

The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit - Part 14

Title: The totality of the spiritual gifts.



Texts: Rom. 12:6-8, 1 Cor. 12:4-7, Eph. 4:11

Introduction:

The totality of spiritual gifts. In the following passages, the Apostle Paul lists **eighteen** separate spiritual gifts for us.

These passages are:

Rom. 12:6-8 NLT:

6 In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.

7 If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well.

8 If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

1 Cor. 12:4-7 NLT:

4 There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.

5 There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.

6 God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

Eph. 4:11 NLT:

11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.



Question:

How can we defend our biblical position on what determines differences between, the **permanent stationary gifts and the temporary sign gifts?**

Answer:

The answer is found in the miraculous nature of the gift itself. As an example lets say that yourself was a spokesman sent from God some twenty centuries ago, before the New Testament was written. You have a message from the Lord. But how can your listeners be certain that you are not one more false prophet among the many the day?

One dramatic indication of your genuineness would be the ability to perform miraculous signs. Note the following verses that exemplify our theological position.

The nature of the spiritual gifts. It would seem that these eighteen gifts can be placed into two basic categories, the **permanent stationary gifts and the temporary sign gifts.**

The seven temporary spiritual gifts:

1. The gift of apostleship.

Eph. 4:11 NLT:

11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.

1 Cor. 12:28 NLT:

28 Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church:
first are apostles,
second are prophets,
third are teachers,
then those who do miracles,
those who have the gift of healing,
those who can help others,
those who have the gift of leadership,
those who speak in unknown languages.

2. The gift of prophecy.

Mt. 13:14 NLT:

**14 This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says,
'When you hear what I say,
you will not understand.
When you see what I do,
you will not comprehend.'**

2 Pet. 1:20-21 NLT:

20 Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, 21 or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

3. The gift of miracles.

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third are teachers,
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those who can help others,
those who have the gift of leadership,
those who speak in unknown languages.

4. The gift of healing.

1 Cor. 12:9 NLT:

9 The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing.

1 Cor. 12:30 NLT:

30 Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the ability to speak in unknown languages? Do we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not! (**Also 1 Cor. 12:28**)

5. The gift of tongues.

1 Cor. 12:10 KJV:

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

6. The gift of interpreting tongues.

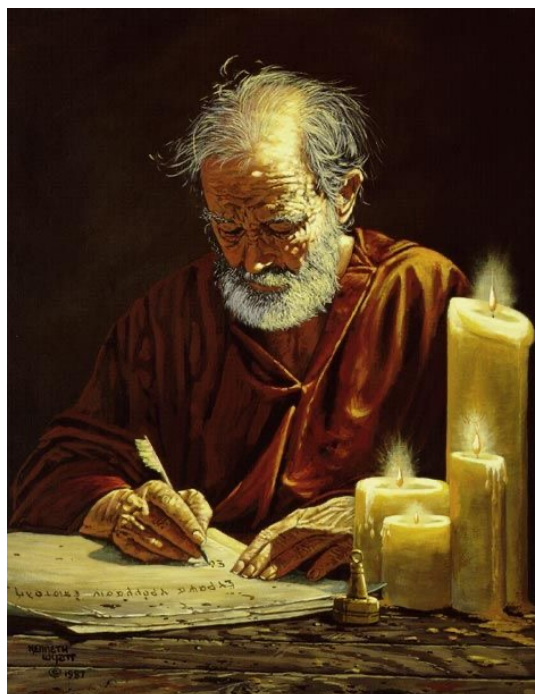
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7. The gift of knowledge.

1 Cor. 12:8 KJV:

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;



The eleven permanent gifts.

1. The gift of wisdom.

The gift of wisdom is that supernatural ability to rightfully apply and spiritually imply that information gathered through the gift of knowledge.

1 Cor. 12:8 KJV:

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

2. The gift of discernment of spirits.

This is the supernatural ability to distinguish between demonic, human, and divine spirits in another person. Both Peter and Paul possessed this gift.

1 Cor. 12:10 KJV:

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

1 Jn. 4:1 KJV:

1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

3. The gift of giving.

This is the supernatural ability to accumulate and give. Large amounts of one's finances to the glory of God. In the book of Acts members of three local churches apparently possessed this gift.

Rom. 12:8 KJV:

8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

A. The Jerusalem church.

ACTS 4:32-37 NLT:

The Believers Share Their Possessions

32 All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had.

33 The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all.

34 There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them

35 and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.

36 For instance, there was Joseph, the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means “Son of Encouragement”). He was from the tribe of Levi and came from the island of Cyprus.

37 He sold a field he owned and brought the money to the apostles.

B. The Galatian church.

Gal. 4:15 NLT:

15 Where is that joyful and grateful spirit you felt then? I am sure you would have taken out your own eyes and given them to me if it had been possible.

C. The Philippian church.

Phil. 4:10-18 NLT:

Paul’s Thanks for Their Gifts

10 How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I know you have always been concerned for me, but you didn’t have the chance to help me.

11 Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have.

12 I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little.

13 For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

14 Even so, you have done well to share with me in my present difficulty.

15 As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this.

16 Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once.

17 I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness.

18 At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God.

*** A pre-Pentecost foreshadowing of this gift is seen in the account of the widow's mite.**

Lk. 21:1-4 NLT:

The Widow's Offering

1 While Jesus was in the Temple, he watched the rich people dropping their gifts in the collection box.

2 Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins.

3 **"I tell you the truth,"** Jesus said, **"this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them.**

4 For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has."

4. The gift of exhortation.

Rom. 12:8 NLT:

8 If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

Prov. 25:11 NLT:

11 Timely advice is lovely,
like golden apples in a silver basket.

*** Several New Testament individuals had this gift.**

Barnabas.

Acts 11:22-24 NLT:

22 When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened, they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

23 When he arrived and saw this evidence of God's blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord.

24 Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith. And many people were brought to the Lord.

Judas (Not Iscariot) and Silas.

Acts 15:32 NLT:

32 Then Judas and Silas, both being prophets, spoke at length to the believers, encouraging and strengthening their faith.

A believer referred to as “yoke-fellow”.

Phil. 4:3 NLT:

3 And I ask you, my true partner, to help these two women, for they worked hard with me in telling others the Good News. They worked along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are written in the Book of Life

Paul.

2 Cor. 9:5 NLT:

5 So I thought I should send these brothers ahead of me to make sure the gift you promised is ready. But I want it to be a willing gift, not one given grudgingly.

Acts 14:22 NLT:

22 where they strengthened the believers. They encouraged them to continue in the faith, reminding them that we must suffer many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.

1 Thess. 2:11 NLT:

11 And you know that we treated each of you as a father treats his own children. 12 We pleaded

1 Thess. 4:1 NLT:

Live to Please God

1 Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more.

1 Thess. 5:14 NLT:

14 Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone.

Peter.

1 Pet. 5:1 NLT:

Advice for Elders and Young Men

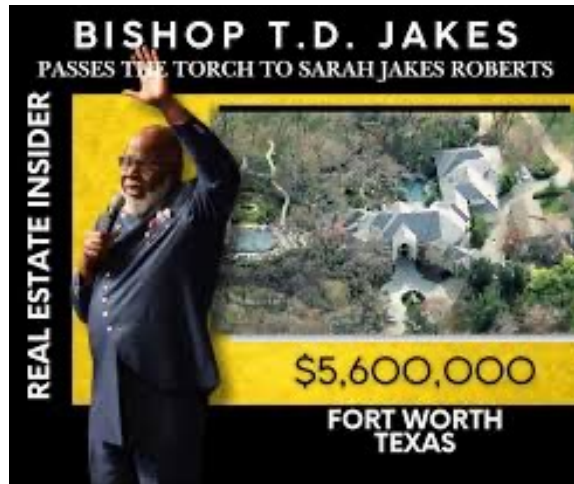
1 And now, a word to you who are elders in the churches. I, too, am an elder and a witness to the sufferings of Christ. And I, too, will share in his glory when he is revealed to the whole world. As a fellow elder, I appeal to you:

Jude.

Jude 3 NLT:

The Danger of False Teachers

3 Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people.



5. The gift of ministering.



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The supernatural ability to render practical help in both physical and spiritual matters.

Rom. 12:7 NLT:

7 If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well.

1 Cor. 12:28 NLT:

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The gift of helpers.

Dorcas.

Acts 9:36-39 NLT:

36 There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas). She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor.

37 About this time she became ill and died. Her body was washed for burial and laid in an upstairs room.

38 But the believers had heard that Peter was nearby at Lydda, so they sent two men to beg him, "Please come as soon as possible!"

39 So Peter returned with them; and as soon as he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. The room was filled with widows who were weeping and showing him the coats and other clothes Dorcas had made for them.

Phoebe.

Rom. 16:1-2 NLT:

Paul Greet His Friends

1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a deacon in the church in Cenchrea.

2 Welcome her in the Lord as one who is worthy of honor among God's people. Help her in whatever she needs, for she has been helpful to many, and especially to me.

6. The gift of showing mercy.

Often untrained laypeople possess this supernatural ability to minister to those sick and afflicted.

Rom. 12:8 NLT:

8 If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.



7. The gift of ruling or administration.

This is the supernatural ability to organize, administer, and promote the various affairs of the local church.

Rom. 12:8 NLT:

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Titus 1:4-5 NLT:

4 I am writing to Titus, my true son in the faith that we share. May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior give you grace and peace.

Titus's Work in Crete

5 I left you on the island of Crete so you could complete our work there and appoint elders in each town as I instructed you



8. The gift of faith.

The bible describes three kinds of faith.

1. Saving faith: given to all repented sinners.

Acts 16:31 NLT:

31 They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.”

Rom. 4:5 NLT:

5 But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners.

Rom. 5:1 NLT:

Faith Brings Joy

1 Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

Rom. 10:17 NLT:

17 So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.

2. Sanctifying faith: available to all believers.

Gal. 2:20 NLT:

20 My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gal. 3:11 NLT:

11 So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

Gal. 5:22 NLT:

22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Eph. 6:16 NLT:

16 In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.

Rom. 1:17 NLT:

17 This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

Heb. 10:38 NLT:

38 And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away."

3. Stewardship faith: given to some believers.

This is the gift kind of faith, and is a supernatural ability to believe and expect great things from God.

Rom. 12:3 NLT:

3 Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: **Don't think you are better than you really are.** Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.

1 Cor. 12:9 NLT:

9 The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing.



9. The gift of teaching.

The supernatural ability to communicate and clarify the details of the Word of God.

Rom. 12:7 NLT:

7 If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well.



This gift was given to:

A. Paul.

Acts 20:27 NLT:

27 for I didn't shrink from declaring all that God wants you to know.

B. Apollos.

Acts 18:24-25 NLT:

Apollos Instructed at Ephesus

24 Meanwhile, a Jew named Apollos, an eloquent speaker who knew the Scriptures well, had arrived in Ephesus from Alexandria in Egypt.

25 He had been taught the way of the Lord, and he taught others about Jesus with an enthusiastic spirit and with accuracy. However, he knew only about John's baptism.

C. Aquila and Priscilla.

Acts 18:26 NLT:

26 When Priscilla and Aquila heard him preaching boldly in the synagogue, they took him aside and explained the way of God even more accurately.

10. The gift of evangelism.

The supernatural ability to point sinners to Christ and to burden Christians about soul-winning. All believers are to witness for Christ whether they have this special gift or not.

Timothy, for example, was not an evangelist, but he was a soul-winner.

2 Tim. 4:5 NLT:

5 But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.

There are others, however, who were given this gift. Phillip, among others in the book of Acts, possessed it.

Acts 8:26-40 KJV:

26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

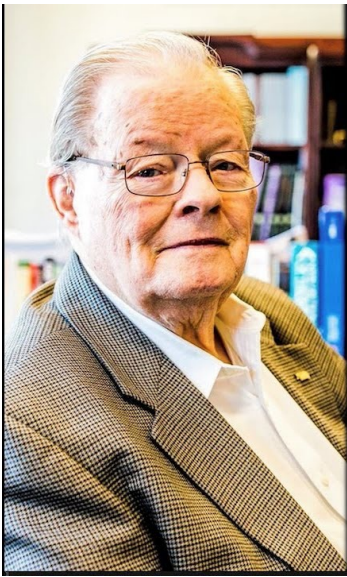
39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

Acts 21:8 NLT:

8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.





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11. The gift of pastor-teacher.

The supernatural ability to preach and teach the Word of God and to feed and lead the flock of God.

1 Pet. 5:1-4 NLT:

Advice for Elders and Young Men

1 And now, a word to you who are elders in the churches. I, too, am an elder and a witness to the sufferings of Christ. And I, too, will share in his glory when he is revealed to the whole world. As a fellow elder, I appeal to you:

2 Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.

3 Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example.

4 And when the Great Shepherd appears, you will receive a crown of never-ending glory and honor.

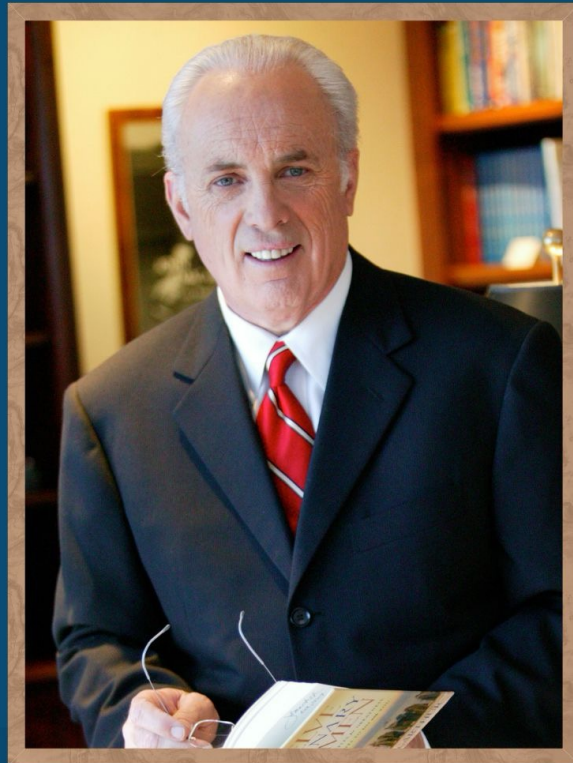
Acts 20:28 NLT:

28 “So guard yourselves and God’s people. Feed and shepherd God’s flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders.

This is the only “double portion” gift of the eighteen gifts. Thus, all teachers are not called to be pastors but all pastors are called to be teachers.

John MacArthur

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How do I ask Jesus to come into my life?



How do we get right with God, regardless of my sins?

Lord Jesus, I ask You to please come into my life, and to forgive me of all my sins, and I ask You to become my Lord and Savior, from this day forward.

Friends, if you prayed that prayer, I believe that you are born again, and that you have been made a new creation in Christ Jesus, and that ALL of your sins have been forgiven, and that you have Eternal life with our father in Heaven.

For Jesus Says to all of us: Jn.14:6 NIV:

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

I encourage You, to get in a good bible teaching church, so that you may grow in Christ Jesus, so that HE may use you to preach and teach, the Good News!

In, Jesus Mighty Name!

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