

Spiritual Gifts

Manifestational
(I Corinthians 12:1-11)

Governmental
(Ephesians 4:7-13)

Motivational
(Romans 12:3-8)

Note: (Gifts-Charismata): which are inwards desires or dispositions as well as enablement's or abilities (**Philippian 2:13**) given by the Holy Spirit to individuals in the congregation to build up God's people and express God's love to others.

The terms that the bible uses for spiritual gifts specify their nature:

(1) **"Spiritual gifts"** (Greek *pneumatika*, derived from *pneuma*, "Spirit") refers to supernatural manifestations that come as gifts from the Holy Spirit operating through believers for the common good.

(2) **"Gifts" or "grace gifts"** (Greek *Charismata*, derived from *charis*, "grace") indicates that spiritual gifts involve both an inward motivation and the power to perform ministry (i.e., actualized enablement), received from the Spirit, such gifts strengthen spiritually the body of Christ and those in need of Spiritual help.

(3) **"Administrations" or "ministries"** (Greek *diakoniai*, derived from *diakonia* "service") emphasizes that there are different ways of service and that certain gifts involve receiving the ability and power to help others. Paul indicates that the ministry aspect of the gifts reflects the "servant" ministry of the Lord Jesus. thus, the operation of the gifts are defined in terms of Christ's presence and operation among us.

(4) **"Operations" or "effects"** (Greek *energēmata*, from *energes*, "active, energetic") signifies that spiritual gifts are direct operations of the power of God the Father and produce certain results.

(5) **"The manifestation of the Spirit"** (Greek *phanerosis*, from *phaneros*, "manifest") emphasizes that spiritual are direct manifestations of the working and presence of the Holy Spirit in the congregation.

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"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant."

{Ignorant} (Greek agnoeo): not to know (through lack of information or intelligence); by implication to ignore (through disinclination)-ignorant, ignorantly, not to know, not understand, unknown.

The very first thing we are to understand is that they are given to us for divine purposes from the Lord through the Spirit.

We are required to treat them as an investment, which requires responsibility, and accountability.

We possess them, maintain them, cultivate them, but they are not ours to do as we please.

Since spiritual gifts are given for purpose: We are being watched and judged by the Lord: Opportunities, Neglect, Availability, Willingness, Attitude, etc.

[Luke 19:13]: And He called His ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them occupy till I come.

[Matthew 25:14]: For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called His own servants and delivered unto them His goods.

Note: The parable of the talents warns us that our place and service in heaven will depend on the faithfulness of our lives and service here (**vs.29**). Talents represents our abilities, time, resources and opportunities to serve God while on earth. These things are considered by God as a trust that we are responsible to administer in the wisest possible way.

Deeper Thought: [I Corinthians 14:1]: ***Follow charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.***

Note: Believers who possess genuine love for others in the body of Christ must earnestly desire spiritual gifts to impart Christ's life, love, healing and power to needy people. Spirit filled believers are not passive; they long intensely for both the greater revelation of the love of God and the fuller manifestation of His Spirit.

Final Thought: ***So, then everyone of us shall give account of himself/herself unto God.***
[Romans 14:12]