

# Opening HIS Gifts: Receiving the Gifts of the Godhead

## *Charismata Gifts from the Holy Spirit as found in 1 Corinthians 12*

### 1. WORD OF WISDOM

- a. Supernatural perspective to ascertain the divine means for accomplishing God's will in given situations.
- b. Divinely given power to appropriate spiritual intuition in problem-solving.
- c. Practical Action.
- d. Sense of divine direction.
- e. Being led by the Holy Spirit to act appropriately in a given set of circumstances.
- f. Knowledge rightly applied: wisdom works interactively with knowledge and discernment.

Notes:

Acts 6:3, 8–10, ie. Stephen.

- Wisdom in the Bible is often coupled with knowledge (Rom. 11:33; 1 Cor. 12:8; Col. 2:3). (James 1:5).

### 2. WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

- a. Supernatural revelation of the divine will and plan.
- b. Supernatural insight or understanding of circumstances or a body of facts by revelation: that is, without assistance of any human resource but solely by divine aid.
- c. Implies a deeper and more advanced understanding of the communicated acts of God.
- d. Involves moral wisdom for right living and relationships.
- e. Requires objective understanding concerning divine things in human duties.
- f. May also refer to knowledge of God or of the things that belong to God, as related in the gospel.
- g. Brings to light the principles of belief that form a basis for the action. Used in the gift of teaching.

Notes:

1 Cor 1:5

Acts 18:24–28 ie. Apollos

John 1:48–50 the ie. of Jesus seeing Nathanael

4:17–18, ie. Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

Acts 5:1–5 ie. of Ananias and Sapphira

### 3. FAITH

- a. Supernatural ability to believe God without doubt.
- b. Supernatural ability to combat unbelief.
- c. Supernatural ability to meet adverse circumstances with trust in God's messages and words.
- d. Inner conviction impelled by an urgent and higher calling.

Notes: *The Gift of Special Faith.* All of us become Christians by believing, by exercising "faith." But the faith behind this gift differs in degree and in application. (Acts 3:1–4:22 and 14:8–18).

### 4. GIFTS OF HEALINGS

- a. Refers to supernatural healing without human aid (or use of natural means)
- b. May include divinely assisted application of human instrumentation and medical means of treatment.
- c. Restoration, wholeness brought through believers
- d. Physical, Mental, Emotional, Spiritual

Jesus ie: Matthew 15:

Peter ie: Acts 9:34

Spiritual healings: Matthew 13:15, John 12:40, Acts 28:27, Hebrews 12:13, 1 Peter 2:24, James 5:16

### 5. WORKING OF MIRACLES

- a. Supernatural power to intervene and counteract earthly and evil forces.
- b. Literally means a display of power giving the ability to go beyond the natural.
- c. Operates closely with the gifts of faith and healings to bring authority over sin, Satan, sickness, and the binding forces of this age.
- d. Expected of us. John 14:12 "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these."

Real miracles always glorify God and tell us something about God and His purposes.

Acts 2:22,43

Acts 6:8

Acts 8:6,13

Acts 9:36–42

Acts 13:8–12.

### 6. PROPHECY

- a. Divinely inspired and anointed utterance.
- b. Supernatural proclamation in a known language.
- c. Manifestation of the Spirit of God—not of intellect (1 Cor. 12:7).  
"Now to each on the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."
- d. May be possessed and operated by all who have the infilling of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 14:31).  
"For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged."

e. Intellect, faith, and will are operative in this gift, but its exercise is not intellectually based. It is calling forth words from the Spirit of God.

Notes:

2 Peter 1:21

1 Thess 5:19-21

Deuteronomy 18:

Further Research Resources:

Hayford's Bible Handbook by J.W. Hayford

Divine Design by Aubrey Malphurs

God's Gifted People by Gar L. Harbaugh

Tagnet. Org

Network class at Maranatha

## 7. DISCERNING OF SPIRITS

a. Supernatural power to detect the realm of the spirits and their activities.

b. Implies the power of spiritual insight—supernatural revelation of plans and purposes of the Enemy and his forces.

c. Not for the discerning of people, but the discerning of spirits.

Notes:

Acts 8:1-25

1 Corinthians 11:29

1 Corinthians 14:1-29

## 8. DIFFERENT KINDS OF TONGUES

a. Supernatural utterance in languages not known to the speaker: these languages may be existent in the world, revived from some past culture, or "unknown" in the sense that they are a means of communication inspired by the Holy Spirit. (Is. 28:11; Mark 16:17; Acts 2:4; 10:44-48; 19:1-7; 1 Cor. 12:10, 28-31; 13:1-3; 14:2, 4-22, 26-32).

b. Serve as an evidence and sign of the indwelling and working of the Holy Spirit.

## 9. INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES

a. Supernatural power to reveal the meaning of tongues.

b. Functions not as an operation of the mind of man but as the mind of the Spirit.

c. Does not serve as a translation (interpreter never understands the tongue he is interpreting), but rather is a declaration of meaning.

d. Is exercised as a miraculous and supernatural phenomenon as are the gift of speaking in tongues and the gift of prophecy.

Notes: According to 1 Corinthians 14:14–17, the one who speaks in tongues prays (v. 15), sings (v. 15), blesses (v. 16), and gives thanks (v. 17). Other uses of the gift of tongues: for inaudible praise to God, one's prayer language, and as a sign to an unbeliever (14:22).

Jude 20

1 Corinthians 2:13

Acts 2:4