

## GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

### I. DEFINED:

A. GIFT - Charisma (Greek) - a (divine) gratuity; (spec.)  
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(spiritual) endowment; (obj.) miraculous faculty.

Greek Lexicon: extraordinary powers, distinguishing  
certain

Christians and enabling them to  
serve the  
power of church of Christ, the reception of which is due to the  
divine grace operating in their souls by the Holy Spirit.

B. The Gifts of the Spirit are God's anointed  
empowerments.

C. These anointed endowments must be treated with holy  
respect.

D. There is no empowerment without accountability.

E. Once God has endowed, the gift is  
irrevocable. (Rom. 11:29)

F. The laws of God's grace that gave us these gifts also make us  
accountable with no excuses.

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### II. MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS:

A. These gifts are found in Rom. 12:4-8.

B. These are gifts that determine the different ways in which we are motivated and how God uses them to motivate others.

1. Prophecy - discourse emanating from divine inspiration

and declaring the purposes of God, whether by reproving

and admonishing the wicked, or revealing hidden things.

Characteristics:

- a. They express the message verbally.
- b. They discern people's character and motives.
- c. They identify, define and hate evil.
- d. They look for Scriptural validation.
- e. They desire outward evidence of inward conviction.
- f. They are direct and persuasive in speaking.
- g. They have great concern for the reputation

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and

program of God.

h. They have a brokenness in dealing with others for their sin.

i. They are eager for others to point out their blind spots.

2. Ministry - to run errands, attend, wait, serve (to assist), (deacon - deaconess).

Characteristics:

a. Able to recall specific likes and dislikes of people.

b. Able to detect and meet practical needs.

c. Are willing to use personal funds to avoid delay.

d. Dislike time limitations.

e. Have physical stamina, which may disregard weariness.

f. Enjoy short-term goals.

g. Complete jobs with extra service.

3. Teaching - to impart instruction; instill doctrine into one.

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Characteristics:

- a. They believe that their gift is foundational.
- b. Emphasize the accuracy of words.
- c. Delight in research to validate truth.
- d. Present truth in a systematic form.
- e. Resist Scriptural illustrations out of context.
- f. They test the knowledge of who is teaching them.

4. Exhortation - that which affords comfort, refreshment,

encouragement.

Characteristics:

- a. Avoids information without practical application.
- b. Needs visible acceptance when speaking.
- c. Desires to visualize achievement and precise steps of action.
- d. Likes personal conferences.
- e. Grieved when teaching is not practical.

5. Giveth - to share a thing with another. He that

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\_\_\_**imparteth**\_\_\_ of his substances.

Characteristics:

- investments.
- give.
- a. An ability to make \_\_\_**wise**\_\_\_ purchases and
  - b. The desire to give \_\_\_**quietly**\_\_\_.
  - c. A \_\_\_**motivation**\_\_\_ to \_\_\_**motivate**\_\_\_ others to
  - d. \_\_\_**Alert**\_\_\_ to valid needs.
  - e. \_\_\_**Want**\_\_\_ their gift to be of high \_\_\_**quality**\_\_\_.
  - f. \_\_\_**Desire**\_\_\_ to be a part of the work through their  
\_\_\_**giving**\_\_\_.
  - g. Extremely \_\_\_**joyful**\_\_\_ about \_\_\_**giving**\_\_\_.

6. Ruleth - to preside, be over, \_\_\_**superintend**\_\_\_, lead,  
govern, \_\_\_**administrate**\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_**Organize**\_\_\_ ).

Characteristics:

- a. \_\_\_**See**\_\_\_ over-all picture and long-range goals.
- b. \_\_\_**Motivated**\_\_\_ to \_\_\_**organize**\_\_\_ for which they are responsible.
- c. \_\_\_**Desire**\_\_\_ to complete tasks quickly and efficiently.
- d. \_\_\_**Desire**\_\_\_ to move to new tasks after completion

of

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present one.

e. **Awareness** of available resources to finish the task..

f. **Willingness** to endure reaction from co-workers to accomplish task.

g. **Stand** on sidelines until responsibility is given to them.

7. Mercy - to bring **help** to the **wretched**; acts of **compassion**.

Characteristics:

a. **Sensitive** to people's feelings, emotions, and actions.

b. **Attracted** to people in distress.

c. **Desire** to remove hurt and bring healing.

d. **Avoids** firmness unless it brings benefit.

e. Sensitive to **words** and **actions** that hurt others.

f. They **enjoy** the fellowship of other mercy people.

g. **Tend** to close their spirits to those who are insensitive.

C. NOTE: These gifts determine **motivation** in

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operation and administration.

### III. SPIRITUAL EMPOWERMENTS:

A. The nine Gifts of the Spirit are God-abilities released through the body.

B. These gifts are found in I Cor. 12.  
They are divided into three categories:

Revelation, Power and Inspiration.

#### 1. Revelation Gifts:

a. Word of Knowledge: the revealing or exposing of a fact in existence which cannot be seen or heard or revealed naturally.

b. Word of Wisdom: the revealing of the prophetic future under the anointing of God;

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portion of God's wisdom and knowledge of the future.

c. Discerning of spirits: has to do with the comprehending of the human spirit supernaturally revealed by the Holy Spirit.

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d. NOTE: The gifts deal with the insight of the Holy Spirit.

### 2. Power Gifts:

a. Gift of Faith: when without any human effort God brings to pass a supernatural thing.

b. Gift of Working of Miracles: when, through human instruments of hands, eyes, mouth or feet, the person supernaturally does something by the divine energy of the Holy Spirit.

c. The Gifts of Healing: when God supernaturally heals the sick without any other element

being involved.  
1. The word gifts means there are various gifts of healing (example: to one, God may use a gift to heal cancer and to another, heal heart)



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conditions).

2. NOTE: The gifts express the might of God.

3. Inspiration Gifts:

a. The Gift of Tongues: the ministry of proclaiming in a public meeting a message from God in a language which is not understood by the person giving it.

b. The Interpretation of Tongues: when, without any mental faculties, the message that has been given in another language is interpreted supernaturally by the Spirit.

c. The Gift of Prophecy: the anointed speaking forth of words of edification, exhortation, and comfort to the church supernaturally given from God without human meditation.

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d. NOTE: The gifts are vocal in nature. These vocal gifts may be used to verbally

express

one of the revelation or power gifts.