

Interpretation of Tongues – This gift is used within the church assembly when the gift of tongues is in operation and is for the edification of the church and that unbelievers will acknowledge the power and presence of God.

Prophecy – This gift can mean the act of preaching and/or the telling of things to come whether it is a warning or blessing.

These particular gifts are to be exercised under the auspices of proper ministerial authority so that confusion does not occur and the church maintains order which is pleasing to God, **1 Corinthians 14:27-33, 40.**

The Action Gifts

Faith – Faith is ALWAYS evidenced by action however, the gift of Faith is more than the measure of faith that is given to every man. The gift of Faith is for those things that can only be done through the Spirit. For instance the gift of Faith is demonstrated by faithfulness to God in the midst of great temptation or trying circumstances and when we forgive others for trespasses against us.

Gifts of Healing – These gifts are signs pointing the way to Jesus Christ and are for the purpose of bringing praise to the Lord Jesus and sinners to salvation.

Working of Miracles – Miracles such as the raising of the dead, miraculous provision of food/money, safety in the face of certain peril or death are part of the workings of the action gifts.

The picture shows pure light entering a prism and a beautiful spectrum of color coming out of the other side. The pure light is that of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, *“I am the light of the world...”* **John 8:12.** The prism is the Christian, who, must keep their prism clean and pure so that the light is not blocked, *“...be blameless and harmless...you shine as lights in the world”* **Philippians 2:15,** and the spectrum is the fruit and gifts of the Spirit reflecting the awesome splendor and radiant beauty of God, as the gifts of the Spirit move through you, *“...God...has shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ”* **2 Corinthians 4:6.**

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The Gifts of the Spirit



“Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.”

1 Corinthians 12: 4, 7

What are the gifts of the Spirit and how does one receive them? The book of 1 Corinthians chapters 12, 13 and 14 give us the best understanding about the gifts of the Spirit. The apostle Paul was writing to established “*born again*” believers who had received the gift of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:38-39**). The apostle Paul believed one could be “*ignorant*” of the gifts but could receive understanding and that every believer had received the manifestation of the Spirit to profit thereby.

Often, when discussing the gifts of the Spirit, the question is asked, “Is there a difference between the gift of the Holy Ghost and gifts of the Spirit?” The answer is a great big, “Yes!”

The word “*gifts*” found in **1 Corinthians 12:4** is translated “*charis*” or a spiritual endowment. In order to be spiritually endowed (by deed or will, i.e. inherit) one must first have received the Gift of the Holy Ghost. The word for “*gift*” in **Acts 2:38** is translated “*dorea*” – or a gift...singular, one time gift. In other words, the gifts of the Spirit work because a person has first received the Holy Spirit.

So, is the Holy Spirit really important for a believer to have? Yes! “*...If any man has not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his*” **Romans 8:9**. To be a Christian means, to be Christ like. Jesus was, “*...driven by the*

Spirit...” **Mark 1:12**, operated in the “*...power of the Spirit...*” **Luke 4:14**, and was raised from the dead by the Spirit, “*...the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you...*” **Romans 8:11, NLT**. We are to manifest the “*...fruit of the Spirit...*” **Galatians 5:22**, and “*...live in the Spirit...*” **Galatians 5:25**.

It is best to read 1 Corinthians chapters 12, 13 and 14 before you begin the study. **Chapter 12** gives an overview of the gifts of the Spirit and ends with encouraging the believer to covet/desire Spiritual gifts. **Chapter 13** aka, *the Love chapter* reveals that the gifts of the Spirit must operate of, by and through love for Jesus Christ and for the souls of humanity and bridges, what the gifts of the Spirit are and how they operate in the church as discussed in **Chapter 14**.

Whenever the gifts of the Spirit are used for self-glory or self-justification, it leads to spiritual deception, “*...have not charity...I am nothing...it profits me nothing*” **1 Corinthians 13:2-3** and, “*Not all people who sound religious are really godly. They may refer to me as ‘Lord,’ but they still won’t enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The decisive issue is whether they obey my Father in heaven. On judgment day many will tell me, ‘Lord, Lord, we prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ But I will reply, ‘I never*

knew you. Go away; the things you did were unauthorized’, **Matthew 7:21-23, NLT**. It is a great honor for a Christian to be used in the gifts of the Spirit but there is also a very sobering responsibility in using the power and gifts of God. There are nine specific gifts that Paul mentions. For this study, we have broken them into categories to simplify the explanation. Keep in mind that the operation of the gifts often overlaps one another.

The Revelatory Gifts

Word of Wisdom – the right words at the right time.

Word of Knowledge – Spiritual understanding of a particular situation.

Discerning of Spirits – the Spiritual ability to identify the spirit behind what is spoken or action taken.

The Auditory Gifts

Divers Kinds of Tongues – The supernatural ability to speak in different tongues of both men and angels, **1 Corinthians 13:1**, as moved by the Holy Ghost and is used in intercessory prayer, **Romans 8:26-27**, in personal prayer, **1 Corinthians 14:4 & Jude 1:20**, and in harmony with the interpretation of tongues. This is not a gifting to learn languages according to human ability, i.e. for missionary work.