

## Gifted to Serve, part 2

1 Corinthians 12:4-13, 27-31

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup> And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*. <sup>7</sup> But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <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>11</sup> But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

<sup>12</sup> For even as the body is one and *yet* has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. <sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<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? <sup>31</sup> But earnestly desire the greater gifts., And I show you a still more excellent way.

### **1. The Holy Spirit baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ and all believers drink of the same Spirit (12:13)**

<sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

### **2. The Holy Spirit gives different gifts, calls to different ministries and produces different results (12:4-6)**

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### **3. The Holy Spirit manifests Himself in speaking gifts to believers (12:8-11,28)**

<sup>7</sup> But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

#### Word of Knowledge

The speaking gift of knowledge is the divine strength or ability to bring truth to a situation by supernatural revelation and/or the disciplined study of Scripture and Theology. This is often accompanied by a word from God. Biblical References: Acts 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:8; Colossians 2:2-3

#### Word of Wisdom

The speaking gift of wisdom is the divine strength or ability to understand and to bring clarity to situations and circumstances often through applying the truths of Scripture in a practical way. Biblical References: Acts 6:3,10; 1 Corinthians 2:6-13, 12:8

#### Prophecy

The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to communicate God's truth and heart in a way that calls people to repentance and obedience to God. This gift can be expressed in bold proclamation of revealed truth and through supernatural revelation of things made known by God. Biblical References: Acts 2:37-40, 7:51-53, 26:24-29; 1 Corinthians 14:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 1:5

#### Tongues (and Interpretation)

The gift of tongues is the divine strength or ability to communicate a message from God in an unknown language to the speaker when accompanied by the gift of interpretation. The gift of interpretation is the interpreting and communicating a message given in tongues. When no

interpreter is present, the speaker is to pray by himself in communion with God. Biblical References: Acts 2:1-13; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 14:1-14

### Teaching

The gift of teaching is the divine strength or ability to study and learn from the Scriptures primarily to bring understanding, depth, and life-change to other Christians. Biblical References: Acts 18:24-28, 20:20-21; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-14

## **4. The Holy Spirit manifests Himself in serving gifts to believers**

<sup>7</sup> But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

### Apostleship

The gift of apostleship is the divine strength or ability to pioneer new ministries in helping to fulfill the Great Commission. Biblical References: Acts 15:22-35; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Galatians 2:7-10; Ephesians 4:11-14

### Discerning of spirits

The gift of discernment is the divine strength or ability to spiritually identify falsehood, to distinguish between right and wrong motives and to delineate the work of the Spirit from the demonic. Biblical References: Matthew 16:21-23; Acts 5:1-11, 16:16-18; 1 Corinthians 12:10; 1 John 4:1-6

### Faith

The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe in God for unseen supernatural results in every arena of life. Biblical References: Acts 11:22-24; Romans 4:18-21; 1 Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 11

### Healing

The gift of healing is the divine strength or ability to act as an intermediary in faith, prayer, and by the laying-on of hands for the healing of physical,

mental and spiritual sickness. Biblical References: Acts 3:1-10, 9:32-35, 28:7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28

### Helps

The gift of helps is the divine strength or ability to work in a supportive role for the accomplishment of tasks in Christian ministry with the ability to often see the need before others do. Biblical References: Mark 15:40-41; Acts 9:36; Romans 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 12:2

### Miracles

The gift of miracles is the divine strength or ability to alter the natural outcomes of life in a supernatural way through prayer, faith, and divine direction. Biblical References: Acts 9:36-42, 19:11-12, 20:7-12; Romans 15:18-19; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28

## **5. There is a functional order to the gifts within the church (12:27-31)**

## **6. There are equipping gifts that mobilize believers to service and build up the body of Christ**

Ephesians 4:11-12

<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;

### Evangelism

The speaking gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to share the gospel and lead lost people to salvation. This gift can function in one on one conversations or in preaching. Biblical References: Acts 8:5-6, 8:26-40, 14:21, 21:8; Ephesians 4:11-14

## Pastor/Shepherd

The serving gift of pastor/shepherd is the divine strength or ability to care for the personal needs of others by nurturing and mending life issues in order to guide people to spiritual growth. Biblical References: John 10:1-18; Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-3

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