

## **Discovering Your Gifts #1**

### *The Gifts of The Spirit*

1 Cor. 12:1-11

As we look at the importance of the gifts, we must avoid three common errors:

- a. Confusing the gift with the package
  1. The unlearned observe the immaturity of the gifted
  2. The immature, gifted believer mistakes his giftedness for maturity
- b. Assuming spiritual gifts are reward given to the mature Christian
- c. Believing the gifts are under the control of the gifted.
  1. 1 Cor. 12:11 "...as He wills"
  2. We can grow in faith and confidence and availability - intelligent cooperation with the Holy Spirit

Let's look the nine gifts listed in 1 Cor. 12:

- I. There Are Three That Reveal Something: Revelation Gifts**
  - a. A Word of Wisdom, a Word of Knowledge, Discerning of Spirits
- II. There Are Three That Do Something: Power Gifts**
  - a. Gifts of Healings, Working of Miracles, Gift of Faith
- III. There Are Three That Say Something: Vocal Gifts**
  - a. Kinds of Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues, Prophecy
- IV. God Does Not Want Us Ignorant (V.1)**
  - a. Hos. 4:6
- V. It Is Important To Know A True Manifestation Of the Holy Spirit. (V.2, 3)**
  - a. 1 Jn. 4:1-4
  - b. 2 Cor. 11:1-4, 14, 15
- VI. There Are Diversities of Gifts, Ministries, Manifestations (Effects or activities)**  
(workings, ways of working)
- VII. They Are For the Profit of All**
  - a. 2 Cor. 10:3-5

## VIII. Why Study Gifts?

- a. Gifts from God are good - James 1:17 ;4:10
- b. We are not to be ignorant - 1 Cor. 12:1
- c. Gifts are not to be neglected - 1 Tim. 4:14
- d. Gifts are to be desired - 1 Cor. 12:31
- e. Gifts are to be stirred up - 2 Tim. 1:6
- f. They're to be ministered to others - 1 Pet.
- g. They help establish believers - Rom. 1:11
- h. They're for the profit of all - 1 Cor. 12:7
- i. They inspire obedience - Rom. 15:18,19
- j. They confirm the Word - Mk.16:17-20; Heb.2:3,4
- k. They glorify God - 1 Pet.4:11, 7

### Word Studies

#### Spiritual (#4152) *Pneumatikos*

1 Cor. 2:13,15; 3:1; 9:11; 10:3,4; 12:1; 14:1,37; Gal. 6:1

*Always connote the idea of invisibility and power.* In 12:1 - Vine suggests "spiritualities".

F.F. Bruce says more probably "Spiritual Persons", i.e, persons endowed with spiritual gifts.

Lexicon (A&G) "Pertaining to the Spirit"

#### Manifestations (#5321) - *Phanerosis*

From *phaneroo* - To make visible, clear, manifest, known

(What has been hidden or unknown ... whether by words or deeds) –  
to uncover, lay bare, reveal, to expose to view.

#### Gifts (#5486) - Gk. *Charisma*

A gift of grace from "*charis*" - grace

Ministries (#1248) - Gk. *Diakonia* - A servant, attendant, minister. (KJV - Administrations)

Activities (#1755) Gk. *Energema* - What is wrought, the effect produced... results. (Berkeley)...  
"Varieties of things accomplished". "Varieties of effects" (NASB) "Different ways of doing things" (Norlie).