




UNDERSTANDING THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In these last day's, it is God's will for every believer to experience the baptism, the anointing and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.



Every Believer is a Minister.
(Luke 4:18-19, John 14:12)



Awesome Truth

“The mission of Jesus is still our mission today.
As believers, we are equipped to do his works.”


A. Authority and power have been granted to the church to do the works of Jesus.

- ❖ In the great commission – Mark 16:15-20 – the authority of God was given to the church. Exousia is the authority or the legal right to act.
- ❖ When the Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost, the power of God was imparted to the church. Dunamis is the power, the ability and the strength to act and enforce.

B. Jesus' style of ministry.

- ❖ Supernatural gift of teaching.
- ❖ Supernatural gift of preaching.
- ❖ Supernatural demonstrations of the Holy Spirit to confirm what He preached and taught.
- ❖ See Matthew 4:23-24, Matthew 9:35, John 20:30-31, John 21:25

C. Jesus' mission is our mission too.

- ❖ Healing the sick.
 - ❖ Releasing people from the bondage of Satan.
 - ❖ Seeing people come to Jesus.
 - ❖ New converts being filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - ❖ Release of God's anointing to meet the needs of people.
 - ❖ People being set free from fear.
 - ❖ The gifts of the Spirit in operation.
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D. The gospel comes with supernatural evidence. (Mark 16:15-20)

- ❖ In Jesus name, we have power to cast out demons.
- ❖ In Jesus name, we have power to speak in tongues through the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ In Jesus name, we have power to overcome Satan and to destroy the works of the devil.
- ❖ In Jesus name, we have power to live in divine safety.
- ❖ In Jesus name, we have power over sickness and by laying on of our hands, the sick will recover.

Every believer has the ability and authority to walk and operate in these five signs. Remember, the signs follow us, we don't follow them.

E. Enforcing the victory.

- ❖ The devil has no claim on us. We don't have to live in sin.
- ❖ The devil has no place in us. So don't give him one.
- ❖ This is nothing in our lives that belongs to the devil, including our mind, spirit, marriage, children, finances and so forth.
- ❖ The devil has no power over us. We may have tests and trials but, we can walk in 100% VICTORY!

F. The weapons of our warfare. (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

- ❖ The spoken Word of God.
- ❖ The matchless name of Jesus.
- ❖ The blood of Jesus.
- ❖ The armor of God.
- ❖ Prayer, fasting and intercession.
- ❖ The anointing of God.
- ❖ The nine gifts of the Spirit.
- ❖ Praise.

These weapons operate by our faith. (1 John 5:4)

G. Every Christian is a minister. (Ephesians 4:12)

- ❖ All saints should do the work of the ministry! There is no such thing as pew warming or retirement.

It is our responsibility to...

- ❖ Minister to the lost in personal evangelism and reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)
- ❖ Minister to the oppressed, casting out demons and setting people free. (Mark 16:17)
- ❖ Minister to the sick through laying on of hands. (Mark 16:18)
- ❖ Minister to the family of God, bringing encouragement. (Hebrews 3:12-13, Hebrews 10:24-25)

The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4)



Awesome Truth

“Salvation is God’s gift to sinners while the gift of the Holy Spirit is God’s gift to His children.”

A. In the last days, God will pour out His Spirit.

- ❖ Joel 2:28-29
- ❖ Acts 2:17-19
- ❖ Zechariah 10:1
- ❖ Hosea 6:3

B. God gives us His power through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

- ❖ I Corinthians 4:20
 - ❖ Ephesians 3:20
 - ❖ I Corinthians 2:4-5
 - ❖ John 14:12
 - ❖ Acts 1:8
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C. People are tired of religion. They are seeking reality. People are sick of dead sermons and great speeches. They are thirsty for the Holy Spirit and power!

❖ Mark 7:13

D. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit = Endowment of power to do the works of Jesus on the earth.


❖ John 14:12

❖ Matthew 11:4-5

❖ Luke 4:18



E. Four reasons why God wants you to flow with His power.

- ❖ To show forth His great love and compassion.
 - ❖ To evangelize the world and reach the unreached.
 - ❖ To destroy the works of the devil.
 - ❖ To supernaturally build up the church.
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F. Biblical truths about the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

- ❖ A separate and consequent experience following salvation. (Acts 8:12-17)
- ❖ A free gift available for every Christian, received by faith. (Luke 11:13, Acts 2:38-39)
- ❖ Jesus Christ is the baptizer. (Matthew 3:11)
- ❖ Jesus promised all believers living water. (John 7:38)
- ❖ Receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit is accompanied by speaking in tongues. (Acts 10:44-46, Acts 19:6, Acts 2:4)

G. The New Testament teaches:

- ❖ 120 believers were filled on the day of Pentecost and spoke with tongues. (Acts 2:4)
- ❖ 8 years later the new converts at Samaria received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. (Acts 8:12-19)
- ❖ At Damascus, Paul received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues after his conversion. (Acts 9:17, I Corinthians 14:18)
- ❖ Cornelius and the gentiles received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues 10 years after Pentecost. (Acts 10:44-46)
- ❖ The believers at Ephesus received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues 20 years after Pentecost. (Acts 19:1-6)

H. Benefits of Speaking in Tongues.

- ❖ Supernatural communication with God. (I Corinthians 14:2)
- ❖ Divine means of spiritual edification. (I Corinthians 14:4, Jude 1:20)
- ❖ Helps to overcome the flesh. (Galatians 5:25)
- ❖ Gives spiritual refreshing. (Isaiah 28:11-12)
- ❖ Enables us to pray God's will. (Romans 8:26-27)
- ❖ Releases unlimited flow of worship. (I Corinthians 14:15-17, John 4:24, Acts 10:46)
- ❖ Opens the door to spiritual gifts. (John 7:38, I Corinthians 12:1-11)

I. Three levels of Tongues.

- ❖ Initial evidence of receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:4)
- ❖ Prayer language. (I Corinthians 14:2-4)
- ❖ Congregational gift of tongues. (I Corinthians 14:26-27)

J. Steps to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

- ❖ Repent and acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Savior. (Romans 10:9-10)
- ❖ Ask Jesus to baptize you with the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:11)
- ❖ By faith, believe that you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Hebrews 11:8)
- ❖ In faith, open your mouth and start speaking out the new language that God give you. (Acts 2:4, Acts 10:46)

Understanding the 9 Spiritual
Gifts of the Holy Spirit
(Hebrews 2:4)



Awesome Truth

“In these last days, it is God’s will for every believer to experience the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the anointing and the gifts of the Spirit.”

A. God's supernatural equipment for every believer. (I Corinthians 12)


B. Three categories of Supernatural Gifts.

- ❖ Revelation Gifts – the eyes of God.
 - ❖ A word of wisdom.
 - ❖ A word of knowledge.
 - ❖ Discerning of spirits.
- ❖ Power Gifts – the hands of God.
 - ❖ The gift of special faith.
 - ❖ The gift of healings.
 - ❖ The working of miracles.
- ❖ Vocal/Inspirational Gifts – the mouth of God.
 - ❖ The gift of prophecy.
 - ❖ The gift of tongues.
 - ❖ The interpretation of tongues.

C. Outlining the Nine Gifts.

- ❖ A word of wisdom – a revelation of a fraction of the mind of God concerning people, places or things in the future.
- ❖ A word of knowledge – a piece of God's knowledge or information concerning people and situations in the present.
- ❖ Discerning of spirits – a supernatural ability to see into the spirit world, angels, demons and the condition of the human spirit.
- ❖ The gift of special faith – a supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit that supplies unlimited faith in a specific situation to achieve supernatural results.

C. Outlining the Nine Gifts. (continued)

- ❖ The gifts of healing - a supernatural impartation of God's divine healing power through you to cure disease and heal the sick and afflicted instantly.
 - ❖ The workings of miracles - to intervene in the ordinary course of nature to do something that could not be done naturally.
 - ❖ The gift of prophecy – a supernatural utterance in a known tongue spoken under the anointing of God to edify, encourage and comfort.
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C. Outlining the Nine Gifts. (continued)

- ❖ The gift of tongues - a supernatural utterance given by any Spirit-filled believer proclaiming in a public meeting a message from God in a language unknown and not understood by the person giving it.
- ❖ The gift of interpretation of tongues - the supernatural unfolding by the Holy Spirit through the believer the meaning of a message in tongues delivered in a public assembly so the church can be edified.

I Corinthians 12 – Defines and describes the nine gifts.

I Corinthians 13 - Reveals the foundation for moving in the gifts is LOVE.

I Corinthians 14 – Teaches how the gifts should operate.

This is God's unique sandwich plan.

D. Traditions of men try to EXPLAIN away the gifts.

E. Correcting Misconceptions.

- ❖ The gifts have not ceased, they are for today. (I Corinthians 14:1)
- ❖ The gifts are not for just a privileged few, but are for all believers. (I Corinthians 12:7,11)
- ❖ The gifts are not mysterious or mystical, they are to be exercised by Spirit-filled Christians. (I Corinthians 14:26)
- ❖ The gifts are not to be filled. (2 Timothy 1:6-7)

F. Hindrances to moving in the gifts.

- ❖ Lack of knowledge. (I Corinthians 12:1)
- ❖ Lack of desire. (I Corinthians 14:1)
- ❖ Lack of faith. (Romans 12:6)
- ❖ A spirit of fear. (2 Timothy 1:6-7)
- ❖ Feeling unworthy. (Ephesians 2:10, I Corinthians 1:5-7)

G. My part in moving in the gifts.

- ❖ Covet the gifts. (I Corinthians 14:1)
- ❖ Have a clear understanding of the gifts. (I Corinthians 12:1)
- ❖ Stir ourselves up in the Spirit. (2 Timothy 1:6)
- ❖ Exercise faith and expect to be used in the gifts. (Romans 12:6)

G. My part in moving in the gifts. (continued)

- ❖ Be a yielded vessel. (I Thessalonians 5:19-20)
- ❖ Walk and minister in love with the motive to bless people. (I Corinthians 13:1-8)
- ❖ Pray and ask God to anoint us. (I Corinthians 14:12)

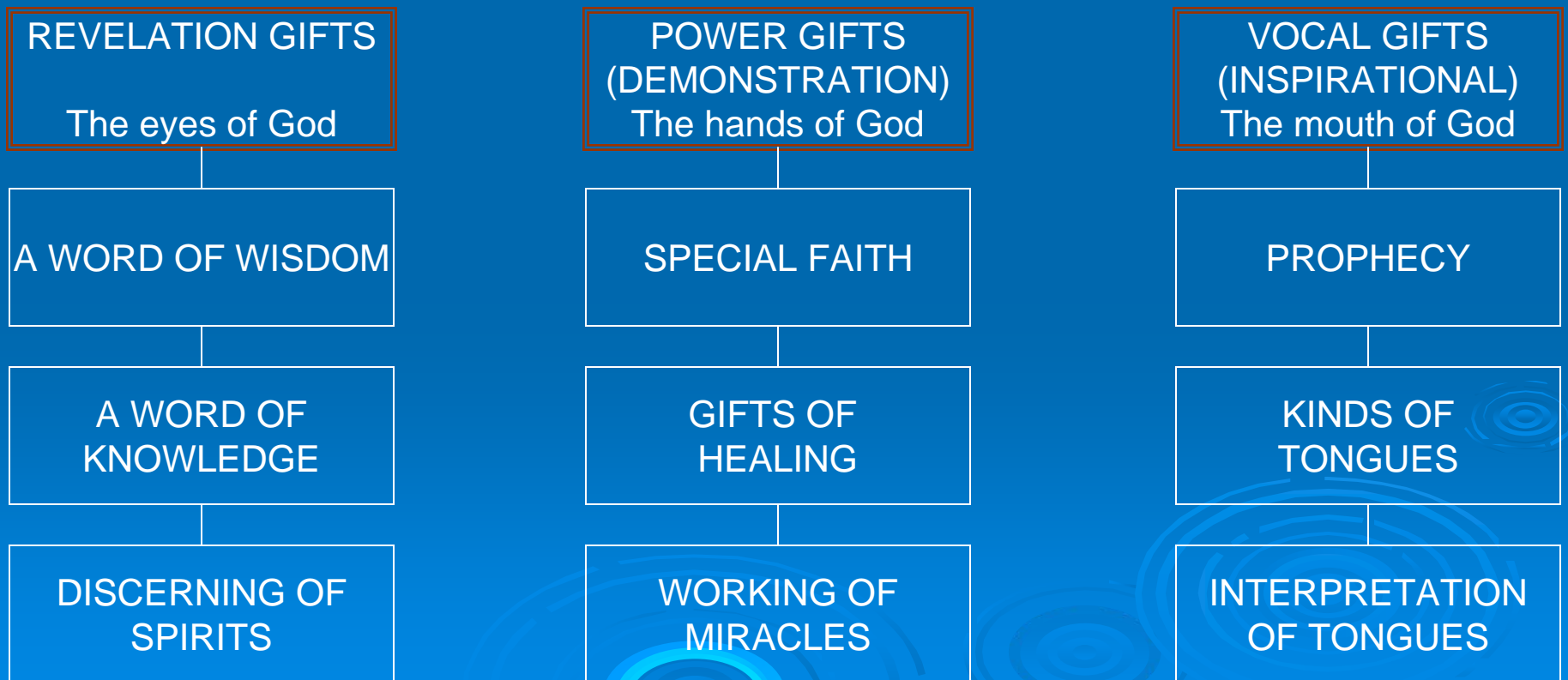
H. Top Line/Bottom Line Blessing. Genesis 22:16-18

- ❖ God wants to bless you! (Jeremiah 29:11)
- ❖ God wants to bless others through you! (Ephesians 2:10)
- ❖ Top Line Blessing: God wants to bless you.
Bottom Line Blessing: So you can bless others.
- ❖ The 9 gifts of the Holy Spirit are given so we can bless others. Be careful to not allow it to become a “Holy Ghost Goose Bumps” club

Understanding the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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Three Categories of the Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit



Biblical Examples of the Gifts
How to Activate the Gifts in Your Life
(1 Corinthians 12:7)



Awesome Truth

“God has gifted each one of His children with special abilities, powerful workings of the Holy Spirit and skills to serve effectively. Most of the gifts are dormant within us because we are not aware of them and we don’t encourage them.”

A. Review the gifts.

- ❖ I Corinthians 12:7-11

B. Biblical examples of the Revelation Gifts.

❖ A Word of Wisdom.

- ❖ God showed Noah the coming flood. (Genesis 6:12-13)
- ❖ God showed Isaiah the crucifixion. (Isaiah 53)

❖ A Word of Knowledge.

- ❖ God showed Elisha the 7,000 who did not worship Baal. (I Kings 19:18)
- ❖ Jesus revealed the Samaritan woman's life. (John 4:7-19)

❖ Discerning of Spirits.

- ❖ Peter discerned the evil heart of Simon the Sorcerer. (Acts 8:18-23)
- ❖ Jesus discerned a satanic spirit speaking through Peter. (Matthew 16:22-23)

C. Biblical examples of the Power Gifts.

❖ The gift of Faith.

- ❖ The gift operated when Abraham offered Isaac. (Hebrews 11:17-19)
- ❖ This gift protected Daniel. (Daniel 6:23)

❖ Gifts of Healing.

- ❖ Jesus brought healing to the leper. (Matthew 8:13)
- ❖ Paul spoke and the cripple man was healed. (Acts 14:10)

❖ The workings of Miracles.

- ❖ Dividing the Red Sea. (Exodus 14:13-31)
- ❖ The floating axe head. (2 Kings 6:1-7)

D. Vocal/Inspirational Gifts.

- ❖ Prophecy. (I Corinthians 12:10, John 7:38)
 - ❖ Prophecy means...
 - ❖ To proclaim the good news.
 - ❖ To flow, to bubble forth, to tumble.
 - ❖ To spring like a river.
 - ❖ To speak forth refreshing words, anointed by the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ The gift of Tongues. (I Corinthians 12:10)
- ❖ The gift of Interpretation of Tongues. (I Corinthians 12:10)

Note:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{The gift of tongues.} \\ + \text{The gift of interpretation.} \\ \hline = \text{Prophecy (I Corinthians 14:5)} \end{array}$$

Reminder:


The vocal gifts are not to criticize, rebuke, condemn or to create confusion they are to

- ❖ Edify – to build up, strengthen, improve spiritually.
- ❖ Exhort – minister encouragement.
- ❖ Comfort – soothe in sorrow, to remove hurt, sadness, depression.

If the nine gifts have passed away, why does the Word of God tell us to desire spiritual gifts today?

- ❖ I Corinthians 12:31, 14:1 and 14:12

E. Activating the Gifts in your life.

- ❖ Gifts can be released in your life, sovereignly by God. (I Corinthians 12:11)
 - ❖ Imparted by the laying on of hands. (2 Timothy 1:6, Romans 1:11)
 - ❖ Asking for them by faith. (Matthew 7:11; 21:22, Luke 11:13, Mark 11:24, I John 5:14-15)
 - ❖ As we boldly step out in faith, God can use us in the gifts. (Romans 12:6)
 - ❖ The more we use the gifts, the more we will grow in them. (I Timothy 4:13-16, Hebrews 5:14)
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F. Stirring up the gifts.

- The gifts should not be operating occasionally, but on a continual basis like rivers of living water. (John 7:38, I Timothy 4:11-15, 2 Timothy 1:6-7)
 - ❖ By INCREASING our Biblical knowledge about the gifts, our faith can increase to move in the gifts. (Romans 10:17, I Corinthians 21:1)
 - ❖ Faith begins where the will – the Word – of God is known.
 - ❖ We must strongly desire the gifts to flow in our lives so we may be a blessing to others. (I Corinthians 12:31; 14:1,12)
 - ❖ We must continually stay filled with the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)

F. Stirring up the gifts. (continued)

- ❖ We must walk and minister in the love of God. (1 Corinthians 13:1-8)
- ❖ We must pray for boldness and expect God to use us in the gifts. (Acts 4:13,29-31, 33)
- ❖ We must make ourselves available as a vessel for God to use. (2 Timothy 2:20-21, Luke 4:18, John 14:12)

Katherine Kuhlman once said...

“God is not looking for golden vessels or silver vessels to use and work through. He is looking for available vessels open to the Holy Spirit.”

Desiring the Gift of Prophecy
(I Corinthians 14:1)



Awesome Truth

“In the body of believers, all nine gifts of the Spirit should be encouraged, expected and exercised, especially the gift of prophecy.”

A. Purpose of the Gift of Prophecy.

- ❖ I Corinthians 14:3

B. Seven Biblical facts about Prophecy.

- ❖ The gift of prophecy differs from the ministry of a prophet. Just because you flow in prophecy does not make you a prophet. (Corinthians 12:10; 14:31, Ephesians 4:11)
- ❖ Every Spirit-filled believer has the right to receive and operate in the gift of prophecy. (I Corinthians 12:7; 14:23-24, 31)
- ❖ The Bible tells us to seek earnestly, desire and covet the gift of prophecy. (I Corinthians 14:1, 3, 12, 39)

B. Seven Biblical facts about Prophecy. (continued)

- ❖ Prophetic utterances given to the entire church or personal prophecies alike are to be judged by God's Word. (I Thessalonians 5:11, 19-21, I Corinthians 14:29)
- ❖ The purpose of prophecy is always three fold. (I Corinthians 14:3-5, 12, 31)
 - ❖ to edify
 - ❖ to exhort
 - ❖ to comfort
- ❖ God does not use prophecy to guide a person's life. The Holy Spirit leads believers. (Romans 8:14)
- ❖ To move in prophecy requires faith. A lack of faith is why many do not operate in this gift. ((Romans 12:6)

C. Guidelines for judging prophecy.

- ❖ We are told to prophecy in part, meaning to have a mixture of the human and the divine. (I Corinthians 13:9)
- ❖ We are told to test prophecies and hold fast to the good. (I Thessalonians 5:19-21)
- ❖ The Bible tells us to test all prophecies. (I Corinthians 14:29, I John 4:1)

D. Three sources of prophecy.

- ❖ From God.
 - ❖ From man – the human spirit or the flesh.
 - ❖ From the devil.
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E. Profile of a False Prophet.

❖ Matthew 7:15-23, 2 Peter 2:1-3, 10, 12-19.

- ❖ Pride and Egotism
- ❖ Arrogance
- ❖ Boastful and Exaggeration
- ❖ Dishonesty
- ❖ Covetousness
- ❖ Rebelliousness – unwilling to submit to authority.
- ❖ Financial irresponsibility
- ❖ Immorality
- ❖ Addictive appetites and habits
- ❖ Confusion in the home

Important: No believer should be allowed to prophecy unless they are submitted to the local church and to pastoral oversight.

F. Seven Biblical ways to judge prophecy.

- ❖ Does it agree with God's Word?
- ❖ Does it exalt and glorify Jesus?
- ❖ Does it edify, encourage and comfort? (I Corinthians 14:3)
- ❖ Does it bear witness with your spirit? (Romans 8:15, I John 2:20-27, I Thessalonians 5:12, Colossians 3:15)
- ❖ Does it produce bondage or freedom? (Romans 8:15, John 8:32, 2 Corinthians 3:17)
- ❖ Does it come to pass? (Deuteronomy 13:1-5, 18:20-22)
- ❖ Does the lifestyle of the believer agree with the character of Jesus? (Galatians 5:22-23, Matthew 7:16-18)

Warning

Be very careful about personal prophecies that give instructions regarding marriage, careers and callings. Make sure they line up with the Word of God and confirm what God has already shown you.

G. Keys to releasing Prophecy.

- ❖ Develop your relationship with God. (James 4:8)
- ❖ Earnestly desire to prophecy. (I Corinthians 14:1)
- ❖ Walk in love and keep your motives pure. (I Corinthians 13:1-8)
- ❖ Be sensitive to the anointing. (I John 2:20, 27)
- ❖ Stay filled up and stirred up in the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)
- ❖ Resist fear and release faith to prophecy. (Romans 12:6)
- ❖ Be bold and at the right time, step out. (Acts 4:13)
- ❖ The constant use and exercise of this gift will help you develop in the prophetic realm. (Hebrews 5:14)

H. Practical pointers about Prophecy.

- ❖ All gifts are subject to pastoral leadership. (I Peter 5:2, Hebrews 13:17, I Thessalonians 5:12, I Corinthians 14:29)

Christian Character:
Clean Hands to do God's Work
(I Timothy 2:20-21)



Awesome Truth

“God desires His children to be willing vessels with clean hands. Salvation is free, discipleship cost everything.”

A. Christian character does matter.

- ❖ We must convert our faith into action if the Lord is going to use us effectively. (James 2:14-17)
- ❖ God wants our character to be so pure that there is not even a hint of evil in our lives. (Ephesians 5:3-5, 15-17, 2 Corinthians 6:15-18)

B. Important! The most defining chapter on love, I Corinthians 13, is found between two chapters, I Corinthians 12 and 14, on spiritual gifts.

- ❖ Love must be the motivating factor behind any use of our giftings for the body of Christ. (I Corinthians 13:1-3)
- ❖ The greatest commandment is to love. (Mark 12:28-34)
- ❖ To love is the greater than all our burnt offerings and sacrifices to God. (Mark 12:33)

C. God uses flawed people to bring a flawless message to a dying world. Romans 8:29.
Sanctification of the saints is a process of grace and love mixed with willingness.

- ❖ Sanctify: Set apart for use, free from sin, consecrate, made holy, purify.
- ❖ God sanctifies the saints as we seek him. (Romans 12:1-2)
- ❖ God chooses the weak to show His power. (I Corinthians 1:26-30)

D. To be used of God effectively in His giftings we must become more like him in character.

(Philippians 2:1-8)

- ❖ The only requirement to be used of God in His giftings is to be a born again believer. To be used effectively over a lifetime one must continually grow in character and likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ, We are to use the giftings to bring glory to God and draw the unsaved to Christ, but the fact of the matter is this: if our character does not match our words then any witness we have for Christ can be lost.
- ❖ Sanctification and discipleship is work. (Philippians 2:12-13)
- ❖ The “work” is seeking God and spending time with Him. (Matthew 6:33)

E. Christian character is developed in us through the Holy Spirit.

- ❖ The fruit of the Spirit comes by living in the spirit. (Galatians 5:22-25)
- ❖ The fruit of the Spirit (Christian character) comes from abiding in the vine. (John 15:4-5)
- ❖ Living in the Spirit is made possible by continually seeking to be filled. (Ephesians 5:17-18)

Integrity

The state of being whole, entire, undiminished, sound, unimpaired, perfect condition, of moral principle, uprightness and honest.



Character

A significant mark by cutting, a distinguishing mark or feature, a peculiar quality, strongly developed moral quality, impartation, of good repute, a person exhibiting certain qualities, engrave or inscribe by distinguishing mark, to portray

F. Character of God's people.

❖ By their dedication they...

- ❖ Receive Christ. (John 10:3-4)
- ❖ Follow Christ. (John 10:4-5, 27)
- ❖ Hear Christ. (John 1:12)

❖ By their standing before God...


- ❖ Blameless. (Philippians 2:15)
- ❖ Faithful. (Revelation 17:14)
- ❖ Godly. (2 Peter 2:9)
- ❖ Holy. (Colossians 3:12)

❖ By their graces...

- ❖ Humble. (1 Peter 5:5)
- ❖ Living. (1 Thessalonians 4:9)
- ❖ Humility. (Philippians 2:3-4)
- ❖ Gentle.

F. Character of God's people. (continued)

❖ By their graces...(continued)

- ❖ Merciful.
 - ❖ Obedient.
 - ❖ Peace.
 - ❖ Sincere.
 - ❖ Zealous.
 - ❖ Courteous.
 - ❖ Unity of Mind.
 - ❖ Hospitable.
 - ❖ Generous.
 - ❖ Peaceable.
 - ❖ Patient.
 - ❖ Content.
 - ❖ Steadfast.
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The Five-Fold Gifts of the Son.
(Ephesians 4:11-15)



Awesome Truth

“God gave the five-fold ministries to the church in order to present to Himself, a glorious church, without spot or wrinkle, His bride.”

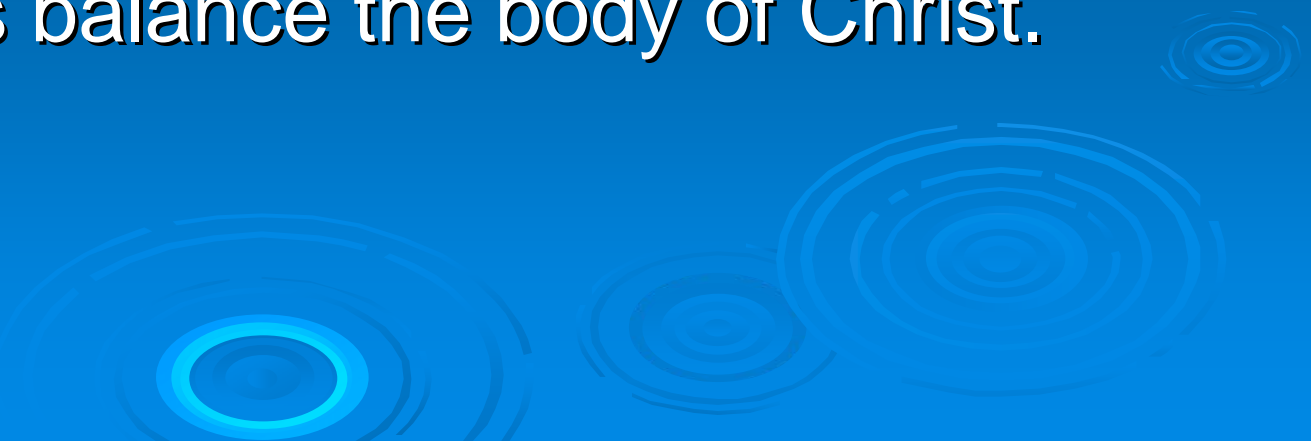
A. The five-fold ministries defined. (Ephesians 4:11)

- ❖ Apostle – a sent one from God who lays foundations in the church. (I Corinthians 3:10)
- ❖ Prophet – sees into God's plan, speaks God's word, gives vision. (Luke 24:19)
- ❖ Evangelist – proclaims the good news, wins the lost, heals the sick. (Matthew 4:23)
- ❖ Pastor – shepherd who leads and feeds the flock and has charge of the local church.
- ❖ Teacher – applies the Word of God to life and encourages obedience. (Matthew 7:28-29)

B. Purpose of the five-fold gifts. (Ephesians 4:12)

- ❖ For the perfecting or maturing of the saints.
- ❖ For the work of the ministry - to bring the saints into the work of their ministry.
- ❖ For the edifying or building up of the body of Christ.

These gifts are given to balance each other as well as balance the body of Christ.



C. The end result of these giftings. (Ephesians 4:13-16)

- ❖ To bring the church into the unity of the saints and into the knowledge of the Son of God.
- ❖ To bring the church unto a perfect man, a full-grown man, maturity.
- ❖ To bring the church into the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

When the church arrives at this standard, the Lord will be able to present Himself a glorious church, without spot or wrinkle, but holy and without blemish. (Ephesians 5:23-33)

D. A glorious church. (Ephesians 5:23-33)

- ❖ Sanctified, holy, separated unto the Lord.
- ❖ Cleansed by washing of water by the Word.
- ❖ Glorious church, clothed with glory, bringing glory to Christ.
- ❖ Without spot or wrinkle.
- ❖ Holy, separated from sin.
- ❖ Like Christ so He can be united to her and not have an unequally yoked marriage.

E. Unity is ESSENTIAL in order to minister as a body.

We must...

- ❖ Recognize we are members one of another. (Romans 12:4-5, I Corinthians 6:15, I Corinthians 12:7-27, Ephesians 4:16, 25, I Corinthians 10:17)
- ❖ Be a peace with one another. (Mark 9:50, Matthew 5:23, I Thessalonians 5:13)
- ❖ Seek the interest of the other members of the body. We must not be self-centered. (Romans 12:10, Philippians 2:3-4, Hebrews 10:24-25, I Thessalonians 4:9)
- ❖ Always seek to strengthen other members. (Ephesians 4:16, I Thessalonians 5:11, Romans 14:19)

There is no member without a function.

If God has put us in the body, we have a place of
ministry.

The Motivational Gifts of the Father (Romans 12:6-8)



Awesome Truth

“We have been created in the image of God and
endowed with special creational gifts, so that
we may fulfill the purpose of God in our lives
here on the earth.”

A. The motivational gifts of Romans 12 defined.


- ❖ Prophecy - to speak with forthrightness and insight, demonstrating moral uprightness.
- ❖ Ministry (serving) - to minister and render loving general service to meet the needs of others.
- ❖ Teaching – the supernatural ability to explain and apply the truths from God’s Word.
- ❖ Exhortation – to entreat, comfort or instruct others.
- ❖ Giving – to give out of a spirit of generosity.
- ❖ Administration/Leadership – modeling, superintending and developing the body of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ Mercy – feeling sympathy with the sorrows of others.

B. Review the Gifting Test with gifts defined.

C. Our part in the local church.


- ❖ Be filled with the Spirit. (Acts 1:8, Ephesians 5:18)
- ❖ Consistently attend worship services. (Hebrews 10:25)
- ❖ Pray for and honor our pastor and be whole-heartedly committed to his vision.
- ❖ Know our place in the body because that brings security and confidence. (Romans 12:3-4, I Corinthians 12:18-21)
- ❖ Admit our needs to other fellow believers. (I Corinthians 12:21)
- ❖ Value other believers and encourage them. (I Corinthians 12:22-24)

C. Our part in the local church. (continued)

- ❖ Care for the body, practice hospitality and look for practical ways to help our brothers and sisters in the church. (I Corinthians 12:26, Romans 12:13, I Peter 4:8)
 - ❖ Make love our aim and earnestly desire spiritual gifts. (I Corinthians 13:1-3, I Corinthians 14:1)
 - ❖ Get involved in and fulfill the great commission. (Mark 16:15-20)
 - ❖ Regularly give financial support to the work of the Lord with tithes and offerings. (Malachi 3:8-11)
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Review of Gift Definitions (Review Test)

The following pages contain suggested definitions of the spiritual gifts. While not meant to be dogmatic or final, these definitions and supporting scriptures do correspond to characteristics of the gifts as expressed in the *Wagner-Modified Houts Questionnaire*



The Foundation of Love is Everything.
(I Corinthians 13:1-8)

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Awesome Truth

“Walking in the love of God releases God’s supernatural power in your life, making you effective in your giftings.”

A. Descriptions of Love.

- ❖ Love is a commandment. (John 13:34)
- ❖ Love is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. (Romans 5:5)
- ❖ Love is the fulfillment of the law. (Romans 13:10)
- ❖ Love is the catalyst that gives meaning to our spiritual works. (I Corinthians 13:1-3)
- ❖ Love is kind. (I Corinthians 13:4)
- ❖ Love is greater than faith and hope. (I Corinthians 13:13)
- ❖ Love is the fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22)
- ❖ Love is the bond of perfection. (Colossians 3:14)
- ❖ Love is of God. It has its source in God because God is love. (I John 4:7-8)
- ❖ Love is living according to God's commandments (2 John 6)

B. Natural love versus the Divine love of God.

I Corinthians 13:1-8

C. Faith works by love.

- ❖ Work means: to cause to function, to bring about effects.
- ❖ Love causes faith to function effectively.
- ❖ Love is the nature of God residing in you and working through you. (John 13:34-35, Ephesians 5:1-2)
- ❖ Love is a force, a fruit and an influence.
- ❖ Love is a spiritual substance in your reborn spirit and when you release love out of your heart, it influences, touches and changes the lives of people around you.

C. Faith works by love. (continued)

- ❖ Love is consistently treating other people the way you would like them to treat you.
- ❖ Let the world see the love of Jesus in you by being a constant testimony, Let them see Jesus before you tell them about Jesus.
- ❖ Fear will cause a person to go into panic, make irrational decisions and act irrationally. Fear is dispelled and replaced with love. (I John 4:18)
- ❖ To get rid of fear in your life, feed your spirit and renew you mind with love scriptures. (I John 4:8-19, James 2:8, I Corinthians 13)

Equations to Remember!

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Your Giftings} \\ + \quad \text{Love} \\ \hline = \quad \text{Good Fruit} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Your Giftings} \\ - \quad \text{Love} \\ \hline = \quad \text{Bad Fruit} \end{array}$$

D. Four things you should know about love.

- ❖ You are a partaker of God's divine nature and personality. (2 Peter 1:4)
- ❖ You were again and received the Spirit of love. (2 Timothy 1:7)
- ❖ God's love has been poured into your heart by the Holy Spirit who dwells inside of you. (Romans 5:5)
- ❖ Being born again by the Spirit releases the Christ-like fruit in your reborn spirit to come forth. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Don't say, "I just can't love them," confess what
God's Word says!

