

God The Holy Spirit
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THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“Religious work can be done well and skillfully without the gifts of the Holy Spirit, but work designated for eternity can be done only by the Spirit, through the gifts He imparts. We have every right to expect our Lord to grant His gifts, which He has never withdrawn---we fail to receive only through error and unbelief.” Tozer

1. The Vocabulary of Spiritual Gifts: 1 Cor. 12

- A. Don't be ignorant of 'spiritual gifts' – *pneumatica*-(v-1)-Refers to, 'spirituals' (things of the Spirit) since *gifts* is not in the original.
- B. There are diversities of *gifts* – *charismata*-(v-4)-'spiritual gift', from *charis* or grace. A charisma is an enabling or blessing freely bestowed by God which cannot be earned. '**Charismatic**' comes from this word meaning the quality of extraordinary spiritual power; gifted or endowed with a spiritual gift, or gifts, having a special talent or ability which is supernatural or from The Holy Spirit.
- C. There are differences of *administration* – *diakoniai*-(v-5)-or 'ministries'. Gifts are spiritual in origin but ministries in regard to application so that there may be ministry to the body of Christ.
- D. There are diversities of *operations* – *energemata*-(v-6)-This refers to energy that produces an effect or result.
- E. The *manifestation* of the Spirit is given to every man to profit all – *phanerosis*-(v-7)-This is an outward evidence in the body of Christ causing the believer to be aware of God's presence. The test of genuineness is that it profits the whole body.
- F. Diversity-*diairesis*-(1 Cor. 12:4-6). The idea here is that of distribution. There are many spiritual gifts and each believer should have some manifestation of the Spirit.

2. The Purpose of the Gifts: 1 Cor. 14:3

- A. Edification-*oikodome*-The act of building a structure. When we edify we are building living stones into the temple of God (1 Pet. 2:5).
- B. Exhortation-*paraklesis*-encourage or consolation, provoking one another to good works (Heb. 10:24).
- C. Comfort-*paramuthia*-to sooth, console in persecution and sorrow.

3. Maturing in The Gifts: 1 Cor. 13:20

- A. In your thinking be mature. 1 Cor. 14 teaches about the mature use of the Gifts.