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THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Grace Given for the Service of Others

Passages about the Gifts

Romans 12 • 1 Corinthians 12 • Ephesians 4

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7 KJV

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

ROMANS 12:6 KJV

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

EPHESIANS 4:11-12 KJV

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

ONE SPIRIT • MANY GIFTS



GIVEN TO PROFIT WITHAL

The Gifts of the Spirit

are grace-enabled capacities distributed by the Holy Spirit for service within the body of Christ. They are not medals for spiritual superiority. The same Spirit gives different gifts, the same Lord directs different ministries, and the same God works through them for the good of His people.

Special Gifts

include the gifted people Christ gives to equip His church, as described in Ephesians 4. Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers are named in the passage. Their work is directed toward perfecting the saints, preparing believers for ministry, and edifying the body of Christ.

Speaking Gifts

communicate the truth of God through such ministries as teaching, exhortation, prophecy, and evangelistic proclamation. Those who speak must remain subject to Scripture, communicate truth faithfully, and use their words to build up others rather than to promote themselves.

Serving Gifts

meet practical and spiritual needs through ministry, giving, leadership, mercy, helps, and other forms of faithful service. These gifts may receive less public attention, but the body of Christ cannot function properly without believers who serve in the ability God supplies.

Sign Gifts

include manifestations such as healings, miracles, tongues, and the interpretation of tongues named in 1 Corinthians 12. Scripture teaches that the Spirit distributes these manifestations as He wills. Any practice involving them must remain under biblical authority, operate in love and order, and serve the good of the church.