

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Main text: 1 Corinthians 12:4-10

WEEK 1

INTRODUCTION

1 Corinthians 12:1 (NKJV) “Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant ...” God’s desire is for us to experience the gifts of the Spirit. **He wants us to understand their purpose and be effective in their use.** Too many of us are ignorant of what they are, why they are given and how they can be used.

The **main aim of this study** is for every participant to develop an in-depth understanding of spiritual gifts

The **specific objectives** are

- A. To understand the general categorization of the gifts
- B. To know how these gifts operate and what the conditions for manifesting these gifts are
- C. To understand the benefits if these gifts to the church and individual parts

STUDY QUESTIONS:

1. God does not want us to be ignorant of what? _____
2. Why did God give the gifts of the Spirit to His church? _____
3. Who will the gifts of the Holy Spirit exalt? _____

Reference book for further study:

- **the HOLY SPIRIT + HIS GIFTS** by KENNETH E. HAGIN
- **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON SPIRITUAL GIFTS** by KENNETH E. HAGIN

WEEK 2

The Nine Gifts Categorized - 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 list nine manifestations or gifts of the Spirit. They are generally divided as follows:

Revelation gifts: Spiritual gifts that reveal something:

- The word of wisdom
- The word of knowledge
- The discerning of spirits

Power gifts: Spiritual gifts that do something:

- The gift of faith
- The working of miracles

- The gifts of healings

Utterance gifts: Spiritual gifts that say something:

- Prophecy
- Divers kinds of tongues
- Interpretation of tongues

STUDY QUESTIONS:

- I. What is the difference between talents, natural abilities, and spiritual gifts?

- II. What are the 3 power gifts? _____
- III. What are the 3 utterance gifts? _____
- IV. What are the 3 revelation gifts? _____

Week 3

1. REVELATION GIFTS (They reveal something)

A. WORD OF WISDOM

A word of wisdom is a word, proclamation, or declaration that is supernaturally given by God.

- It is not revealed through human ability or natural wisdom (Jas. 1:5, Josh. 1:8)
- It is a God’s revelation of His plans and purposes. Acts 9:15, Acts 8:26-29. Acts 21:10-11.
- Its purpose is to meet the need of a particular future occasion or problem. It provides understanding and instruction on what action must be taken.

Examples of Word of Wisdom in the bible: word of wisdom to Noah Gen. 6:13-18, Prophet Agabus: Act 11:28

STUDY QUESTIONS:

- I. What’s the difference between Natural wisdom and the Gift of Word of Wisdom? _____
- II. Give two OT and two NT examples of the WOW in operation _____

WEEK 4

B. WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

The word of knowledge is the supernatural revelation by the Holy Ghost of certain facts in the mind of God.”(These facts can be about people, places, or things in the past or present) 1Co 12:8

- This communicates past or present facts or events that cannot be known through our natural senses. They are revealed to the speaker by the anointing of the Holy Spirit.
- **It is not known as the gift of knowledge but the WORD OF KNOWLEDGE** *There is no such thing as a spiritual gift of knowledge.* There is, however, a spiritual gift, called the word of knowledge.
- Their purposes are edification, instruction, or correction. 2 Kings 5; Acts 5:3.1 Sam. 10:22. Examples of word of knowledge in the bible: Rev. 1:10-20 Word of knowledge to John. Act 9:10-12 Word of knowledge to Ananias

STUDY QUESTIONS:

1. Is Word of Knowledge, a great knowledge about the word of God? _____
2. list different ways this gift can be in operation? _____

WEEK 5

C. DISCERNING OF SPIRITS

This is the supernatural recognition of the presence or activity of spiritual forces, either good or evil.

- This gift helps us perceive whether a spiritual manifestation is from God, man, or the devil. We need to know that all supernatural manifestations are not necessarily a demonstration of the Spirit of God.
- If the discerning of spirits is in operation, we can know the spirit behind a given manifestation or operation. Acts 8:23; 10. Act 16:16-18.

Examples in the bible: Exodus 33:20-23; Rev. 4:5

STUDY QUESTIONS?

- I. List at least 5 things that the discerning of spirits is not _____
- II. What does discernment of spirits give supernatural insights into? _____
- III. How is discernment of spirits different from what herbalist and witches do? _____

QUIZ + SUMMARY OF REVELATION GIFTS - WEEK 6

WEEK 7

2. POWER GIFTS (they do something)

A. GIFT OF FAITH

The gift of faith is a gift of the Spirit to the believer in order that he might receive miracles.

- The faith which we are talking about special faith is something other than general faith or saving faith.

- It is a supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit whereby a believer is empowered with special faith, or wonder-working faith, and it is beyond simple saving faith. Josh.10:12-14.
- The gift of faith is a special gift which is given supernaturally by the Spirit of God, as He wills.

Examples of the gift of faith: 1 Kings 18:38 Elijah. Joshua Josh.10:12-14

STUDY QUESTIONS:

1. What is the difference between general faith and the gift of Faith? _____

2. How does the gift of faith operate? _____

WEEK 8:

B. GIFTS OF HEALINGS

These gifts (plural) are more than the believer's normal activity of praying for the sick or visiting a doctor.

- They are special gifts of healings, given to some Christians by which they have consistently positive results.
- These gifts are always supernatural. They often do the impossible. What they accomplish are miracle events. Acts 19:12

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Is the gift of healing the only way a believer can receive healing? _____

2. When I pray for the sick and they get heal, is that the gift of healing? _____
3. Can I operate in this gift anytime I meet someone who is ill? _____

WEEK 9

C. WORKING OF MIRACLES

The working of miracles is a gift of the Spirit given to the believer that he might work miracles

- It is God's power, working through a believer's gift.
- God's intention is supernatural intervention, through us, to use these power gifts to destroy the works of the devil. Exo.14:21-29;

Examples of working of miracle in the bible: Jesus feed the multitudes John 6:5-14.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Give 2 OT and NT examples of working of miracles _____
2. The working of miracles can also be called the working of _____
3. Is this gift limited to crusade grounds? _____ Is this gift still in operation today? _____

UTTERANCE GIFTS (they say something)

A. GIFT OF PROPHECY

Prophecy includes two separate functions:

- To foretell: This means to speak of things to come. E.g. Isaiah 7:14, Genesis 15:13-14
- To forth tell: This means to speak correction and instruction in the present time. Acts 11:27-28
- The gift of prophecy builds up and encourages us.
- It stirs us up. It comforts us. It always exhorts and encourages. 1 Cor.14:3

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How can i tell that a prophecy is from God _____
2. Can I get direction for my life from a prophecy _____
3. Are prophets the only ones that prophecy _____

B. GIFT OF TONGUES

This is the most prominent of the utterance gifts. It is a supernatural sign, by supernatural utterance of the Holy Spirit, through the tongue of a believer.

- It is evidence of being baptized in the Holy Spirit.
- It is used in public ministry and in our private times.
- It is primary a devotional gift. It is a point of contact, communion and conversation between the believer and God.
- Divers kinds of tongues is the gift of the Spirit enabling one to speak in languages he has never learnt, given by the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:1-; 1 Cor. 14:5

Example of gift of tongues: Cornelius and his household Acts 10:44-46

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What is the difference between the gift of tongues and divers type of tongues _____
2. What exactly am I saying when I speak in tongue _____
3. Can I be baptized in the Holy Spirit and not speak in tongues? _____
4. Name at least 5 benefits of the gifts of tongues _____

C. INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES

The gift of interpretation of tongues is to render the gift of tongues understandable to the hearers so that the whole church congregation, as well as the one who gave the utterance in an unknown tongue may know what has been said and may be edified Tongues, 1 Corinthians 14:5,13.

- It is not the translation of tongues

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Should I interpret every time I speak in tongues? _____
2. If I speak in tongues do I automatically have the gift of interpretation of tongues? _____
3. How do you judge if the demonstration of the gift of tongues and interpretation of tongues is by the Holy Spirit in a service? _____

QUIZ + SUMMARY OF UTTERANCE GIFTS WEEK 14

WEEK 15

DISTRIBUTION OF THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 12:11 (NKJV) "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills."

- The nine gifts of the Spirit are distributed to each one individually as God wills. 1 Corinthians 12:7
- The Bible tells us to desire spiritual gifts.
- We all have a responsibility to ask for them. God has given us this opportunity. Asking for them is our right as believers.
- Every believer is called and empowered by the Holy Spirit to move in signs, wonders and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Can I determine the gift I want to operate in _____
2. Can I determine when to manifest the gift of the spirit? _____
3. Does my calling / ministry determine the gift of the Spirit I will operate in? _____

CONCLUSION - WEEK 16

- God uses these nine gifts to speak supernaturally through the person He chooses.
- The gifts are intended for the benefit of the Church. 1 Corinthians 12:7.
- We should earnestly desire the best gift. 1 Corinthians 12:31.

STUDY QUESTIONS

- Which Gift is the best gift?
- How do I activate the gift to work in my life?
- Why don't we see the gifts commonly in the church?

- What is the difference between spiritual gifts and spiritual fruit?
- When does a person receive his/her spiritual gift(s)?