**God Gave Gifts unto Men (sjm 11/272022)**

**John 10:10 “Seeing this play out more & more”** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (to give an advantage)

* **Weapons of are warfare are not carnal (they are spiritual)**

**Eph 4:7 KJV** He has given gifts unto men: **TLB -** out of his rich storehouse of gifts.

 [**Romans 8:32**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%208%3A32&version=KJV) He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also **freely** **give** us all things?

 **Gifts** - A thing given willingly to someone without payment; a present.

 **Gifts** - Something given voluntarily without payment in return, as to show favor toward someone

People give gifts as **a way of showing thoughtfulness, love & affection**. When we give gifts, it brings joy or pleasure to the **receiver** & joy and pleasure to the **giver:**

 **For a gift to be useful it must be given & accepted (unwrapped and used)**

**A gift starts with Jesus** Unbelievably not automatic in receiving: Excuses …

1. Gifts must be unwrapped (oh they look so ice wrapped) but not operational
2. Don’t want the gift as they would be responsible to use it (might have to be wholly committed to God)
3. Like promotions (walk away from it as fearful of making mistakes)
4. Sometimes some assembly is required (according to your measure of faith prophecy)
5. You’re trying to butter me up or get something back from me in the future! Yes, God desires a ROI!

**Ex 14:13 And** Moses said unto **the** people, Fear ye not, **stand** still, **and** **see** **the** **salvation** of **the** Lord,

**1 Cor 12:7** But Manifestation of the Spirit given to Every Man to profit withal

**1 Cor 12:1** Concerning spiritual gifts, I would not have you **ignorant**

 **Ignorant-** Lack of knowledge, awareness or intelligence

**1 Cor 14:1** Pursue love, and earnestly **DESIRE** spiritual gifts:

 **Desire -** Strong feeling of wanting to have something: request or to crave:

**1 Cor 14:12** Ye are **zealous** of spiritual gifts:

 **Zealous** – passion, fervent, **enthusiastic, eager, fervid, intense, great energy**

**1 Cor 12:31**  **Covet** earnestly the best gifts”

To take possession as if you’re own. “Earnest & intense or strong desire”

**2 Tim 1:6** I put you in remembrance that thou stir up the gift if God in thee (who stir up the gift?) **Example**: Paint stirred almost turns into something different (real color comes out)

 To cause (someone) to feel a strong emotion and a desire to do something.

**The Nine Gifts of the Spirit**

**1 Cor 12:8- 10 Utterance Gifts:** Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues, and Prophecy

 **Revelation Gifts:** Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, and Prophecy

 **Power Gifts**: Gift of Faith, Gifts of Healing, and Miracles

**Gift of Tongues** =Supernaturally inspired utterance in an unknown tongue

(not foreign language, not learned, not mimicking, not personal prayer language)

 **1 Cor 14:14** For if I pray in an unknown tongue my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful

**1 Cor 14:2** For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men but unto God

 **1 Cor 14:4** He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself, but he that prophesieth edifies the church

**Interpretation of Tongues** = Supernatural showing forth of the meaning of tongues

 (Not learned, not studied for, not interpretation)

**Prophecy** = Supernatural inspired utterance in an known tongue

**1 Cor 14:4)** **Prophecy** edifies the church

 **How**? **Edification** = To build up(battery) **Exhortation** = Move to action **Comfort**= satisfy emotions

**Word of Wisdom** =Supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit; - **of things to come**,

 - **Wisdom=** Insight concerning individuals, churches, nations:

 - **Manifested**: Visions, audible voice, dreams, angels, or to your spirit

 **Acts 11:28** Agabus, signified that there would be a great famine in the land

**Word of Knowledge=** Supernatural revelation by H/S concerning facts **-past/present**

 - Knowledge is facts, past or present:

 **2 Kings 6:9-11** King of syria warred against Israel with a ambush

**Discerning of Spirits** = Insight into the Spiritual Realm

 - often can distinguish between Good & evil spirits

 - Gift is not discerning of people, judging or fault finding-criticalness

 **2 Kings 6:17** Elisha & his servant saw who was with him

**Working of Miracles** = Supernatural intervention into the ordinary course of nature

 - **Joshua 10:13** commanded the sun & moon to stand still for one day

 - **Kings 17:14** Barrel of oil & meal that lasted until it rained

 - **John 6:5** Jesus fed 5,000

 - **Mark 4:39** Jesus commanded the sea to be still

**Gift of Faith** = Supernatural endowment from God so that we are able to believe God in such a way that what is uttered or desired is miraculously brought to pass

 - **Mostly** to meet a need or for protection; Closely associated with miracles

 - **Daniel 3** Daniel saved in Lions den **Daniel 6:** Shadrach, Mechach, Abednego;

 - **1 Kings 17:4** Elijah fed by the ravens **EXAMPLE:** at Dry cleaning place:

**Gift(s) of Healing(s)**= Power to deliver the sick & to destroy works of the Devil in the body

 **- Acts 14:** Paul healed cripple at Lystra "stand upright on thy feet"

 - **Generally** instantaneous, complete; **Often** for unbelievers & new Christians or with 5-fold Ministry:

Extra – do not use

**Prov 10:22** The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth **no** **sorrow** with it.

[**1 Corinthians 2:12**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Corinthians%202%3A12&version=KJV) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are **freely** **give**n to us of God.