



# SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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# AIMS

- What are spiritual gifts?
- What are the categories of spiritual gifts?
- What is the difference between spiritual gifts and the fruit of the spirit?
- What are the prerequisites needed to obtain the gifts?
- What are the steps necessary to discovering you spiritual gifts?

# WHAT ARE SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

- Charisma/Charismata – Spiritual gift(s) (Greek)
- Charisma defined - a special attribute given by the Holy Spirit to every member of the Body of Christ according to God's grace for us within the context of the body (*The Greek word charisma (1 Cor. 12:4) means: gracious deliverances; of that which is imparted through human instruction.*)
- Gifts defined – “extraordinary powers, distinguishing certain Christians and enabling to serve the church of Christ, the reception of which is due the power of divine grace operating in their souls by the Holy Spirit” (Unger's bible dictionary)

# WHAT ARE THE CATEGORIES OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

1. Revelation gifts (gifts that reveal something) - The word revelational captures the idea that these three gifts reveal information supernaturally from God to a believer
2. Power gifts (gifts that do something) - The power gifts are all supernatural, extraordinary, and miraculous in manifestation. The power gifts work through God's people to provide a specific service.
3. Inspirational gifts – (vocal gifts – gifts that say something) - They are all vocally based and supernatural in manifestation. These gifts are for public usage and not individual “bless myself” sessions. These gifts require at least two people to operate in accordance with Scriptural guidelines (1 Cor. 14:3-5, 29-32).

# TYPES OF GIFTS

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<b>Gifts of the Holy Spirit</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Manifestation</b>	<b>Name</b>
1	Revelation <i>(Reveals Information)</i>	Word of Wisdom
2		Word of Knowledge
3		Discerning of Spirits <i>(Distinguishing Between Spirits)</i>
4	Inspiration <i>(Inspires Communication)</i>	Gift of Prophecy
5		Different Kinds of Tongues
6		Interpretation of Tongues
7	Power <i>(Performs Miracles)</i>	Gift of Faith
8		Gifts of Healing
9		Miraculous Powers <i>(Working of Miracles)</i>

Understanding Spiritual Gifts – Dr. David D. Ireland, Lead Pastor - Christ Church, 2018

# DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

- The fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) – love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and self-control
- The Greek word καρπός that we translate “fruit” usually means fruit in the sense of edible fruits and vegetables, but it can also be translated as offspring, deed, action, result, or profit. In an agrarian society, fruit is a good thing; it is the result of hard work and careful tending. Today we might use the word “fruit” in a phrase such as the “fruit of our labor” to communicate the results of our effort. Even if we don’t harvest strawberries or apples, we can have “fruit,” something to show for our work, in a paycheck, a finished project, or even a baby. Understanding that “fruit” in this verse can mean “deed, action, or result” helps make this verse more personal. The result or the work of the Spirit in a believer’s life is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control. (Noyes, 2019)

# DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (CONT'D)

Spiritual Gifts	Fruit of the Spirit
cannot be earned (they are freely given)	they are developed/earned
they are discovered	not discovered (developed through personal relationship with God)
define what a Christian "does"	defines what a Christian "is"
is not a prerequisite for effective exercise of fruit of the spirit	is a prerequisite for effective exercise of Spiritual Gifts (gifts without fruit are worthless)
are temporal (1 Corinthians 13 - "...prophecy and tongues and knowledge shall pass away, but faith hope and love will abide")	Fruit of the Spirit are eternal
Task-oriented	God-oriented

# 4 PREREQUISITES NEEDED TO OBTAIN GIFTS

1. You have to be a Christian
2. You have to believe in spiritual gifts
3. You have to be willing to work
4. You have to pray



# 5 STEPS TO DISCOVER SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. **Explore the possibilities:** the purpose of exploring the possibilities is to become familiar enough with the gifts that God has given to the Body of Christ so that when you discover yours later on, you will recognize it for what it is. To do this you have to (a) study the Bible; (b) learn your church's position on Gifts; (c) read extensively; (d) get to know gifted people; and (e) make gifts a conversation piece.
2. Experiment with as many as come forth
3. Examine your feelings
4. Evaluate your effectiveness
5. Expect confirmations from the body

# ASSIGNMENT

- Complete the Spiritual Gifts Survey in preparation for discussion on Thursday (a pdf form will be provided in the Zoom chat for download before the end of class – download/save to your device for completion)  
<file:///C:/Users/Ashley.Payne/Downloads/DOC-Spiritual-Gifts-Survey.pdf>
- Questions:
  - What are your top 3 spiritual gifts?
  - Are you functioning in any of your gifts (effectively)?
  - Have any of your gifts been confirmed by the Body?