

**THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT-Sermon 7**  
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**The Gifts of Doing (Hands)**  
**Gift of Miracles: 1 Cor. 12:10**

1. **Its DIVINE Source:** The God given ability to cooperate with The Lord as He performs miracles. The word 'miracle' is '*dunamis*'. It speaks of God's energy or power, ability and might.
2. **Its IMPORTANT Place:** A major theme in the Bible. They are part of the 'good news'. Without miracles we have an incomplete Gospel. The works of Christ accompany His Word (Heb. 2:4). This is not merely an internal matter of the heart but an external manifestation of the power of God beyond human ability.
3. **Its COOPERATIVE Manifestation:** Governed by the will of God and obedience of man.
  - a. Hearing the Word: Ez. 37:1-10-God told what He wanted done and then action was taken. Jesus did only what He was told to do: Jn. 5:17, 19-20).
  - b. Believing the Word: Ro. 10:17-Faith comes by hearing...then obey.
  - c. Speaking the Word: Ps. 33:6-the world made by God's Word spoken. His Word has evocative power: To bring forth, create.
  - d. Acting on the Word: Acts 20:9-10-Paul acted in faith by lying on Eutychus.
4. **Its GLORIFYING Purpose:** By miracles God is glorified and made known ...
  - a. By delivering and preserving His people: Jn. 2:11-manifested His glory. Miracles validated His message and identity.
  - b. Miracles accompany preaching the Gospel and evangelism: Mk. 16:15-20.

The great need of the Church is to believe and contend for this gift. It is dependent upon faith and obedience. We must believe and practice this gift if it is to be operative. With God nothing is impossible.

**SUMMARY**

**A. WHAT IT IS NOT:**

- 1. NOT SO-CALLED MIRACLES OF SCIENCE.**
- 2. NOT SIMPLY A WONDER OF NATURE.**
- 3. NOT SIMPLY A SURPRISE.**
- 4. NOT MODERN SURGICAL SKILLS**

**B. WHAT IT IS:** A demonstration of the supernatural power of God. John 14:12-Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believes on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. **MIRACLES ACCOMPLISH GOD'S DIVINE WILL:** Miracles are performed to deliver people in danger. Miracles cause people to be saved. Denying miracles does not!

**ADDITIONAL BIBLICAL EXAMPLES**

**1. FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT:** God raised the dead for Elijah and Elisha (I Kings 17:21). Elijah had power over rain. The bears ate the children who mocked Elisha. The men who came to arrest Elijah were struck dead. Naaman's leprosy possessed Gehazi. Moses had power over rain, hail, and frogs. He rolled the waters back, made the sun stand still, caused the ax to swim, took the burn out of the fire, won the battle for Gideon, protected the children of Israel from disease, rot, and ruin while they were in the wilderness. He

protected their clothes 40 years, and fixed Moses where his eyes did not grow dim.

**2. FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT:** Jesus turned the water into wine (John 2); commanded Lazarus to come forth from the dead after he had already been embalmed (John 11); fed 5000 with five loaves and two fishes. Nine lepers were healed; but one of them was made whole as he later worshiped Jesus (Luke 17). When Peter went into a room and found the people weeping over a corpse he first knelt and prayed; then he arose and commanded the woman to arise. She was restored to life. This miracle resulted in many turning to God (Acts 9:39-43). Paul raised a man to life after the man fell out of a window and was killed (Acts 20:6-12). Paul wrought special miracles through handkerchiefs and aprons (Acts 19:1-6); two deacons, Philip and Stephen, had signs and wonders follow their ministry confirming the Word of God which they preached (Acts 6-8); Ananias, who held no known office in the church, laid hands on Paul for Paul to be healed and to receive the Holy Ghost; Paul struck a man blind (Acts 13:11). God trusted men with miracles. *Expect a miracle!*

**The Bible is a book of miracles and God is a God of miracles.**