

Cornerstone Faith of West Liberty
1 Corinthians 12:8-11 - The gifts of the Spirit handout
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- I. Bookends of the gifts—the Holy Spirit (12:7 & 11)
 - A. Gifts are given to each believer for everyone's profit (12:7)
 - B. They are manifestations of the Holy Spirit among the church (12:7)
 - C. The Holy Spirit works through the gifts (12:11)
 - D. The Holy Spirit distributes the gifts to individuals as He wills (12:11)

II. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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- 1. Gifts of Revelation – A Word of Wisdom, A Word of Knowledge, Discerning of Spirits
- 2. Gifts of Power – Faith, Gifts of Healings, Workings of Miracles
- 3. Gifts of inspiration (Vocal gifts) – Prophecy, Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues

JFB – A Commentary: Critical, Experimental, and Practical on the Old and New Testaments.

- 1. Gifts of intellect, namely, (1) wisdom; (2) knowledge.
- 2. Gifts dependent on a special *faith*, namely, that of miracles ([Mt 17:20](#)): (1) healings; (2) workings of miracles; (3) prophecy of future events; (4) discerning of spirits, or the divinely given faculty of distinguishing between those really inspired, and those who pretended to inspiration.
- 3. Gifts referring to the *tongues*: (1) diverse kinds of tongues; (2) interpretation of tongues.

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- 1. The proclamation gifts. “*Word of wisdom . . . word of knowledge . . . prophecy* [exhorting as well as predicting]. . . *tongues . . . interpretation of tongues*” (I Corinthians 12:8–10).
- 2. The power gifts. “*To another faith . . . gifts of healing . . . the working of miracles*” (I Corinthians 12:9, 10).
- 3. The perception gift. “*Discerning of spirits*” (I Corinthians 12:10). This is a much needed gift in view of the deception that is so prevalent in our times in the area of religion. John G. Butler, *Volume 12 ACTS to II CORINTHIANS*, vol. 12 of [Analytical Bible Expositor](#). Accordance electronic ed. (LBC Publications, 2012), 428.

A. In this text

1. Word of Wisdom

- view it as a special manifestation of God's wisdom for the benefit of others within the church. The word of wisdom means this is the spiritual gift of communicating God's wisdom. *Steve Lewis—Spirit and Truth web page*

2. Word of Knowledge

- It is a tiny portions of God's total knowledge supernaturally imparted by the Holy Spirit that does not come by natural reasoning, education or training but directly by the Holy Spirit — *The Gifts of the Spirit by Derek Prince, page 73*

3. Faith

- The gift of faith comes instantly, supernaturally as a gift directly from God through the Holy Spirit very frequently in the form of a word — *The Gifts of the Spirit by Derek Prince page 109*

4. Gifts of healings (plural means many different expressions of the gift)

- Spirit empowered ability to bring restoration to body, mind or emotion as He wills

5. Working of miracles

- A supernatural intervention by God in the ordinary course of nature. It is God working through a person, animal, or some other instrument to do something that could not be done naturally — *The Gifts and Ministries of the Holy Spirit by Lester Sumrall page 107*

6. Prophecy
 - Hearing and communicating the voice of God through various means to others accurately in a manner that edifies, exhorts and comforts that can include preaching and prediction
7. Discerning of spirits
 - discerning between the operation of God's Spirit, and the evil spirit, or unaided human spirit.
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8. Kinds of Tongues
 - **kinds of tongues**—the power of speaking *various languages*: also a *spiritual language unknown to man, uttered in ecstasy*. JFB - A Commentary: Critical, Experimental, and Practical on the Old and New Testaments.
9. Interpretation of tongues
 - It works in concert with the gift of speaking in tongues, and allows for an individual to interpret unknown tongues, into a discernible and understandable message — *The Holy Spirit; Power, Presence and Purpose* by Michael Boldea page 542

B. In the broader text (Rom. 12; 1 Cor. 12-14; Eph. 4:1-16; 1 Thess. 5:12-28; 1 Peter 4:7-11)

Prophecy (1 Cor. 12:10, 28, 14:3; Eph. 4:11-14; Rom. 12:6;)	Mercy (Lk 10: 30-37; Rom. 12:8)
Evangelism (Acts 8:26-40; Eph. 4:11-14; 2 Tim. 4:5)	Hospitality (1 Pet 4:9-10; Rom 12:9-13, 16:23; Heb. 13:1-2)
Missions (1 Cor. 9:19-23, Acts 13: 2,3; Rom. 10:15)	Pastoring (1 Pet 5:2-4, Eph 4:11-14; 1 Tim. 3:1-7)
Apostle (Rom 15:20; Eph 4:11-14)	Giving (2 Cor. 8:1-7, 9:2-8; Rom. 12:8)
Teaching (Eph 4: 12-13; 1 Cor. 12:28; Rom. 12:7)	Intercession (Col 1:9-12; 4:12-13; James 5:14-16; 1 Tim. 2:1-2)
Encouragement, Exhortation (Acts 14:22; Rom 12:8; 1 Tim 4:13; Heb. 10:25)	Healing (James 5:14-16; 1 Cor. 12:9, 28)
Word of Wisdom/Wisdom (1 Cor. 2:1, 6-16, 12:8; 2 Pet. 3:15-16)	Miracles (Mk 11:23-24; 1 Cor. 12:10, 28; 2 Cor. 12:12; Rom. 15:18-19)
Discernment (of spirits) (1 Jn 4:1-16; 1 Cor. 12:10)	Tongues (1 Cor. 12:10, 28; 14:13-15)
Deliverance (Matt. 12:22-32; Acts 8:5-5; 16:16-18)	Interpretation (1 Cor. 12:10, 28; 14:13, 26-28)
Word of Knowledge/Knowledge (1 Cor. 2:14, 12:8; Col. 2:2-3; 2 Cor. 11:6)	Leadership (Heb 13:7, 17; 1 Tim 5:17; Rom. 12:8)
Administration (1 Cor. 12:28, 14:40; Titus 1:5)	

III. They are for believers

The gospel message

Sin—**Romans 3:23 (NKJV)** *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

Death—**Romans 6:23 (NKJV)** *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Love—**Romans 5:8 (NKJV)** *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Faith—**Ephesians 2:8-9 (NKJV)** *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

Life—**Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV)** *that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

ADMIT—that you are a sinner in need of a savior and willing to turn away from your sins and follow Jesus

BELIEVE—in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Ask God for forgiveness and accept His payment of Jesus on the cross for your sins by faith.

CONFESS—speak out loud with your mouth the Jesus is Lord and that you will follow Him the rest of your life