

Diversities of Spiritual Gifts



1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4; Romans 12

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Work of the Trinity - (1 Cor. 12:5-7)

- Spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit
- Administrations by Jesus Christ
- Operations by God the Father

5, And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

[administrations] Greek: diakonia, **services; ministries; offices**. All by the same Lord Jesus (Eph. 1:22; 4:11).

6, And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which work all in all.

[operations] Greek: energema, **workings or operations**. Only used in 1 Cor. 12:6,10. All of these are under the control of the same God who is head of all (1 Cor. 12:5; 1 Cor. 11:3; 1 Cor. 15:28; Hebrews 1:1).

7, But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. **[manifestation]** Greek: phanerosis, **making visible**. The visible manifestations would be the visible healings, miracles, manifest prophecies, tongues, interpretations, and even the giving forth of wisdom, knowledge, and discernments of various kinds.

Spiritual Gifts – (1 Cor. 12:8-10)

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

Ministry of the Holy Spirit:

1. He glorifies Jesus (1 Cor. 12:3; John 16:13-14).
2. He inspires manifestations (1 Cor. 12:7,11).
3. He forms the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:13).

4. He energizes believers (1 Cor. 12:13).
5. He imparts love (1 Cor. 13:1-13; Romans 5:5).

6. He speaks mysteries in tongues (1 Cor. 12:10; 14:2, 13-19, 21- 23, 26-28).
7. He interprets mysteries of tongues (1 Cor. 12:10; 15:5,13,26-28).
8. He edifies by prophecy (1 Cor. 14:3-31).

9. He edifies believers in tongues (1 Cor. 12:4).
10. He gives gifts to believers (1 Cor. 12:8-10; Romans 12:6).

Fruit of the Spirit vs Spiritual Gifts

1. The fruit of the Spirit is specific to the individual's spiritual growth (personal)
2. The gifts of the Holy Spirit benefit the body of Christ, the (collective Church)

Often times these two are categorized together, when indeed they differ. The fruit of the Holy Spirit is the internal impact of Christian maturity and the gifts of the Holy Spirit is distribution that benefit the Church.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (Internal work)

GALATIANS 5

- v. 16, This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.
- v. 22, But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
- v. 23, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
- v. 24, And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.
- v. 25, If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT (Beneficial to the Church)

ROMANS 12

- v. 4, For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:
- v. 5, So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one member one of another.
- v. 6, Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;
- v. 7, Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teach, on teaching;
- v.8, Or he that exhort, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity;

1 CORINTHIANS 12

- v.1, Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.
- v.4, Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
- v.7, But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
- v.8, For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
- v.9, To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
- v.10, To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:
- v.11, But all these work that one and the selfsame Spirit, DIVIDING to EVERY MAN INDIVIDUALLY as HE will.
- v.12, For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.
- v.14, For the body is not one member, but many.
- v.20, But now are they many members, yet but one body.
- v.27, Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.
- v.28, And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

EPHESIANS 4

- v.7, But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
- v.11, And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- v. 12, For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
- v.14, That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

SUMMARY

Concerning the spiritual gifts, no one man outside of Jesus Christ (John 3:34) has possessed or does possess all the spiritual gifts at one time. These spiritual gifts belong to the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:4) and he distributes them as needed (v.11). Peter makes reference to the distribution of the gifts and usage thereof to the collective body, the church 1 Peter 4:10. he also makes reference in the same chapter (v.8) to the internal fruit of the Spirit (charity or agape love). So, we read the two differing in nature (internal growth and spiritual distribution) but both working together in the individual and for the collective body, the Church.

The Apostle Paul or any other man didn't **OWN** any of the **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**, they were **MANIFESTED** in and through him as the **HOLY SPIRIT** made the distribution. Basically, there was (1) a spiritual need, (2) a willing-usable vessel, and therefore (3) a specific spiritual gift could be distributed to the servant of God. It's like being a steward or stewardship; not owning the Lord's gift, but using it to do the His will.

Jesus **OWNED** the spiritual gifts, because He was born of the Spirit (immaculate birth) and given the Spirit without measure or limitations - John 3:34, ... for **(FATHER)** God gave the **SPIRIT** without measure unto him **(JESUS)**.

Paul couldn't heal himself (2 Corinthians 12:5-8) and therefore had to pray and ask God for the gift of healing and/or deliverance. He didn't OWN the gift of healing, if so, he could've and possibly healed himself.

The gift of healing was distributed to Paul (by the Spirit) in the case of Acts 20:9-12.

Scriptural case study: (1) the need, (2) a willing-usable vessel, (3) a spiritual gift dispersed or distributed:

- 9, And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.
- 10, And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.
- 11, When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.
- 12, And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted...

The Key Element is the Holy Spirit

Joel 2:28

Matt. 3:11

Acts 1:8

Acts 10:44

John 7:38-39

Acts 2:1-4

Acts 11:15

Luke 24:49

Acts 5:32

Acts 19:1-2

The Holy Spirit is in us, to comfort and conform us into the image of Christ:

1. Comforter: John 14:16, 18, 26
2. Conformer: Romans 8:29

This conforming is evident and manifested in the product, the results and/or fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

As the Christian believer matures spiritually, he/she becomes a more usable vessels for God and a better recipient for the Holy Spirit to distribute the gifts in (as the case of the Apostle Paul).

The absence or lack of spiritual maturity, with the exercising of the spiritual gifts could produce carnal PRIDE, (reference) 1 Timothy 3:6, ...a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. So, by the God's grace (2 Peter 3:18) we are to operate all the spiritual according to the grace and the measure of faith – Romans 12:3)

Pray for the Spiritual Gift needed for the situation

...Covet earnestly the best gifts ... a more excellent way – 1 Cor. 12:31