

The Diversity of Spiritual Gifts and Their Functions

Relevant Texts

Minor References – Spiritual Gifts

- 1 Corinthians 7:6–7 (??)
- Acts 20:28
- Hebrews 2:2–4
- 1 Corinthians 14:1–33

Major Lists of Spiritual Gifts

- Ephesians 4:7–14
- 1 Peter 4:10–11
- Romans 12:3–8
- 1 Corinthians 12:1–31 (two lists)

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Every Mention of A Spiritual Gift in the Passages

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| 2. utterance of knowledge | 28. speaks in a tongue | 55. revelation is made |
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| 14. gifts of healing | 40. speaks in a tongue | 67. evangelists |
| 15. helping | 41. interpret | 68. shepherds and teachers |
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| 18. apostles | 44. tongues | 71. gift from God [contextually: celibacy] |
| 19. prophets | 45. prophecy | 72. prophets |
| 20. teachers | 46. speak in tongues | 73. teachers |
| 21. work miracles | 47. prophesy | 74. overseers |
| 22. gifts of healing | 48. revelation | 75. signs |
| 23. speak with tongues | 49. tongue | 76. wonders |
| 24. interpret | 50. interpretation | 77. various miracles |
| 25. prophesy | 51. speak in a tongue | |
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Consolidated List

1. ability to distinguish between spirits
2. acts of mercy
3. administrating
4. apostles
5. contributes
6. evangelists
7. exhorts
8. faith
9. gift from God [contextually: celibacy]
10. gifts of healing
11. helping
12. interpretation of tongues / interpret / interprets / interpretation
13. leads
14. prophets / prophesy / prophecies / prophecies / revelation / prophecy / revelation is made
15. serves / [deacon]
16. shepherds and teachers / overseers / [elder]
17. teachers / teaching / teaches / speaks (might be referring to prophecy)
18. utterance of knowledge / knowledge
19. utterance of wisdom
20. various kinds of tongues / speak with tongues / speaks in a tongue / speak in tongues / speaking in tongues / pray in a tongue / tongues / tongue / speak in a tongue
21. working of miracles / work miracles / miracles / signs / wonders / various miracles

Categorized List

1. Leadership Gifts

- a. apostles
- b. shepherds and teachers / overseers / [elder]
- c. teachers / teaching / teaches
- d. administrating
- e. leads

2. Revelatory Gifts

- a. prophets / prophesy / prophecies / prophecies / revelation / prophecy / revelation is made / speaks (likely referring to prophecy)
- b. utterance of wisdom
- c. utterance of knowledge / knowledge

3. Service Gifts

- a. serves / [deacon]
- b. helping
- c. acts of mercy
- d. contributes
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4. Uncategorized

- a. evangelists
- b. exhorts
- c. ability to distinguish between spirits

5. Sign/Miraculous Gifts

- a. gifts of healing
- b. working of miracles / work miracles / miracles / signs / wonders / various miracles
- c. various kinds of tongues / speak with tongues / speaks in a tongue / speak in tongues / speaking in tongues / pray in a tongue / tongues / tongue / speak in a tongue
- d. interpretation of tongues / interpret / interprets / interpretation
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2. Utterance of wisdom
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1. Serves / [deacon]
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1. Evangelists
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1. Working of miracles / work miracles / miracles / signs / wonders / various miracles
2. Faith
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4. Various kinds of tongues / speak with tongues / speaks in a tongue / speak in tongues / speaking in tongues / pray in a tongue / tongues / tongue / speak in a tongue
5. Interpretation of tongues / interpret / interprets / interpretation

Miracles

1. Terms for Miracles
2. Definition of Miracle
3. Function of Miracles
4. Who performs?
5. Gift of miracles

Healing

1. God as Divine Healer
2. Healing in the OT
3. Jesus and Healing
4. Healing in Acts
5. Pastoral Concerns

Tongues-Speaking

1. What is Language?
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3. The Prescription of the Use of Languages
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 - A. Ecstatic Outbursts
 - B. Unlearned Human Languages
 - C. Angelic Private Prayer Language

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JOPLIN, MO., FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 28, 1903

REVIVALIST IN GALENA HEALS THE SICK---CRIPPLES ENABLED TO WALK

Rev. Charles F. Parham has been holding a series of revival meetings in Galena for a couple of weeks and some wonderful testimony is being given out by his converts.

The wicked are being forgiven and blessed, the blind are made to see, cripples throw away their crutches and walk as they never walked before, and the Rev. Mr. Parham does it all without pay and without charge.

He does not claim to possess any supernatural power, and says he has no gift that is not in the possession of everybody who is willing to place all his or her faith in the Creator. Some wonderful things have been accomplished by this man and his followers in Galena and his tent is filled with large crowds each night.

The religion which he preaches is a new one and is somewhat startling in some of its beliefs. He maintains that there is no use in educating missionaries in the foreign languages, but insists that if they have the power of the Holy Spirit within them they will have the power to talk and teach christi-

anity in any tongue. He says this is demonstrated among his followers in every city where he holds meetings. He says people who receive the Holy Spirit talk in tongues, they never before heard or studied. His statement is roused for by many of Galena's best people.

The question that now confronts the visitor to this man's meetings is, "Are the manifestations of the Day of Pentecost again at hand? Is the power of God, which was made manifest through the apostles of Christ both to the Jews and Gentiles, that of speaking in many tongues, casting out of devils, cleansing the flesh of its ailments and making the people to believe, again come?"

The Rev. Mr. Parham clings to no creed or doctrine, but says he preaches the simple truth of the bible. He does not think it at all strange that some of his converts receive the Holy Ghost and are able to speak in foreign tongues, some in German, some in French, and others in Japanese, Yiddish, Hebrew, Swede, Italian or Chinese. In speaking of this seeming-

ly wonderful feat last night after his meetings had closed, Rev. Mr. Parham said to a Globe reporter:

"Since the days of the apostolic church few authentic cases of the baptism of the Holy Spirit are recorded. We have found that the early Catholic fathers, upon reaching the shores of Japan spoke the native tongue, and that Irving, a Scotchman, during the last century, received his Pentecost and spoke in the Italian language. So you see there is nothing new in this gift.

"At one of our meetings last summer a sister was reading a verse from the bible, when suddenly she began reading in a tongue that was entirely foreign to the others gathered at the meeting except one. When she had finished reading she did not know what she had said. She did not know whether she had been speaking in German, French, Italian or Spanish. After we had discussed the affair for some time a Hebrew drummer who sat in the rear arose and said he had understood every word she had read, and that it was the very best of Hebrew without any foreign accent."

Related Issues

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