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# SPIRITUAL GIFTS

I CORINTHIANS 12:1-14; ROMANS 12



# WHAT ARE SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

*Spiritual gifts are something every believer is given when they receive the gift of salvation.*

# WHO ARE GIVEN SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

- 1 Corinthians 12:7 - *But manifestations of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all*
- Ephesians 4:7- *But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gifts*
- 1 Cor 12: 13 *For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free and have all have been made to drink into one Spirit*

# DIVISION OF THE GIFTS

These nine Gift of the Spirit can be grouped by three distinct characteristics:

- Gifts that say something
- Gifts that reveal something
- Gifts that do something

## **Activity**

Look at 1 Corinthians 12 and divide the Gifts under the above components.

# THE NINE SPIRITUAL GIFTS OF 1 CORINTHIANS 12

## The nine gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Three categories:



SUPERNATURAL

# WORD OF KNOWLEDGE- THE GIFTS THAT REVEAL SOMETHING

- The Word of Knowledge are the category of giftings which bring revelation and insight. They reveal what has been done or what should be done in season or moment of time.
- This is the supernatural revelation of the Holy Spirit on things past/ present. These group of giftings **do not** reveal the future
- This group of gifts are not subject to knowledge of the Bible or to knowledge that comes through the length of one's walk with the LORD

# WORD OF KNOWLEDGE- HOW DOES IT OPERATE?

These gifts may be expressed as follows:

- Visions – Revelation 1:10, Acts 10:9-11, Acts 9:10
- Inward Revelation – 1 Kings 18:1; 1 Samuel 9:15-17, 1 Samuel 30:8, 2 Samuel 5:19
- Through tongues and interpretation of Tongues – Act 2:11, Romans 8:26-27
- Through the gift of Prophecy – Acts 21:4, 8-11
- Through angels - Act 10:3-6, Daniel 10:10-13

# WORD OF KNOWLEDGE- WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- To recover lost property – 1 Samuel 9:20
- To discover hidden things- 1 Samuel 10:22
- To forewarn of the enemy's plans -2 Kings 6:9-12
- To reveal demonic possession and ill intentions- Acts 16:16-18, Acts 13:4-12
- To enlighten and encourage- 1 Kings 19:114-18
- To reveal corruption – Acts 5:3-4



# THE WORD OF WISDOM- THE GIFTS THAT REVEAL SOMETHING

- The Word of Wisdom brings supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God of divine purpose from the mind and will of GOD.
- This can often be confused with the Word of Knowledge.
- The Word of Wisdom brings revelations concerning future events.
- These two gifts may often operate together. Proverbs 2:6 *-For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding*

e.g. Acts 8:26-29, Revelation 1-3, Acts 9:11, 15, Exodus 31, 3, Isaiah 11:2

# WORD OF WISDOM- HOW DOES IT OPERATE?

This gift may be expressed as follows:

- An audible voice – Exodus 19:19-20, 1 Samuel 3:3-14, Daniel 4:28-33
- Dreams– Genesis 37:5-10; Daniel 4: 1-27
- The vocal gift of prophecy- Acts 11:28-30, 21:10-11
- Visions- Acts 10:14-16

# WORD OF WISDOM- WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Forewarn of the future – Genesis 6:13-14
- To reveals God's plan to His ministers or people- Genesis 34:5-10, Daniel 2:19, 27-28, Numbers 14:26-30
- To reveal future events in God's plan- Isaiah 7:14-16, 9:6-7, Genesis 12:1-3, 2 Samuel 7:1-17
- To assure of deliverance in times of trouble – Acts 27:10, 23-24

# DISCERNING OF SPIRITS- THE GIFTS THAT REVEAL SOMETHING

The greek word for discern is “*diakrínō*” which means - to distinguish, to judge; to separate throughout or wholly; to judge, from a root then, to distinguish, decide

Formed from two words

from 1223 *diá*, "thoroughly back-and-forth," which intensifies 2919 */krínō*, "to judge") – properly, investigate (judge) *thoroughly* – literally, judging "back-and-forth" which can either (positively) refer to close-reasoning (discrimination) or negatively "over-judging" (going too far, vacillating). Only the context indicates which sense is meant.

# DISCERNING OF SPIRITS- THE GIFTS THAT REVEAL SOMETHING

## **What is discerning of spirits?**

Discerning of spirits can therefore, be described as the thorough judgement or examination of spirits to determine their source.

There are three types of spirits to be discerned:

- Divine Spirits
- Satanic spirits
- Human spirits

# DISCERNING OF SPIRITS- SPIRITS WHICH CAN BE DISCERNED

## Divine Spirits:

God the Father- Exodus 33: 20-23, Isaiah 6:1, Ezekiel 1:26-28

Jesus the Risen Christ- I Corinthians 9:1, Revelation :12-20, Acts 9:4-5

The Holy Spirit- Revelation 4:5

Spiritual Beings – Cherubims, Seraphims, Arch Angels, the hosts of angels

Ezekiel 1, Isaiah 6:2-4, Genesis 28:12, 2 Kings 16:16-17

Satan, his demons and evil spirits

Luke 10:18, Revelation 12:3-6

The human Spirit – Acts 6:16-18

# DISCERNING OF SPIRITS- WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Manifestations in the realm of the physical come from many sources and sometimes many things that seem miraculous are do not come from God. Act 8:9-13, Acts 16:16-18

*“But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced [a]sorcery in the city and astonished the [b]people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, <sup>10</sup> to whom they **all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, “This man is the great power of God.”** <sup>11</sup> And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his [c]sorceries for a long time. <sup>12</sup> But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. <sup>13</sup> Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.”*

- Evaluating Prophecy- Matthew 24: 23-24, 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21, 2 Corinthians 11:14, 1 John 4:1

# DISCERNING OF SPIRITS- WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- The enemy is also a spiritual being and can discern divine things using familiar spirits. I Samuel 28: 3-19

*Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you? And he said, "Bring up Samuel for me." When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman spoke to Saul, saying, "Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul!" And the king said to her, "Do not be afraid. What did you see?" And the woman said to Saul, "I saw a<sup>[a]</sup> spirit ascending out of the earth." So he said to her, "What is his form?" And she said, "An old man is coming up, and he is covered with a mantle." And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground and bowed down. Now Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" And Saul answered, "I am deeply distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God has departed from me and does not answer me anymore, neither by prophets nor by dreams. Therefore I have called you, that you may reveal to me what I should do." <sup>16</sup> Then Samuel said: "So why do you ask me, seeing the LORD has departed from you and has become your enemy? <sup>17</sup> And the LORD has done for <sup>[b]</sup>Himself as He spoke by me. For the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, David. <sup>18</sup> Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD nor execute His fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore the LORD has done this thing to you this day. <sup>19</sup> Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with you into the hand of the Philistines. And tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. The LORD will also deliver the army of Israel into the hand of the Philistines."*

- **We have to know that the Spirit of God is directing less we are misled.**



# CONCLUSION- LOVE: THE SPIRIT BEHIND THE GIFTS (I CORINTHIANS 13)

- Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body <sup>[a]</sup>to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.
- <sup>4</sup> Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not <sup>[b]</sup>puffed up; <sup>5</sup> does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, <sup>[c]</sup>thinks no evil; <sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- <sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part. <sup>10</sup> But when that which is <sup>[d]</sup>perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.
- <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.
- <sup>13</sup> And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.

# CONCLUSION- LOVE: THE SPIRIT BEHIND THE GIFTS (I JOHN 4:7-11)

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

**Read entire chapter of I John 4**