

## Exploring the Gifts of the Spirit, Part 2

### Key Verses:

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 NKJV - *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: v.8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, v.9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, v.10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. v.11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

### Objective:

In the last session, we examined the revelation and the utterance gifts of 1 Corinthians 12. In this lesson, we will explore the power gift of 1 Corinthians 12 and the service gifts listed in Romans 12. The purpose of this lesson is to help the disciples of Jesus stretch their faith in order to operate powerfully by the Spirit's anointing.

### Five Categories of Spiritual Gifts

Note: The first three categories are comprised from 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. The Helps category is primarily found in Romans 12:4-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:28. The main list for the equipping gifts is found in Ephesians 4:11-12.

- 1) Revelation
- 2) Utterance
- 3) Power
- 4) Helps
- 5) Equipping

### The Power Gifts

- 1) The Gift of \_\_\_\_\_

a) There are three different kinds of faith identified in Scripture.

i) \_\_\_\_\_ Faith: This faith leads to salvation.

Ephesians 2:8, 9 NIV - *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith— and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— v.9 not by works, so that no one can boast.*

ii) \_\_\_\_\_ Faith: Every believer has this faith.

Romans 12:3 NKJV - ... *God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.*

Hebrews 11:6 NIV - *And without faith it is impossible to please God...*

(1) Feeding on the Word of God and exercising it in the areas of life can increase this kind of faith.

Romans 10:17 KJV - *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

(2) General faith is what we ordinarily use to receive answers to our prayers.

Mark 11:22-24 NIV - *“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. v.23 “Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. v.24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*

iii) The Gift of Faith: This is a supernatural manifestation of the Spirit, which is imparted after the baptism of the Holy Spirit, as the Spirit wills.

b) Operating in the Gift of Faith

i) The gift of faith is a supernatural operation of the Holy Spirit in a person that enables him to sustain an unwavering trust in God for his personal protection and for the provision of his needs or the needs of others.

ii) When the gift of faith is in operation, the believed-for miracle may not manifest

immediately. It may manifest over a period of time.

An example of supernatural faith operating can be seen in Christ Jesus who, in faith, was found sleeping through an incredible storm (Mark 4).

2) Working of \_\_\_\_\_

- a) A miracle is a supernatural intervention that interrupts the ordinary course of nature to accomplish and advance the purpose of God.

Turning grape juice into wine by the process of nature is a natural reaction. But water turned into wine by speaking a word as Jesus did in John 2:1-11, is an example of how this spiritual gift can manifest.

b) The Working of Miracles in Paul's Ministry

- i) Paul strikes Elymas the sorcerer blind (Acts 13:4-12)
- ii) Paul's shipwreck miracle (Acts 27)

3) Gifts of \_\_\_\_\_

- a) An example of the gifts of healings is the supernatural healing of disease without natural means from any source.

Although medical science is a great blessing, it operates under natural means and therefore, is not the operation of the gifts of healings.

b) Jesus operated in the fullness of this gift.

*Acts 10:38 NIV - ...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.*

- c) How did the gifts of healings manifest in the New Testament?

- i) Laying on of Hands (Matthew 8:14-15)
- ii) Spoken Word (Luke 7:7)
- iii) Anointed Fabric (Acts 19:11-12)
- iv) Shadows (Acts 5:15)

### The Gifts of Helps

Romans 12:4-8 NIV - *For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, v.5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. v.6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; v.7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; v.8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.*

These gifts are often called the serving gifts.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Prophecy in the Bible is one of the broadest used manifestations of God's work through His people.
  - b) In this context, it must be defined within the helping list of the other serving gifts listed.
  - c) In Romans 12, the gift of prophecy would be a person endowed by God with an exceptional ability to perceive spiritual matters. It is not based on a ministry office or any other manifestation; it is simply prophetic insight.

Note: I have people in my life that I ask to pray with me about a matter because they have this prophetic insight ability. This is a great help to me as I lead our ministry.

2) \_\_\_\_\_

- a) The people with this gift are the “hands and feet” of the body of Christ in an extraordinary way. They prefer doing something with their hands to speaking. They see to it that the body of Christ has its practical needs met and that jobs within the church get done well and efficiently.
- b) Although this gift is not tied into any specific church office, a person with this gift makes an excellent deacon or deaconess.

3) \_\_\_\_\_

- a) People with this Romans 12 gift are those who, regardless of their office or particular ministry in the body of Christ, are motivated by a desire to clarify and expound truth.
- b) They are students first and teachers second.
- c) They have a special enablement by the Spirit to communicate well and accurately.

4) \_\_\_\_\_ (encouraging)

- a) Someone with this particular Romans 12 gift is motivated by the Spirit to see people encouraged toward growth in the Lord. They are equipped with the special grace of motivating or guiding people.
- b) They have a supernatural enablement to turn what Satan means for harm into good. They are always interested in seeing how tribulation or adversity can be turned into successful living and maturity in the Lord.
- c) They never get tired of people with needs. They latch on and refuse to let the devil win.

5) \_\_\_\_\_

- a) The original word used here implies liberality or generosity. This is the idea in



Ephesians 4:28 where Paul encourages workers to work hard with their hands so they can give to those in need.

- b) People who are blessed with this Romans 12 grace gift are not just financial givers; they're incredible contributors of money, materials, and physical support.
  - c) They have a great capacity to get stuff and have no problem giving huge amounts of it away for Kingdom purposes.
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Prohistemi is the Greek word that is being translated here. It means to be at the head of, to rule, to direct, to manage or to aid in leadership.
  - b) These Romans 12-graced people are gifted to coordinate people to carry out Kingdom activities and goals.
  - c) They are particularly gifted at sensing overall problems, surveying needs, organizing resources and enlisting others to do work.
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) People with a grace gift of mercy are those whom God has endowed with a special measure of faith to identify with people so as to show compassion.
  - b) They are strong "feelers" with an ability to perceive where people are emotionally and to identify with what they are feeling or going through. Their aim is to do good by helping others through difficult situations.
  - c) They love the needy and never get tired of people.

Final Thought: All of these gifts aid us tremendously in our calling to make disciples.

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## REFLECT

1. Read the following statement about “General Faith” from the lesson and discuss.  
“Feeding on the Word of God and exercising it in the areas of life can increase this kind of faith.”
2. Can you share a brief testimony about a time when you feel you operated in the gift of faith, working of miracles, or the gifts of healings?
3. Review these categories of the gifts of helps and talk about which one(s) you feel are active in your life: prophecy, serving, exhorting, giving, leading, and/or mercy.
4. 1 Corinthians 14:1 (ESV) says, “Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.” Discuss the relationship between your desire to be used in spiritual gifts and the manifestation of spiritual gifts in your life.
5. What questions do you have that haven’t been discussed yet?

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## ACT

Ask the Lord to reveal to you which of these manifestations of the Spirit belong to you and then use your faith to operate in your gift(s).