

THE ART OF BEING

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STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

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What are your gifts?

Purpose of Gifts

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- Prophecy (Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor. 12:10, 28-29; 14:1-40; Eph. 4:11)
- The ability to receive and proclaim a message from God.

Purpose of Gifts



- **Prophecy**
- **Could involve the foretelling of future events,**
- **Primary purpose as seen in 1 Corinthians 14:3 is forthtelling.**

Purpose of Gifts



- **Prophecy**
- **One who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouragement, and consolation.**

Purpose of Gifts



- **Prophecy**
- This gift provides a word from God to a specific group, not the normative Word of God to all believers.

Purpose of Gifts



- **Service (Rom. 12:7)**
- Ability to identify and care for the physical needs of the body through a variety of means.

Purpose of Gifts



- **Service (Rom. 12:7)**
- **The Greek word for this gift is the same as that for ministry or deacon, but the gift should not be confused with the office.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Teaching**
- **(Rom. 12:7; 1 Cor. 12:28-29; Eph. 4:11)**
- **The ability to clearly explain and effectively apply the truths of God's Word so that others will learn.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Teaching**
 - This requires the capacity to accurately interpret Scripture, engage in necessary research, and organize the results in a way that is easily communicated.

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Exhortation (Rom. 12:8)**
 - The ability to motivate others to respond to the truth by providing timely words of counsel, encouragement, and consolation.

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Exhortation (Rom. 12:8)**
- **When this gift is exercised, believers are challenged to stimulate their faith by putting God's truth to the test in their lives.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Giving (Rom. 12:8)**
- **The ability to contribute material resources with generosity and cheerfulness for the benefit of others and the glory of God.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Giving (Rom. 12:8)**
 - The ability to contribute material resources with generosity and cheerfulness for the benefit of others and the glory of God.
 - Christians with this spiritual gift need not be wealthy.

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Leadership (Rom. 12:8)**
 - The ability to discern God's purpose for a group, set and communicate appropriate goals, and motivate others to work together to fulfill them in the service of God.

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Mercy (Rom. 12:8)**
- **The ability to deeply empathize and engage in compassionate acts on behalf of people who are suffering physical, mental, or emotional distress.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Mercy (Rom. 12:8)**
- **Those with this gift manifest concern and kindness to people who are often overlooked.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Wisdom (1 Cor. 12:8)**
- **The ability to apply the principles of the Word of God in a practical way to specific situations and to recommend the best course of action at the best time.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Wisdom (1 Cor. 12:8)**
- **The exercise of this gift skillfully distills insight and discernment into excellent advice.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Knowledge (1 Cor. 12:8)**
 - **The ability to discover, analyze, and systematize truth for the benefit of others.**
 - **With this gift, one speaks with understanding and penetration.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Knowledge (1 Cor. 12:8)**
 - **Some also associate supernatural perception with this gift.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Faith (1 Cor. 12:9)**
- **The ability to have a vision for what God wants to be done and to confidently believe that it will be accomplished in spite of circumstances and appearances to the contrary.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Faith (1 Cor. 12:9)**
- **The gift of faith transforms vision into reality.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Healing (1 Cor. 12:9, 28, 30)**
- **The ability to serve as a human instrument through whom God supernaturally cures illnesses and restores health.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Healing (1 Cor. 12:9, 28, 30)**
- **The possessor of this gift is not the source of power, but a vessel who can only heal those diseases the Lord chooses to heal.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Miracles (1 Cor. 12:10, 28, 29)**
- **The ability to serve as an instrument through whom God accomplishes acts that manifest supernatural power.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Miracles (1 Cor. 12:10, 28, 29)**
- **Miracles bear witness to the presence of God and the truth of God's proclaimed Word, and appear to occur most frequently in association with missionary activity.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Distinguishing of spirits (1 Cor. 12:10)**
- **The ability to clearly discern the spirit of truth and the spirit of error (cf. 1 John 4:6).**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Distinguishing of spirits**
- **With this gift, one can distinguish reality versus counterfeits, the divine versus the demonic, true versus false teaching, and in some cases, spiritual versus carnal motives.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- Tongues (1 Cor. 12:10, 28, 30; 14:1-40)
- The ability to receive and impart a spiritual message in a language the recipient never learned.

Gifts of the Spirit



- Interpretation of tongues (1 Cor. 12:10, 30; 14:5, 13, 26-28)
- Ability to translate a message publicly uttered in a tongue.
- This gift may be combined with the gift of tongues (1 Cor. 14:13), or it can operate separately (1 Cor. 14:26-28).

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Apostleship (1 Cor. 12:28,29; Eph. 4:11)**
- **A requirement for the office included having seen the resurrected Jesus.**
- **However, many believe that the gift of apostleship continues to be given.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Apostleship (1 Cor. 12:28,29; Eph. 4:11)**
- **As a spiritual gift, this is the ability to begin and/or to oversee new churches and Christian ministries with a spontaneously recognized authority.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Helps (1 Cor. 12:28)**
- **The ability to enhance the effectiveness of the ministry of other members of the body.**
- **This is the only usage of this word in the New Testament, and it appears to be distinct from the gift of service.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Helps (1 Cor. 12:28)**
- **Some suggest that while the gift of service is more group-oriented, the gift of helps is more person-oriented.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Administration (1 Cor. 12:28)**
- This word, like helps, appears only one time in the New Testament, and it is used outside of Scripture of a helmsman who steers a ship to its destination.

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Administration (1 Cor. 12:28)**
- This suggests that the spiritual gift of administration is the ability to steer a church toward the fulfillment of its goals by managing its affairs and implementing necessary plans.

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Evangelism (Eph. 4:11)**
- **The ability to be an unusually effective instrument in leading unbelievers to a saving knowledge of Christ.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Evangelism (Eph. 4:11)**
- **Some with this gift are most effective in personal evangelism, while others may be used by God in group evangelism or cross-cultural evangelism.**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Shepherd or pastor (Eph. 4:11)**
- **Peter was commissioned by Christ to shepherd His sheep (John 21:16), and Peter exhorted the elders in the churches of Asia Minor to do the same (1 Pet. 5:2; cf. Acts 20:28).**

Gifts of the Spirit



- **Shepherd or pastor (Eph. 4:11)**
- **A person with this spiritual gift has the ability to personally lead, nourish, protect, and care for the needs of a flock of believers.**