



## **The Doctrine of Spiritual Gifts, part 1**

***How has Christ blessed me to be His servant and how can I maximize my service for Christ***

### **I. What is a spiritual gift?**

“A special ability, manifestation or anointing given by the Spirit to empower and equip believers to serve one another, build up Christ’s Church and help fulfill the Great Commission”

### **II. What is the purpose of spiritual gifts?**

Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-14, 27-31; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Peter 4:10-11, 1 Timothy 2:4-7

1. To serve one another in the Body of Christ
2. To help Christ’s church grow in love, unity and maturity
3. To produce fruit in preaching the gospel and making disciples

4. To express God's truth of unity in diversity

### III. Are all the gifts mentioned in the Bible still available today?

#### A. The gifts mentioned in the Bible:

Romans 12

<sup>6</sup> Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if **prophecy**, according to the proportion of his faith; <sup>7</sup> if **service**, in his serving; or he who **teaches**, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> or he who **exhorts**, in his exhortation; he who **gives**, with liberality; he who **leads**, with diligence; he who shows **mercy**, with cheerfulness.

1 Corinthians 12

<sup>8</sup> For to one is given the **word of wisdom** through the Spirit, and to another the **word of knowledge** according to the same Spirit; <sup>9</sup> to another **faith** by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of **healing** by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> and to another the effecting of **miracles**, and to another **prophecy**, and to another the **distinguishing of spirits**, to another *various kinds of tongues*, and to another the **interpretation of tongues**.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church, first **apostles**, second **prophets**, third **teachers**, then **miracles**, then gifts of **healings**, **helps**, **administrations**, *various kinds of tongues*. <sup>29</sup> All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they? <sup>30</sup> All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they?

Ephesians 4

<sup>11</sup> And He gave some as **apostles**, and some as **prophets**, and some as **evangelists**, and some as **pastors and teachers**, <sup>12</sup> for the

equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ

### **B. Views on gifts today**

1. Cessationist
2. Pentecostal
3. Charismatic
4. Open but cautious

### **IV. Does every believer have one or more spiritual gifts?**