

## MINISTERING GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### 1 Corinthians 12:7-10; Romans 12:6-8

**Introduction:** God has a special use for each of His Children/believer/Christian and He equips each one with a special gift to be used in his/her particular service for the Lord. The Holy Spirit selects which gift to give to which believer and enables the believer to use his/her special given gift. Let's take a look at the ministering gifts the Holy Spirit gives believers.

#### I. THERE ARE GIFTS OF WISDOM AND OF KNOWLEDGE

1. **1 Corinthians 12:8** - "Wisdom" has to do with the mind, with understanding of the believer.
  - "wisdom" is the gift of making known God's plan and purpose for His Church - spiritual principles - deep spiritual truths - what to believe and how.
  - **1 Corinthians 12:32; Acts 5:38-39; 6:1-7; 9, 10; 1:1-18**
  - All these reveal the gift of knowledge.
2. "Knowledge" - is the gift of appraisal and of judgment concerning things as they are.
  - The ability to grasp the truth about the present.
  - **2 Kings 5:20-27; 6:8-12; Matthew 16:16**
  - All these reveal the gift of knowledge.
  - The gift of knowledge enables Church leaders to know in right judgment and appraisal the moral, sound, doctrinal and organizational situation.

#### II. THERE ARE GIFTS OF SYMPATHY OF THE HEART

1. **Romans 12:6-8** - "Mercy", pity, especially in the presence of human misery.
  - "alms" describes charitable institutions, donations.
  - "gift of mercy" is the gift to sympathize with and suffer alongside those who fall into affliction.
  - **Psalm 103:13-14** - a person lost her mother and a friend sat down beside her and cried with her.
  - Just a note: a believer with this gift is not to take on the woe of the world, but is to be joyous and to minister to those around him/her.
2. "Exhort" - is to call alongside of, to comfort, to encourage - a paraclete.
  - **John 14:16, 26; 1 John 2:1**
  - This gift is that of encouragement, strengthening.
3. "Giving" - is to share with, to impart in simplicity, sincerely, purity.
  - The gift of a type of material ministry - giving to God's causes.

#### III. THERE ARE GIFTS OF PRACTICAL ADMINISTRATION

1. "Ruler" is to stand before, to preside over, to rule.
  - in speed, haste, diligence, earnestness.
  - to be deeply sensitive to the needs of God's people.
  - to be diligently earnest in response to those needs.
  - **1 Corinthians 12:28** - a type of steersman, pilot, the ability to guide the Church through all the troubles of daily life - to maintain order, holding it's people to God's assignments.
  - **1 Timothy 5:17**

2. "Servant" - a deacon.  
- *1 Corinthians 12:28* - to take hold of, to share in, to help.  
- Those who are able to assist the pastor.

#### **IV. THERE IS THE GIFT OF FAITH**

1. "Faith" - (pistis) = trust, belief, faith = three uses of the word
2. *James 2:19* - natural faith, mental recognition, assent.
3. *2 Timothy 1:12* - saving faith, committing one's soul to Jesus Christ.
4. *Hebrews 11:17-29* - power to lay hold on God's Promises.  
- *1 Kings 17:8-16*
5. A man operated an orphanage for a generation by faith and prayer alone. He never asked anybody for anything. He only asked God.
6. There is a trail of faith from the Garden of Eden to the Isle of Patmos - read about it.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

1. God has a gift for every single one of His children and that gift is to be used in God's service.
2. God's gifts are given by the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit then enables/helps the believer to use his/her gift in God's service.
3. If you are a believer, then you have been given a special ability, a special gift to be used in God's service. Do you know what your gift is? If so, are you using it as you should be?
4. If you are a believer in Jesus but you don't know what your gift is, go ask God what it is, you will find that you already have it, but just didn't recognize it and haven't been using it.