

Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Part 1)

1 Corinthians 12:1-14

Listed in these verses are nine specific gifts of the Holy Spirit that may manifest in the believer. These are not all of the gifts, but they are very important gifts and the most commonly manifested when ministering to the body of Christ.

The nine gifts listed in verses 8-10:

Gift of the word of wisdom

Gift of the word of knowledge

Gift of faith

Gifts of healing

Gift of working miracles

Gift of prophecy

Gift of different kinds of tongues

Gift of interpretation of tongues

V1)

- Spiritual gifts.
 - o Not natural gifts or talents, like being able to sing, or build, or cook.
 - o These are supernatural gifts and abilities.
 - o When these gifts are in operation it's the power of the Holy Spirit working through the believer.
- He didn't want them to be ignorant.
 - o Paul is going to give them the truth about the operation of the Holy Spirit and the spiritual gifts in the body.

V2)

- Carried away.
 - o He's talking to gentiles who were converted from idol worship to Christianity.
 - The Jews had to be converted from Religion and the gentiles had to be converted from idol worship.

- The thing about idol worship is that it is demon worship in disguise.
 - When you worship the idol or the image whether it be of stone or the imagination, you are worshipping and submitting to the spirit behind it.
- So, in idol worship there were a lot of spiritual things happening that had nothing to do with God or the Holy Spirit.
- So, Paul was saying here that I don't want you to be ignorant concerning the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how the true Spirit of God operates so that you are not deceived again into following after the wrong spirit.
- Paul wanted them to know how the true Spirit of God operates.

V3)

- When the Holy Spirit is in operation in a believer's life, He is going to glorify Jesus.
 - First and foremost, the gifts must glorify Jesus. If the true gifts are in operation, Jesus and His kingdom will be glorified.
 - The person operating won't be glorified.
 - God and His kingdom will never be made to look bad through what is said or done.
- Church history tells us that in the Corinthian church, people would come into services where the Holy Spirit was moving and speaking through people in tongues and prophecy, and they would stand up thinking they were being moved by the Holy Ghost and say that Jesus is accursed.
 - These were most likely people that had not been completely delivered from the demonic spirits they received through their idol worship.
- So, Paul was letting them know right off the bat that if you or anyone in the church claims to be inspired to say anything that doesn't glorify Jesus or declares that He is accursed and hasn't come in the flesh, it is not the Holy Ghost that is inspiring you.
 - When the Holy Ghost is in operation, He will inspire you to glorify Jesus and draw attention to His Kingdom.

V4)

- There are differences of gifts in the body, but they are all given by the Holy Spirit.
 - So, what this is referring to is the fact that within the body of believers there are different people with different gifts. Some will operate in all nine of these gifts listed and others will only operate in some or just one.
- it's up to two things:
 - 1. The Holy Spirit
 - 1 Corinthians 12:11 living bible translation "It is the same and only Holy Spirit who gives all these gifts and powers, deciding which each one of us should have."
 - So it's not up to you what you operate in, it's up to the Holy Spirit.

- The Holy Spirit determines what gifts to give each individual believer.
 - 2. Your office.
 - Your assignment and what God has called you to do will determine what you will have by the Holy Spirit to operate in.
 - We will see this more as we teach on the fivefold ministry gifts of the apostle, prophet, pastor, teacher, and evangelist.
- So, this is in contrast to the fruit of the spirit in Gal 5:22-23.
 - Notice it's not fruits of the Spirit but fruit.
 - These are nine different parts or manifestation of one singular fruit of the Holy Spirit.
 - You could just call this fruit love. These are nine different manifestation of love.
 - But all these manifestations are part of the singular fruit that is in the Holy Spirit that is in every believer. Whether or not every believer manifests these things, they have all of them in there because they are all a part of love and love is in you by the Holy Ghost. (Rom 5:5)
 - But the individual gifts can be divided (I Corinthians 12:11) and given to the believer.

V5)

- Differences of administrations.
 - The Greek word that is translated administrations is diakonia and it means attendance, aid, service. It comes from the root word diakonos. This root word was translated in the new testament as deacons three times, minister 14 times, ministers 5 times, and servants 3 times.
 - So, from the translations of this word, we can see that Paul was talking about different ways to administer or use these gifts.
 - So, you can minister and release the same gift in different ways. Just because someone ministers the same thing in a different way than somebody else, it doesn't mean it's not God. It's the same lord and same gift but a different way of releasing it.
 - The gift of prophecy can be administered for instance through singing, speaking, writing, painting, etc.
 - The gift of healing can be administered through words, laying on of hands, prayer clothes, and so on.

V6)

- Diversities of operations
 - The Greek word translated operations is energema.
 - It means thing wrought, effect.

- So, what we are talking about here is there are different effects or things wrought by the gifts.
- You can have the same gift as somebody else, but your gift may have a different effect on somebodies' life than theirs.
- But it's the same God working all these things in all men.
 - In other words, just because there are different results in a person through the same gift doesn't mean it's not God.
- One of the things that we need to take from this is that you can't put the working of the Holy Spirit in a box and say this is the only way it can be.
- This is good because everyone needs to be ministered to and not everyone is going to receive from the same type of administrations.