

SOME GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 12:4-28

Introduction: The Christian cannot make or produce genuine Spiritual, God-given gifts, for they are supernatural, just that, gifts from God. Because a Christian has a certain gift, that does mean that other Christians have lesser gifts or not gifts at all. Every Christian has at least ONE gift from the Holy Spirit and there are many gifts the Holy Spirit can give. These are but just a few.

I. THE GIFT OF WISDOM (Sophia) (*1 Corinthians 12:8*)

1. There is natural, human wisdom which is innate, automatic, born with.
2. There is learned wisdom which is obtained by "learning," by being taught.
3. The Spiritual gift of Wisdom is a special capacity for the wisdom of God which is revealed in the Scriptures. (*Romans 11:33*)

II. THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE (Gnosis) (*1 Corinthians 12:8*)

1. The gift of knowledge is knowing how to apply the wisdom obtained from the Scriptures to everyday applications. (*Mark 13:11*)
2. In its most simple form, it is simply DOING the will of God.
3. It is not the ordinary knowledge that every person has. It is "divine" knowledge.

III. THE GIFT OF FAITH (*1 Corinthians 12:9*)

1. The gift of faith is NOT the grace of faith (saving faith).
2. It is a faith to believe things about which the Bible is silent.
3. It is doing whatever God wants regardless of the consequences. (*Mark 9:23*)

IV. THE GIFT OF DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS (*1 Corinthians 12:10*)

1. It means to see, consider, examine, understand, hear and to judge closely.
2. This present age is filled with false prophets, false religions, and much confusion about what is right or wrong. The gift of discernment is greatly needed. (*1 John 4:1; 1 Timothy 4:1-2*)
3. Spirits are tested by the Word of God, but the Holy Spirit gives to certain believers an extraordinary ability to discern the truth.

4. This gift enables a person to determine what is of God and what is not. With an uncanny ability to perceive hypocrisy, shallowness, deceit and phoniness. (*Acts 8:9*)

V. THE GIFT OF HELPS (*1 Corinthians 12:28*)

1. The ability to support or assist.
2. Deacons were to be HELPS to the pastors.
3. The Holy Spirit gives the gift of helps to believers to care for the needy, show mercy and to help other Christians in such a way that they are free to use their own gifts more freely.
4. Jesus sent His disciples out two by two and Paul usually traveled with a team of co-workers.

VI. THE GIFT OF LEADERSHIP (Government) (*1 Corinthians 12:28*)

1. This gift enables one to steer, pilot, direct and administrate.
2. Jesus Christ's Church must have organization, leadership.
3. Jesus spent most of His time developing His disciples to take over when He left.
4. Wherever the apostles started Churches, they appointed leaders.
5. The gift of leadership will be seen in those who are humble, gracious, courteous, kind, filled with love, yet who can be firm whenever needed.
6. Jesus is the perfect example of a leader. (*Mark 10:45; Galatians 5:13*)

CONCLUSION:

1. God does not intend for His Church to wander aimlessly about.
2. The Holy Spirit provides gifts to believers for them to guide and serve in God's Church.
3. We are to recognize our gifts and then to use them as God intends.
4. Some day every believer will answer for the way he/she used his/her gifts.