

GIFTS OF THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

(Three distinct operations of the Holy Trinity)

GIFTS OF THE FATHER

Romans 12:3-8

³For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

⁴For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

⁵So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

⁶Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether **prophecy**, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

⁷Or **ministry**, let us wait on our ministering: or he that **teacheth**, on teaching;

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

Prophecy

1. To speak with forthrightness and insight, especially when enabled by the Spirit of God (Joel 2:28).
2. To demonstrate moral boldness and uncompromising commitment to worthy values.
3. To influence others in one's arena of influence with a positive spirit of social or spiritual righteousness.
4. The focus is general, characterized by that level of the prophetic gift which would belong to every believer - "all flesh." (Rev. 19:10)

Ministry

1. To minister and render loving, general service to meet the needs of others.
2. Illustrated in the operation as a deacon (servant) Matt. 20:26.

Teacheth

1. The supernatural ability given by the Holy Spirit's illumination to one who provides the clarity of the divine truths received from God.
2. Considered distinct from the work of the prophet who speaks as the mouthpiece of God.

Exhorteth

1. Literally means to call aside for the purpose of making an appeal.
2. In a broader sense it means to entreat, comfort, or instruct (Acts 4:36; Heb. 10:25).

Giving

1. The essential meaning is to give out of a spirit of generosity.
2. In a more technical sense it refers to those with resources aiding those without such resources (2 Cor. 8:2; 9:11-13).
3. The gift is to be exercised without an outward show or pride and with liberality (2 Cor. 1:12).

Ruling

1. Refers to the one “standing in front”.
2. Involves the exercise of the Holy Spirit in modeling, superintending, and developing the body of Christ.
3. Leadership is to be exercised with diligence.

Mercy

1. To feel sympathy with the misery of another.
2. To relate to others in empathy, respect, and honesty.
3. To be effective, this gift is to be exercised with kindness and cheerfulness - not as a matter of duty.

God created each person as unique. Each person can have more than one of these gifts. It is common to have a mixture operating in an individual. These gifts are foundational and often referred to as “motivational” gifts.

GIFTS OF THE SON

Ephesians 4:10-11

¹⁰He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

¹¹And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors** and **teachers**;

Apostles

1. Agent of the one who sends - “Jesus”
2. “Send forth” men personally commissioned by Christ to represent Him.
John 7: 28, 29 “Jesus” sent one of God.
3. Functions as a messenger or spokesman for God.
4. Overseer of larger sections of the Body of Christ.

Prophet

1. The office-gift of the prophet, which Christ gives to His church is yet another expression of prophecy: those holding this office must meet both the Old Testament requirements of a prophet's accuracy in his message, and the New Testament standards of life and character required of spiritual leadership.
2. Inspired messenger who declares the will of God to the church or the world.
3. Person who is uniquely gifted at times with insight unto future events.
4. Delivers a divinely focused message.

Evangelist

1. One who proclaims the good news.
2. To teach and train the body of Christ to evangelize.
3. Unique way to bring unbelievers to salvation.

Pastor

1. A Shepherd - one who tends sheep
2. Nurture and care for the spiritual needs of the body of Christ.

Teacher

1. One who instructs the body of Christ in the word of God by the anointing of the Holy Spirit.
2. To teach and train the disciple in the body of Christ.

These gifts are vital to the body of Christ as “office” gifts. They are “enablers” and “equippers” that will mature and stabilize through the operating of the gifts of the Father and Holy Spirit. These five ordained by Jesus Christ Himself are His government in His Church on the earth.

HOLY SPIRIT'S GIFTS

1 Corinthians 12:7-10

⁷But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

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

⁹To another **faith** by the same Spirit; to another the **gifts of healing** by the same Spirit;

¹⁰To 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**:

Word of wisdom: A prophetic utterance

1. Supernatural revelation on how to accomplish God's will.
2. In given situations and problem solving.
3. Having divine direction and act appropriately with discernment.

Knowledge rightly applied: wisdom works interactively with knowledge and discernment.

Word of knowledge: A prophetic utterance

1. Supernatural revelation of God's will and plan.
2. In circumstances without human resources.
3. With deeper understanding for moral wisdom and righteousness.
4. Having knowledge of God and His thoughts relating to the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Faith

1. Supernatural ability to believe God without doubt.
2. Supernatural ability to combat unbelief.
3. Supernatural ability to meet adverse circumstances with trust in God's messages and words.
4. Inner conviction impelled by an urgent and higher calling.

Gifts of healing

1. Refers to supernatural healing without human aid.
2. May include divinely assisted application of human instrumentation and medical means of treatment.
3. Does not discount the use of God's creative giftings.

Working of miracles

1. Supernatural power to intervene and counteract earthly and evil forces.
2. Literally means a display of power giving the ability to go beyond the natural.
3. Operates closely with the gifts of faith and healings to bring authority over sin, Satan, sickness and the binding forces of this age.

Prophecy

1. The Holy Spirit's "gift of prophecy" (1 Cor. 12) refers to supernatural prompting, so much so that tongues with interpretation is equated with its operation (1 Cor. 14:5).
2. Divinely inspired anointed utterance.
3. Supernatural proclamation in a known language.
4. Manifestation of the Spirit of God - not of intellect (1 Cor. 12:7).

5. May be possessed and operated by all who have the infilling of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 14:31).
6. Intellect, faith, and will are operative in this gift, but its exercise is not intellectually based. It is calling forth words from the Spirit of God.

Discerning of spirits

1. Supernatural power to detect spirits and their activities.
2. Power of spiritual insight of the plans and purposes of the enemy and his forces.

Divers kinds of tongues

1. Supernatural utterance in languages not known to the speaker: these languages may be existent in the world, revived from some past culture, or “unknown” in the sense that they are a means of communication inspired by the Holy Spirit (Isa. 28:11; Mark 16:17; Acts. 2:4; 10:44-48; 19:1-7; 1 Cor. 12:10, 28-31; 13:1-3; 14:2, 4-22, 26-32).
2. Serve as an evidence and sign of the indwelling and working of the Holy Spirit.

Interpretation of tongues

1. Supernatural power to reveal the meaning of tongues.
 - a. Functions not as an operation of the mind of man but as the mind of the Spirit.
2. Does not serve as a translation (interpreter never understands the tongue he is interpreting), but rather a declaration of meaning.
3. Is exercised as a miraculous and supernatural phenomenon as is the gift of speaking in tongues and the gift of prophecy.

Specifically, “to profit”, bring together, benefit, and be advantageous to serve the body of Christ. Available to every believer as the Holy Spirit distributes them, we can expect, and then embrace these nine gifts that strengthen, bring unity and promote evangelism.