



## THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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### **1 Cor. 12:1**

Nine gifts in total. God wants us to function in all nine gifts, He doesn't just give us one.

### **The nine gifts can be divided into three categories:**

- Vocal (inspirational)
- Power
- Revelation

#### **I. Vocal gifts:**

- Tools of inspiration, spoken.
- Tongues, interpretation and the word of prophecy.
- Inspiration is released.
- Consciousness of **God's presence**.
- Reveals the Word of God to us.
- Give us whatever we need **to say**.

#### **Tongues described as:**

- Tongues of man: Languages of the world you've never learnt before. **Acts 2**
- Devotional tongue: Speaking mysteries in the spirit, God only understands. Also used in worship. **1 Cor. 14:2**
- Message in tongues: Could sound similar to devotional tongue, but this is communicated to people. **1 Cor. 14:27, 28**
- Tongues of angels: Given by God to commanders (**1 Cor. 13:1**). Commonly only used by people in the five fold ministry (used in spiritual warfare).

#### **The Gift of prophecy is for:**

- Edification
- Exhortation
- Comfort

### **1 Cor. 14:2-3**

Function in the body to do His work, not to abuse, but to honor God. Be careful not to give your own opinion!

### **1 Cor. 14:24, 25**

Cannot be used to expose sin in other people. Unbelievers will be convicted anyway.

### Five things we learn from prophecy:

- Learn to respond to the inner workings and stirrings of the Holy Spirit.
- Learn to become accustomed to the voice of the Holy Spirit and the way He speaks.
- Learn to receive a direct word from the Holy Spirit into our spirits.
- We learn to discern what we are hearing in our mind and in our spirit.
- Learn to be an open channel that can be used by God.

### Three realms of prophecy:

1. **Ministry of the prophet** (five-fold): Edification, exhortation, consolation, revelations of the past, present and the future, revelations of the realms of the spirit, counsel (ways and workings of the Holy Spirit), direction and the plans, destiny, predictions- future plans/judgments of God, constant operation of the word of knowledge, wisdom, discerning of spirits, revelation of God's Word. Person is called by birth.
2. **Gift of prophecy**: Resident inside of the person, stir and start functioning by practice.
3. **Spirit of prophecy**: Atmosphere becomes saturated with the Spirit, and it becomes conducive of prophecy. Person does not need to be baptized with the Holy Spirit, because it is taken from the atmosphere. **I Cor. 14:29-33**

### Seven ways to receive prophecy:

1. Exact words, specific implications.
2. Sense of a message (one or two words).
3. First words or first sentence.
4. Vision or a picture. Get the interpretation of the vision before you share it with an individual.
5. A song or a part of the words trigger a prophetic word.
6. Rhema-word (revealed word). The Holy Spirit reminds us of a revealed word and that becomes the prophecy.
7. Activation of a man.

### Important things to remember:

- Prophecy focuses on the **positive**. Starve the negative by speaking the positive into the atmosphere.
- We need to ask God for a prophetic word, to start functioning in the gift of prophecy.
- We have to have a renewed mind by the Word, do not sow seeds of doubt, by that we invalidate the Word and cripple it.

### Nine ways to release prophecy:

1. Prophetic oracle.
2. Prophetic exhortation.
3. Inspired prayer.
4. Prophetic singing:
  - Singing in the Spirit: gift of tongues with the interpretation (e.g. tongues and English, same song in two languages).
  - Singing unto the Lord: creating the words as you sing (no message).
  - Prophetic singing: to sing the prophecy. Combine the message with the melody.
5. Prophetic action. **Acts 21:10,11**
6. Vision.
7. Personal prophecy - directed to an individual.
  - To correct past and establish the present, aligning the present to God's purposes.
  - What is the need? Releases compassion of God.
  - Commendation.
  - Gifting.
  - Areas that holds person down.
  - Future.
8. Corporate prophecy – Done by apostles and prophets- destiny of a church, nation, etc
9. Prophecy in my devotion. **Matt. 9: 20**

## 2. Power gifts:

- Avenues of demonstration.
- Bring a consciousness of **God's sovereignty**.
- Reveal the work of God.
- Whatever we need **to do**.

### Power Gifts can be divided into three categories:

1. Healing (extra ordinary powers of healing).
2. Miraculous powers (signs and wonders).
3. Faith.

#### 2.1 Healing

Special ability that God gives to the body of Christ to serve as intermediaries through whom it pleases God to cure illness and restore health apart from the use of natural means.

#### **1 Cor. 12:28 ...gifts of healings...**

This seems to imply that there are many varieties of the gift for different kinds of illnesses. We cannot restrict the gift of healing only to physical diseases, but it can also be used to cure mental, emotional and spiritual illnesses. God's will is to heal us.

We need to exercise this gift in faith. Have an expectancy. Don't stop because you don't see immediate results, keep on practicing.

The gift of healing doesn't make doctors and nurses obsolete. Modern medical healing should not be confused with the gift of healing.

#### 2.2 Miraculous powers

Special ability that God gives to the body of Christ to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to perform powerful acts that are perceived by observers to have altered the ordinary course of nature.

This has to do with the creation power of God; supernatural intervention. E.g. the parting of the Red Sea; A person who has only one kidney supernaturally receives another kidney.

#### 2.3 Faith

This is the highest of the power gifts. Healing and miraculous powers is unlocked by this gift.