



SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of God is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword.

In recognition of July 4th

Romans 5:7-8 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died *as a substitute* for us.

New Testament passages that deal with spiritual gifts –

Romans 12:6-8

1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28-29

Ephesians 4:11ff

Romans 12:6-8 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; ⁷ if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

➤ **Prophecy**, in this list, is the only gift that is not permanent throughout the Church Age.

Ephesians 4:11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

➤ Evangelists and pastor-teacher round out the permanent spiritual gifts for the Church Age.

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, **and** to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.

➤ All spiritual gifts listed in **1 Cor. 12:8-10** are **temporary**.

Companion spiritual gifts – these complement one another.

“Word of wisdom” and “Word of knowledge”

“Prophecy” and “Discerning of spirits”

“Tongues” and “Interpretation of tongues”

Temporary Spiritual Gifts		Permanent Spiritual Gifts	
Revelation	Leadership	Leadership	Auxiliary
Word of Wisdom- Word of Knowledge- 1 Cor. 13:8	Apostles- Eph 2:20	Pastor-Teacher- Ephesians 4:11	Helps Showing Mercy
Prophecy- Eph 2:20; 1 Corinthians 13:8	Healing -Heb. 2:3, 4; Acts 2:43	Speaking	Giving Administration
Discerning of Spirits Tongues- 1 Corinthians 13:8	Faith Gifts of Healing	Evangelism- Ephesians 4:11	
Interpretation of Tongues	Miracles- 2 Cor. 12:12; Mark 16:15-20	Teaching- Romans 12:7	
		Exhortation	

Passages that explain the temporary nature of certain spiritual gifts

Eph 2:20 **Heb 2:3-4** **Rom. 15:18-20** **2 Cor. 12:12** **Mk. 16:15-20**
* **1 Cor. 13:8-13**

Ephesians 2:20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,

- Analogy of the Church as a building – the church being the universal body of Christ
- Gifts of apostles and prophets were necessary to kick-start the early church. These gifts were very strategic in the foundation of the early church, but since the foundation is already laid, they are no longer necessary today.
- These gifts are foundational and not permanent.

Ephesians 2:21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord.

Hebrews 2:3-4 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, ⁴ God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

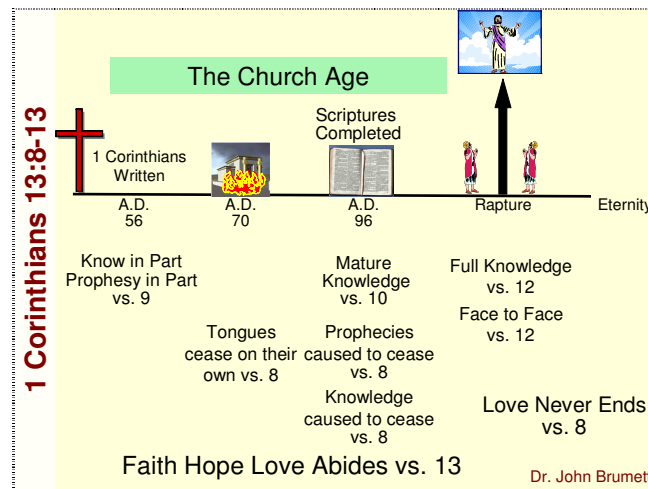
2 Corinthians 12:12 The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.

- Signs and wonders validated and highlighted the message of the Apostle.

Mark 16:15-20 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. ¹⁷ And these **signs** shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

A sign gift points to the messenger and the message.

¹⁹ So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.



1 Corinthians 13:8-13 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. ⁹ For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

“That which is perfect” refers to the completion of the canon of Scripture.

¹¹ When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. ¹³ And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

- ✚ Stage 1 – Partial knowledge (during the writing of the scriptures)
- ✚ Stage 2 – Mature knowledge (when the Word of God was complete)
- ✚ Stage 3 – Complete knowledge (when we are face-to-face with the Lord Jesus Christ)

- Note what abides throughout the Church Age – “faith, hope and love.”
- Charity or love will continue throughout all eternity. Faith and hope will not.

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Spiritual gifts are unique to each believer!

Skills present in the secular world do not automatically translate into the same skills in the spiritual realm.

Word of wisdom – a special ability to receive and pass on to others a disclosure to God’s mysteries during the period when He was granting direct revelation to members of the body of Christ. **1 Cor. 13:2** also.

- This is a direct revelation of wisdom.
- Different than the “wisdom” available to all believers in **James 1:5**.

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Word of knowledge – a special ability to grasp objective data that results from special revelation connected with the word of wisdom to systematize it and extend it's implications to new situations.
Simply put – inspired application of wisdom.

All spiritual gifts are given by the Holy Spirit at the moment of faith in Christ.

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Faith – a special ability to believe God to the point that He would miraculously remove hindrances in the spread of the gospel. Related to the early communication of the gospel. Example of this gift is found in **Acts 27:22-25**.

Acts 27:22-25 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. ²³ For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, ²⁴ Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. ²⁵ Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: **for I believe God**, that it shall be even as it was told me.

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Healing – God healing in a unique and miraculous way to validate the message of the Apostles.

Acts 3:6-8 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. ⁷ And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. ⁸ And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

This healing prepared the crowd for the gospel message - -

Acts 3:12-15 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? Or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. ¹⁴ But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; ¹⁵ and killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

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Hebrews 2:3-4

John 20:30-31 Jesus performed miracles; they validated His person.

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Prophecy [prophet] – a recipient of direct divine revelation with a forth telling and a foretelling ministry; a predictive ministry.

In **Isaiah** and **Jeremiah** it is mentioned that a prophet must predict the future accurately if he is claiming a message from God. If his message was not accurate he was considered a false prophet and based on the Mosaic Law the penalty was to be stoned.

Scriptures - **Acts 11:27-28; Luke 4:17-21; Deut. 18:20**

Deuteronomy 18:20-22 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. ²¹ And if thou say in thine heart, how shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? ²² When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

Principles on the gift of prophecy:

1. A prophet proclaimed an inspired revelation directly from God.
2. A prophet's ministry was not only forth telling but foretelling – predictive. **Acts 11:27-28; Eph 3:5**
3. A ministry of prophet was foundational in the church (**Eph 2:20**), but we don't have any prophets today.

The Church Age believer today needs illumination from the Word of God that is already inspired.

Revelation is no longer needed once you have a completed canon of scripture.

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Distinguishing of spirits – ability to distinguish and evaluate the prophetic message

1 Corinthians 14:29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

1 Cor. 12:3

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These are complementary spiritual gifts.

This is a reference to human languages, not gibberish.

Tongues were a supernatural ability to communicate in a language that was previously unlearned by the communicator.

All Scriptures quoted are from King James Version unless otherwise noted.