

# Holy Spirit Empowering You

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Week Two: Gifts

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## Introduction:

God thought: all the gifts of God function in their own way and in God's time. Understanding how He distributes the gifts brings clarity into your life and ministry.

### READ:

1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11

**1** Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: .... **4** There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. **5** There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. **6** And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. **7** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: **8** for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, **10** to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. **11** But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills."

**"Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant..."**

When people are ignorant of the gifts, they don't use them.

We are bringing clarity to the gifts for one purpose: to set you free to be who you were created to be.

## There is a distinction in the Gifts

- The Godhead gives gifts to man. They can be clearly identified in 3 categories.
  1. Gifts of the Father = Source Gifts
  2. Gifts of Jesus = Function Gifts
  3. Gifts of the Spirit = Power Gifts

All three are necessary in our lives. We must receive and use the Gifts that God has for us to fulfill our purpose in life.

<b>Source</b>	<b>Gifts of the Father</b>	<b>Gifts of Jesus</b>	<b>Gifts Holy Spirit</b>
<b>Grace Given</b>	Motivations or Energies	Ministries or Functions	Gifts or Manifestations
<b>Greek Word</b>	Energemia	Diakonia	Charisma
<b>English Equivalent</b>	Workings, Effects or Energies	Ministry, Service or Function	Gift of Grace or Favor
<b>Examples</b>	Love Edification	Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher	Word of wisdom, Knowledge, Faith, Healings, Miracles, Prophecy, Tongues, Interpretation, Discerning of Spirits
<b>Distinctions</b>	The effectual power that is to operate behind all of the gifts and ministries in the Body of Christ.	A lifetime call or ministry that is to be recognized developed and fulfilled by each member of the Body of Christ.	An outshining of the Holy Spirit made available to all believers when needed at the direction of the Holy Spirit.

## Understanding the Gifts:

- God created order. The proper use of the gifts of God and order never oppose one another.
  - If we are to begin to use our Gifts it is important that we understand both the source and application of each gift.
  - It is very important that our gifts are used at the right time in the right place.

## Gifts of the Father:

- James 1:17 – “ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”
- Source gifts are to renew, refresh, impart proper perspective, adjust our motive, and validate the love of the Father to us.

## Gifts of Jesus:

- Ephesians 4:12 – “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,”
- Gifts from Jesus are to mature us as Christians and accomplish the commission of Jesus on the earth.
- Every gift has a specific function that grows you closer to Christ. The function of the gifts from Jesus will always be for building you in His image (Romans 8:29) and accomplishing the eternal purposes of God on the Earth.
- No gifts of Jesus are inward focused. Every gift He gives by nature of who gave it is also about giving. All the gifts of Jesus are about giving and serving someone else. You can't use the gifts of Jesus for yourself and find satisfaction. They are all about serving!

## Gifts of the Spirit:

- They are a manifestation of the Spirit
  - 1 Corinthians 12:7 – “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*.”
    - Manifestation means “shining forth.”
  - The gifts of the Spirit are about demonstrating power of God to the unbeliever. (Experience)
    - 1 Corinthians 2:4 – “And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,”
  
- The gifts of the Spirit are Supernatural
  - (Gifts don’t come from reading a book, or getting a degree)
  - Only initiated by the Spirit
  
- The gifts of the Spirit are distributed at the direction of the Holy Spirit
  - 1 Corinthians 12:11 – “But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”
  
- The gifts of the Spirit are not permanent endowments.
  - They are given by the Spirit at certain times to meet specific needs.
  - Don’t confuse the Power Gifts with the Function Gifts (Function gifts are given by Jesus and never revoked Romans 11:29).
    - This is important to understand for people, who believe they have a gift of healing, but then someone they pray for doesn’t get healed and they’re confused about their gift.
    - We disqualify ourselves from receiving the gifts of the Spirit by willful disobedience or rejecting the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
  
- The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are available to you RIGHT NOW!
  - The Holy Spirit is living in you and desiring to empower you to a life full of miracles that glorify God and bring you fullness in Christ.
  - There are 9 power gifts available to you at any time:

- Word of Knowledge. Acts 13:9-12
  - Word of Wisdom. Acts 23:6-10
  - Discerning of Spirits. Acts 16:16-18
  - Faith. Romans 15:18-19
  - Healing. Acts 14:8-10
  - Miracles. Acts 20:9-12
  - Tongues and Prophecy. 1 Corinthians 14:6
- You can live in anticipation and excitement because anything can happen anytime with the Holy Spirit.
  - Be ready to engage with Him anytime, anyplace.

## **The Gifts are for You, TODAY!**

God is desiring more than ever to pour out the power of His Holy Spirit on His church to fulfill the purpose He has for every believer, and to bring in the largest harvest of "sought ones" in all of history.

He has a great ministry planned for you and you have been gifted by Jesus Himself for it (Gifts of Jesus...Function Gifts). The Father has promised to be your Source and He has given you the gifts to be renewed in Him (Gifts of the Father...Source Gifts). And the Holy Spirit desires to partner with you in your everyday life to let you experience the explosive and powerful movement of God on the earth as He writes history and brings hurting people back to Christ (Gifts of the Spirit...Power Gifts).

## **Call:**

1. Invite the Holy Spirit into your day. Give Him authority to speak to you and empower you to do whatever He says.
2. Step out in faith and actually do what He tells you this week.
  - a. Helpful reminder: If you're wondering if it is the Holy Spirit speaking to you it is if:
    - i. It will draw attention to Jesus and not you.
    - ii. It is something that the Bible backs up.
    - iii. Your motive is Love.