

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit pt.5

Welcome to Harvest Community Church

Series: The Holy Spirit

Text: 1 Peter 4:9-11, Romans 12:6-8

The nine spectacular gifts are the most well-known of scripture. They are given by the Spirit of God and have no connection to our own natural abilities.

The next set of gifts are known as grace gifts or creational gifts because of how they interact with how God made us. These gifts work within our personality, disposition and strengths. They work within the framework of our shape. **Ephesians 4:16**

* **These Spiritual Gifts often take what we can do in our own natural ability and intensifies, sanctifies, amplifies and transforms that ability.**

Grace / Service Gifts

- Administration – these are detail people. They help the church with business, both financial and secretarial. They are good organizers and managers. They primarily give guidance and assistance behind the scenes. **1 Corinthians 12:28**

This is the divine enablement to help with organization, finances, planning and details. The ability to plan and execute strategies and procedures that accomplish goals, vision, and ministry. The management of organizations, people, tasks and coordination of responsibilities.

- Helps – these are people with a servant's heart, willing to go anywhere and do anything, “the foot soldiers” of God’s army. The word “Helps” means partaker, relief support. This is a willing heart to do anything and go anywhere to assist leaders and people in need. People with this gift enjoy serving “behind the scenes” but know they are a vital part of the work of God.
- Giving – gifted by God to give financially, emotionally, and physically to help others. Those who long to give of their time and possessions. **Romans 12:8, Ephesians 4:28** Those with this gift recognize God’s blessing on their life. The divine enablement to contribute money and resources to the work of the Lord with cheerfulness and liberality. Their question is not, ‘how much do I give?’ but ‘how much of God’s money do I keep?’
- Serving / Service – God given desire and ability to assist others in the body of Christ. It is rendering personal aid and help to others. Some call this the gift of ministry. **Romans 12:7, 1 Peter 4:10-11** The divine enablement to accomplish practical and necessary tasks which free up support and meet the needs of others. This gift helps others be more effective while using their gifts.

- Hospitality – this involves ministering to others by inviting them into your personal life, providing friendship and fellowship. **Romans 12:13**
Those with this gift have a way of making strangers feel like family. The divine enablement to care for people by providing fellowship, food and shelter.

Talents

- Music – the ability to play an instrument or compose music. This includes those who can sing and those who can lead others in corporate worship.
- Drama – to creatively minister through stage and screen to illustrate God’s Word creatively.
- Craftsmanship – those that are skilled with their hands and are creative and practical. This includes - art, sewing, mechanics, plumbing, building, construction. All used for the Glory of God.
- Writing – a special ability to formulate thoughts and ideas into meaningful written forms so that readers will find courage, guidance, knowledge, inspiration and edification.

Special Graces

- Celibacy – a gift for those who are graced with self-control. It frees them from the responsibilities of marriage, family and family pressures, allowing them to give their undivided attention to the work of the Lord. **1 Corinthians 7:7-9, 27-35** Those gifted by God to remain single without regret and with the ability to maintain control over sexual impulses so as to serve the Lord without distraction.
- Martyrdom – these are people who are killed for the cause of Christ. Their very life becomes a powerful object lesson of God’s faithfulness and an example of true commitment to Christ. They refuse to deny Christ or compromise the message God gives them. You can only use this grace once.
1 Peter 4:12-13, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, Acts 7:57-60
- Poverty – the special ability God gives to some to purposefully live an impoverished lifestyle to serve and aid others with their material resources.

Relational Gifts

- Encouragement – someone with this gift is called alongside to help, to comfort, and to appeal to another. These people often cheer others up. They help to strengthen those who are discouraged and help to stimulate a deeper walk with God. The motive of encouragement is love; the objective is to build the body of Christ.

Hebrews 10:24-25, 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12, Acts 14:22, Acts 11:23

This special ability God gives in order to offer comfort, words of encouragement, hope and reassurance to the discouraged, weak or troubled in such a way that they are consoled.

- Exhortation / Prophecy – the ability to help others reach their full potential by means of encouraging, challenging, comforting and guiding. The divine enablement to present truth in a way that motivates to action. This is done by challenging sin, strengthening the discouraged or those wavering in their faith.
- Leadership – this refers to the one “standing in front”, people who have received divine enablement to instill vision, to motivate and inspire others. It is overseeing the activities that accomplish the work of the ministry. It involves modeling and setting an example and helping develop others in their calls and giftings. Those who lead are to admonish, instruct and warn. **2 Timothy 2:15, 1 Thessalonians 5:12**

Some have called the Gift of Leadership the Gift of Ruling. This gift is given to certain members of the body of Christ for presiding over and directing the activities. They are the Generals, and the officers of God’s army. This happens in National, Regional, Statewide and Local levels. (Breakdown of Assemblies of God - National, District, Sectional, Local Church Board)

- Mercy / Compassion – **Romans 12:8** People with this gift are instructed to minister with cheerfulness, they have the proper attitude and temperament to minister to the hurts and suffering of others. They have a gentle happiness that overcomes the despair of others. Those with this gift become personally involved with other’s hurts; they lift others out of despair and are not brought down themselves. They are filled with grace and compassion and do not seek recognition or become self-righteous. To have mercy is to relate to others with sympathy, respect and honesty. This gift is ministered with kindness, tenderness and compassion.

James 3:17, Matthew 23:23, Luke 10:29-37

The Divine enablement to cheerfully and practically help those who are suffering or are in need by putting love into action. The grace to relate with others with sympathy, respect, honesty and kindness. The ability to do this even when people have repeatedly brought situations on themselves.

- Counseling – the divine enablement to effectively listen to people and assist them to wholeness. These people are compassionate, insightful, honest, forthright, and tactful. They offer advice from the Word of God and rely on the Spirit for guidance. They will correctly point out problems caused by sin and will insist on forgiveness and reconciliation. They minister comfort and guard against being judgmental and controlling.