**Gifts of the Spirit**

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (KJV)**

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 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: 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

The simplest way to describe these nine gifts is that three of them *say* something, three of them *do* something and three of them *reveal* something.

The three gifts that ***say*** something are the ***gifts of utterance***. They are prophecy, divers kinds of tongues and interpretation of tongues. The three gifts that ***do*** something are the ***gifts of power***. They are the gift of faith, the working of miracles and the gifts of healings. The three gifts that ***reveal*** something are the ***gifts of revelation***. They are the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge and discerning of spirits.

These gifts are listed in the order of their importance. Of the three gifts of revelation, the word of wisdom is the best gift. Of the three gifts of power, the gift of faith is the best gift. Of the three gifts of utterance, the gift of prophecy is the best gift.

**The Gift of the Word of Knowledge Act 9:10-12; Acts 10:9-20**

The Word of Knowledge is the supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit of certain facts in the mind of God.

**The Gift of the Word of Wisdom Acts 9:10-16; Acts 8:26-29**

The Word of Wisdom is the supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God concerning the divine purpose in the mind and will of God. God reveals His purpose and plan for the future through the Word of Wisdom.

**The Gift of Discerning of Spirits Acts 16:16-18**

The Discerning of Spirits gives insight into the spirit world.

**The Gift of Faith 1 Samuel 3:19; Eph. 2:8; Gal.:22, 23; Mark 11:24**

Those who possess the Gift of Faith believe God in such a way that He honors their word as His own and miraculously brings it to pass

**The Gift of Working of Miracles ! Kings 17:12-16; Acts 5:1-5**

A miracle is a supernatural intervention in the ordinary course of nature, a temporary suspension of the accustomed order through the Spirit of God.

**The Gifts of Healing Acts 10:38; 1 Cor. 12:28-30**

The purpose of the Gifts of Healing is to deliver the sick and to destroy the works of the devil in the human body.

**The Gift of Prophecy 1 Cor. 14:1-5; 1 Thes. 5:19-21; Acts 21:8-11**

Prophecy is supernatural utterance in a known language.

**The Gift of Tongues Mark 16:15-18**

Divers (different) kinds of tongues is a supernatural utterance by the Holy Spirit in languages never learned by the speaker, not understood by the mind of the speaker nor necessarily always understood by the hearer.

**Interpretation of Tongues ! Cor. 14:13-15; 27-28; 40**

The Interpretation of Tongues is the supernatural showing forth by the Spirit the meaning of an utterance in other tongues.

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