

# **THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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**1 Cor 12:7-8**

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

**1 Cor 12:9-10**

to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits,

**1 Cor 12:10-  
11**

to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

**1 Cor 12:31;  
14:1**

But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

# **PRAYER**

**Heavenly Father, as we come to  
your Word today,  
please give us  
sharp minds to understand  
and soft hearts to believe.  
In Jesus' name.  
Amen.**

1 - We must really desire the gifts of the Spirit

**1 Cor 12:31;  
14:1**

But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.



2 - Gifts of the Spirit are spiritual

To each is [being] given the manifestation **of the Spirit** for the common good... To one is given **through the Spirit** the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge **according to the same Spirit**, to another faith **by the same Spirit**, to another gifts of healing **by the one Spirit**, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are empowered **by one and the same Spirit**, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

**1 Corinthians 12:7-11**

3 - It is important to ask the right question

**1 Cor 12:7;  
14:12**

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good... strive to excel in building up the church.

**Which  
Question?**

“Which gifts do I have?”

“Which needs can I meet?”

4 - Spiritual gifts are not permanent

# Compare:

**KJV:** For to one is given by the Spirit **the** word of wisdom; to another **the** word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another **the** gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 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.

**BCV:** To one is given through the Spirit **an** utterance of wisdom, and to another **an** utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another **[a]** faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the one Spirit, to another workings of miracles, to another **a** prophecy, to another distinguishings between spirits, to another kinds of tongues, to another **an** interpretation of tongues.

**Are they?**

Timeless?  
(i.e. Permanent)

Timely?  
(i.e. As needed)




5 - Spiritual gifts are exceptional

# Words of Wisdom

Basic level of wisdom of all believers

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Word of  
Wisdom



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graph BT; A[Basic level of wisdom of all believers] --> B(Word of Wisdom)
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Basic level of wisdom of all believers

# Glossolalia

Basic level of devotional tongues of all believers

# Glossolalia

Speaking  
in tongues

Basic level of devotional tongues of all believers



6 - Take the initiative

**Take the  
Initiative:**

1 Cor 12:31; 14:1.

**Take the  
Initiative:**



**Take the Initiative:**

**Wrong:** 'Lord, if you want me to use a spiritual gift, that's O.K. with me...'

**Take the Initiative:**

**Wrong:** 'Lord, if you want me to use a spiritual gift, that's O.K. with me...'

**Right:** 'Lord, I am going to step out in faith and use this gift...'

**When we step out (in faith),  
God steps in (with power)**