

Employing God's Gifts Series

Chapter 9: Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit Defined & Examined (Parts A & B = Two Messages)

I. **Introductory Verses** (Four Series Goals: Mutual Service, Clear Thinking, Unity & Growth in Usage)

(1 Peter 4:11) As each one has received a gift (χάρισμα / *charisma*), employ it in servicing (διακονέω / *diakoneō*) one another as good stewards (οἰκονόμος / *oikonomos*) of the manifold grace (χάρις / *charis*) of God. (NASB)

II. **Introductory Verses for Chapter 9:** (See also Entire Chapters of 1 Corinthians 12 & 14)

(1 Corinthians 12:4-11) ⁴Now there are varieties (διαίρεσις / *diairesis*) of gifts (Χάρισμα / *charisma*), but the same Spirit (πνεῦμα / *pneuma*). ⁵ And there are varieties (διαίρεσις / *diairesis*) of ministries (διακονία / *diakonia*), and the same Lord (κύριος / *kyrios*). ⁶ There are varieties (διαίρεσις / *diairesis*) of effects (ἐνέργημα / *energēma*), but the same God (θεός / *theos*) who works all things in all *persons*. But to each one is given (δίδωμι / *didōmi*) the manifestation (φανέρωσις / *phanerōsis*) of the Spirit for the common good (συμφέρω / *sympherō*). ⁸ For to one is given (*didōmi*) the word (λόγος) of wisdom (σοφία / *sophia*) through the Spirit, and to another (ἕτερος / *heteros*) the word (λόγος / *logos*) of knowledge (γνώσις / *gnōsis*) according to the same Spirit; ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts (χάρισμα / *charisma*) of healings (ἰαμα / *iamā*) by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ and to another the effecting (ἐνέργημα / *energēma*) of miracles (δύναμις / *dynamis*), and to another prophecy (προφητεία / *prophēteia*), and to another the distinguishing (διάκρισις / *diakrisis*) of spirits (πνεῦμα / *pneuma*), to another *various* kinds (γένος / *genos*) of tongues (γλῶσσα), and to another the interpretation (ἑρμηνεία / *hermēneia*) of tongues (γλῶσσα / *glōssa*). ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

III. **Employing God's Gifts Series: 13 Chapter Titles**

1. Chapter 1: Getting Properly Oriented: Understanding & Employing Gifts & Fruits to Serve Each Other
2. Chapter 2: Biblical "Gift" Words / 4 Gift Classifications & 3 Church Gifts Categories – Part A
3. Chapter 3: Biblical "Gift" Words / 4 Gift Classifications & 3 Church Gifts Categories – Part B
4. Chapter 4: Seven Gifts of Motivation or Temperament – Part A (1 Corinthians 12:6) (Romans 12:3-8)
5. Chapter 5: Seven Gifts of Motivation or Temperament – Part B (1 Corinthians 12:6) (Romans 12:3-8)
6. Chapter 6: Three New Testament Offices: Terms and Functions (Matthew 16:18)
7. Chapter 7: Seven Gifts of Service – Part A (1 Corinthians 12:5) (Ephesians 4:11) (1 Corinthians 12:28)
8. Chapter 8: Seven Gifts of Service – Part B (1 Corinthians 12:5) (Ephesians 4:11) (1 Corinthians 12:28)
9. Chapter 9: Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit Defined & Examined - (1 Corinthians 12: 4, 7-11; 14:1ff)
10. Chapter 10: Getting Started in Spiritual Gifts at Meetings - (1 Corinthians 12: 14:1ff)
11. Chapter 11: Employing Spiritual Gifts in Proclaiming the King (Mark 16: 20) (Acts 4:29-31; 33)
12. Chapter 12: Cultivating Three Types of Biblical Fruit – Every Seed Brings Forth Its Own Kind

IV. **Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit Defined & Examined** – (1 Cor. 12: 4, 7-11) (Descriptive Not Prescriptive)

Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit Arranged as Three Groups of Three Spiritual / Charismatic Gifts (Manifestations):

A. Three Word Gifts: The Voice / Mouth of God – (See Acts 19:6) (See also Saul in 1 Samuel 10)

1. Tongues - (γλῶσσα / *glōssa*) 2 Clear Purposes (1 Cor. 14:14-15, 17; Jude 20; Eph. 6:18; Rom. 8:26)
 - a. Individual(s) Edification as a Stepping Stone to the Service of Corporate Edification.

(Note: This includes: Edification, Praise, Thanksgiving & Three Types of Prayer)

(1 Corinthians 14:2-4) For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God; for no one understands, but in *his* spirit he speaks mysteries. ³ But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation. ⁴ One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church. ¹³ Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. ("... a sign for unbelievers.")

- b. Corporate Edification – When accompanied by the Gift of Interpretation of Tongues.

2. Interpretation of Tongues – (ἑρμηνεία / *hermēneia*) (Definition: Interpretation not a Translation)

Note: One school of thought is a message of praise or prayer to God.

3. Prophecy – “Forth Telling” (Noun- προφητεία / *prophēteia*) (Verb - προφητεύω / *prophēteuō*).

(1 Corinthians 14:3-4) But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation.

⁴ One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church. (Levels of Prophecy)

Definition – Speaking forth under the supernatural inspiration / anointing of the Holy Spirit a message from God for the purpose of “edification and exhortation and consolation.” (Be Careful of Corrective or Directive) Not primarily for telling the future. Prophecy must be judged. (OT & NT Examples) Covenant Faithfulness.

Note: Word Gifts Should Be the Most Exercised Gifts in Corporate Gatherings. Everyone can & should participate in the Word Gifts. They familiarize us with the anointing, help us to obey God rather than fear man, and are often a stepping stone into usefulness in other Charismatic Gifts. (**Josh. 6:26 & 1 Kings 16:34**) (I Cor. 14:31) For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted, (Acts 19:6)

B. Three Insight / Discernment Gifts: The Eyes of God – (aka “The Gifts of Illumination / Revelation”)

4. Word of Wisdom

Definition: A supernatural insight in a particular situation, often a potentially explosive occasion where the Lord or His Servant is on trial. (Not always in a confrontational setting) (Jahaziel & Jehoshaphat 2 Chron. 20)

Examples: Jesus in John 8; Jesus on Taxes before the Herodians & Pharisees in Mark 12; Peter in Acts 11; Solomon & the Two Harlots in 1 Kings 3:16-28; By Whose Authority?; Sharing w/ Anwar.

5. Word of Knowledge – A supernatural, trans-rational impartation of specific information that one could not have attained by natural means. Often used in conjunction with gifts of healings or in ministry of deliverance & used as a platform to impart faith to recipients. Example: Names of Diseases or Demon Spirits.

Examples: Samuel w/ Saul’s Donkeys 1 Sam 9; Nathan; Jesus w/ woman at the well (John 4); Zaccheus in Luke 9:1-10; Disciples arguing over who was the greatest? (Mark 9:33-37); Jesus knowing the Pharisees thoughts, “Why are you thinking evil in your hearts? (Matt. 9:1-7); Ananias & Sapphira lies known by Peter (Acts 5); Ananias (Acts 9); Peter (Acts 10:19); Elisha exposing Gehazi (2 Kings 5); Paul w/ Elymas (Acts 13); Uwem

6. Discernment of Spirits - (Distinguishing, Differentiating) (See Romans 12:1-2 – Mind, conscience, etc.) (Hebrews 5:14) But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses (perceptions or judgment) trained to discern good and evil. (Physical & Spiritual Senses) (But, 1 Cor. 14:7, 10-11) ... and to another the distinguishing (διάκρισις / *diakrisis*) of spirits (πνεῦμα / *pneuma*) (Supernatural, trans-rational impartations of specific discernment that one could not have attained by natural means)

Example: Jesus sees Nathaniel in Jn 1:47; Eli discerning the Lord calling Samuel. Paul encounters the girl w/ the familiar spirit. Jesus when the disciples wanted to call fire down on those who rejected their message. (Dr. Donovan) (Reverse Discernment: Man spooked at BGSU; “Gay-dar”) (Grandma Rubloff / Girl in Accident)

C. Three Power Gifts: The Hand of God (Creative, Redemptive, Miraculous Hand of God) (1 Cor. 4:20)

7. Faith – A supernatural surge of confidence in a specific situation that God is about to act in an extraordinary manner & an impartation of the ability to effect this situation by the Holy Spirit. (Speak / Act)

Examples: Moses many Xs in Exodus; Jesus & the Fig Tree; Elijah & the Prophets of Baal. JH & the Radiator; DH at Offenhower Tower

8. Gifts of Healings – Both Words Plural (See KJV, NKJV, YLT – Discuss Dynamic Equivalence)

Definition: A supernatural impartation of the ability to actually effect healing and manifestly experience results. The actual event of healings. Many Types & Operations of Healings: Physical, Emotional, Mental & Spiritual. Includes: Conscience, Wounded Spirit, Physical and Re-Creative, Etc.

Examples: Elisha & Naaman the Syrian; Jesus - So many examples. Peter in Acts 3 & 5. Dorothy Walker

9. Effecting of Miracles (aka Works of Power) A supernatural impartation of the ability to effect an event in which people, things and situations are altered in an extraordinary and beneficial manner.

Examples: Moses & the Red Sea; Jesus rebuking the Wind; Creating Wine. (Praying for the girl’s car)

V. Upcoming: Chapter 10: Getting Started in Spiritual Gifts at Meetings - (1 Corinthians 12: 14:1ff)