

Prophetic Teaching 101

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

I. Spiritual Gifts

A. Definition of Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual gifts—Are the **supernatural enabling** by the Holy Spirit to all believers for the building up and the advancement of the church and of the kingdom of God.

B. **Spiritual Gifts** are not natural talents or natural abilities; not doing natural abilities better. **Spiritual gifts** are things that God enables in your life to be used once you come into relationship with him and once you're walking with him you will see that spiritual gifts are used to **glorify God**, **serve others** and **build the church**—never to glorify you.

C. Categories of Spiritual Gifts

1. Ministry Gifts—Ephesians 4:11-13 (Five Fold Ministry—Equipping, Edifying and Unifying the Church)

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the **apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers**, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

2. Motivational Gifts—Romans 12:6-8 (Serve to reveal God to others)

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

3. Manifestation Gifts—1 Corinthians 12:8-11 (Revelation; Power; Vocal)
⁸ for to one is given **the word of wisdom** through the Spirit, to another **the word of knowledge** through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healings** by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another **the working of miracles**, to another **prophecy**, to another **discerning of spirits**, to another **different kinds of tongues**, to another **the interpretation of tongues**. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

I. Manifestation Gifts

A. Three Categories of the Manifestation Gifts

1. **Revelation Gifts**—The Word of Wisdom; The Word of Knowledge; Discerning of Spirits
2. **Power Gifts**—Faith; Gifts of Healing; Working of Miracles
3. **Vocal Gifts**—Different Kinds of Tongues; Interpretation of Tongues; Prophecy

B. Nine Gifts Of The Holy Spirit:

1. **Word of Wisdom** (Revelation Gift)

It is a portion of **God's wisdom** directly and supernaturally imparted by the Holy Spirit.

Wisdom is the ability to **know** the right thing at the right time.

(God downloads as you pray in the Spirit (prayer language; Acts 2:4)

Sometimes when you pray over someone the Holy Spirit may give you a Word of Wisdom for a situation they are going through.

2. **Word of Knowledge** (Revelation Gift)

It is a portion of **God's knowledge** imparted by the Holy Spirit about something that is **known**.

It's not known by the person giving the word; It's known by the person receiving the word. (i.e. Acts 5:1-6,7-11 Ananias and Sapphira)

A Word of Knowledge can bring conviction. It deals with something that is **known** naturally by the one being spoken to.

(John 4:17-19; Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the well).

3. **Gift of Prophecy** (Vocal Gift)

Gift of Prophecy—is the ability to speak words given by the Holy Spirit in a language understood by the speaker of a future event

(Acts 11:27-30 Agabus prophesied through the [Holy] Spirit a severe famine would come on the entire world).

Facts about Prophecy

- Prophecy is given for people and it is used for direction, edification and comfort.
1 Corinthians 14:3(AMP) But the one who prophesies speaks to people for edification [to promote their spiritual growth] and [speaks words of] encouragement [to uphold and advise them concerning the matter of God] and [speaks words of] consolation [to compassionately comfort them].
- Prophecy is directed to believers; Unbelievers who hear prophecy can be convicted by the truth of the gospel, be saved, and acknowledge God's presence among them.
1 Corinthians 14:22b, 24-25: "Prophecy, however, is for the benefit of believers...But if all of you are prophesying, and unbelievers or people who don't understand these things come into your meeting, they will be convicted of sin and judged by what you say. As they listen, their secret thoughts will be exposed, and they will fall to their knees and worship God, declaring, "God is truly here among you."
- Prophecy Can Be Tested.
1 Thessalonians 5:19-21: Do not quench [subdue, or be unresponsive to the working and guidance of] the [Holy] Spirit. Do not scorn or reject gifts of prophecy or prophecies [spoken revelations—words of instruction or exhortation or warning]. But test all things carefully [so you can recognize what is good]. Hold firmly to that which is good.
- Prophecy Can Be Judged
See Derek Prince Handout about *How to Judge Prophecy*
- Prophecy is Conditional Based on Obedience: Saul's disobedience caused him to lose the kingdom.
1 Samuel 13:13-15: ¹³"You have done a foolish thing," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. ¹⁴But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command."

4. **Discerning of Spirits** (Revelation Gift)

It is God's Holy Spirit Operating in a believer to determine if someone or a demonstration is from God or the flesh or the devil. Discerning of spirits—It reveals the motivation of what is taking place.

5. **Different Kinds of Tongues** (Vocal Gift)

This Gift of Tongues is the ability given by the Holy Spirit to speak in a language not understood by the speaker.

The Gift of Tongues is only to be displayed when there's an interpretation.

6. **Interpretation of Tongues** (Vocal Gift)

It's the ability given by the Holy Spirit to speak in a language understood by the speaker the meaning of the words previously spoken in an unknown language.

7. **Gift of Faith** (Power Gift)

It is God given assurance that is not swayed by what is seen.

When God imparts Divine Faith (gift of faith) human beings can just speak forth just the same way that God speaks and it's just as though God has spoken those words.

Measure of faith is for salvation (to be saved); once I am saved then that seed can grow.

8. **Gifts of Healing** (Power Gift)

The supernatural ability of God that flows through one to bring restoration to the body.

Gifts of healing supernaturally restore people to wholeness and creates an environment of faith.

9. **Working of Miracles** (Power Gift)

It's the operation of the Holy Spirit through believers that overcome natural laws.

II. Prerequisite For Spiritual Gifts

1. You Must Be Saved and Receive The Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38

³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

2. You Must Desire.

1 Corinthians 14:1

"Let love be your highest goal! and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy...I would rather have you prophesy...so that the church may be edified.

3. You Must Believe and Seek God—"God Use Me."

Hebrew 11:6

⁶ For he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

4. You Must Develop Your Faith.

Hebrew 11:6a

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*

Romans 12:6

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;

III. Resources:

Books:

- *Prophets and Personal Prophecy: Guidelines For Receiving, Understanding And Fulfilling God's Personal Word To You*
Author: Dr. Bill Hamon
- *God Still Speaks: How To Hear And Receive Revelation From God For Your Family, Church, And Community*
Author: John Eckhardt
- *Smith Wigglesworth on Spiritual Gifts*
Author: Smith Wigglesworth

Spiritual Gifts Test:

- <https://spiritualgiftstest.com/>
- Finding Your Spiritual Gifts: Helps You Identify and Understand Your Unique God-Given Spiritual Gifts
Author: C. Peter Wagner—On Amazon \$5.99