21, For the **prophecy** came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

- Acts 19:6, And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came

on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Prophecy (Preaching & Proclaiming)

1 Corinthians 2:4

And my speech and my preaching, was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

Emphasis on Preaching

1 Corinthians 14:1

Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

1 Corinthians 14:2-4

2, For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him ; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

3, But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

4, He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

1 Corinthians 14:5-6

5, I would that ye all spoke with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied; for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, unless he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

6, Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, unless I shall speak to you either by revelation or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

1 Corinthians 14:12-14

12, ...forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

13, Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.

14, For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

The Birth of the Church & Tongues

Acts 2:4

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other

tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Manifestation & Benefit to all Men

Acts 2:5-11

All Men

5, And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

Testimony

6, Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

Miracle

7, And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

God Glorified

8, And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? ..we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.