

Employing God's Gifts Series

Chapter 9: Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit Defined & Examined

I. Introductory Verses (Four Series Goals: Mutual Service, Clear Thinking, Unity & Growth in Usage) (1 Peter 4:10-11) As each one has received a gift (χάρισμα / *charisma*), employ it in servicing (διακονέω / *diakoneō*) one another as good stewards (οικονόμος / *oikonomos*) of the manifold grace (χάρις / *charis*) of God. ¹¹ Whoever speaks, *is to do so* as one who is speaking the utterances (λόγιον / *logion*) of God; whoever serves *is to do so* as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (NASB)

II. Introductory Verses for Chapters 9 & 10: (See also Entire Chapters of 1 Corinthians 12 & 14) (1 Corinthians 12:4-6) ⁴ **Now 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*.

Note: διαίρεσις (*diairesis*) division, distribution, distinction, difference - in particular, a distinction arising from a different distribution to different persons (Vs. 4: Holy Spirit; Vs. 5: Lord Jesus: Vs. 6: Father God)

(1 Corinthians 12:7-11) 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 (ἰάμα / *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.

(1 Corinthians 14:1, 39-40) Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy (προφητεύω / *prophēteuō*). ³⁹ Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues. ⁴⁰ But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner. (Framework, Hem, Parameter or Matrix for Entire Chapter – 1 Corinthians 14)

(1 Thessalonians 5:19-22) ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit; ²⁰ do not despise prophetic utterances. ²¹ But examine everything *carefully*; hold fast to that which is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil. (NASB)

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 –

A. The Continued Manifestation of Jesus In His Body: (Hebrews 13:8) (2 Corinthians 11:4) (Galatian 1:6-9) (Acts 10:38) *You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.* (See John's account of the Last Supper – John 13-16) (See Again 1 Corinthians 12:4, 7-11 Above) (James 2:26) For just as the body without *the* spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead. (History)

B. Gifts of the Holy Spirit – 9 Spiritual Gifts (See 1 Corinthians 12: 4, 7-11 Above)

C. Three Groups of Three Spiritual / Charismatic Gifts (Manifestations): (Descriptive Not Prescriptive)

1. Word Gifts: The Voice / Mouth of God –

(1 Corinthians 14:1, 13, 31) ¹ Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. ¹³ Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. ³¹ For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted;

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 begin to obey God rather than fear man, and are often a stepping stone into usefulness in other Charismatic Gifts. (Next Week)

a. Tongues - (γλῶσσα / *glōssa*)

b. Interpretation of Tongues – (ἑρμηνεία / *hermēneia*) (Interpretation not a Translation)

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

(Acts 19:6) And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying. (See also Saul in 1 Samuel 10)

(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 the purpose of telling the future. (Old & New Testament Examples)

2. Discernment Gifts: The Eyes of God –

a. Word of Wisdom

Definition:

Example: Anwar, Jesus in John 8, Herododians & Pharisees, Etc.

b. Word of Knowledge -

Example: Uwem Johnson, Jesus, Paul

c. Discernment of Spirits - (Distinguishing, Differentiating)

(Hebrews 5:14) But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Example: Jesus

3. Power Gifts: The Hand of God – (Creative, Redemptive, Miraculous Hand of God) (1 Cor. 4:20, Etc.)

a. Faith –

Example:

b. Gifts of Healings – Both Words Plural

Example:

c. Effecting of Miracles (aka Works of Power)

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