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21 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Scripture Reading before Invocation Prayer: 1 Corinthians 12: 27 – 31 ye are the body of Christ.

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 11 Now Concerning Spiritual Gifts

## Subject: NOW CONCERNING SPIRITUAL GIFTS, BRETHREN, I WOULD NOT HAVE YOU IGNORANT. (1 Corinthians 12: 1) KJV

Romans 12: 4 – 8	Ephesians 4: 7 – 12	1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 11, 18
OPERATION	ADMINISTRATION	MANIFESTATION
Prophecy/Proclaiming	Apostles	The Word of Wisdom
Ministry/Serving	Prophets	The Word of Knowledge
Teaching	Evangelist	Faith
Exhorting	Pastors	Healing
Giving	Teachers	Miracles
Ruling		Prophecy
Show Mercy		Discerning of Spirits
		Tongues
		Interpretation of Tongues

**THE BODY OF CHRIST** – We are the members of the Body of Christ! 1 John 4: 17 **because as he is, so are we in this world.** (cf. 1 John 2: 5 - 6, Rom. 12:4 - 5, Eph. 4:12, 1 Corinthians 12: 12 & 27, Eph. 4: 4 - 5, Eph. 5: 23 - 24, Col. 1: 18 & 24, Eph. 1: 22-23)

Ephesians 4: 16 EVERY JOINT SUPPLIETH "The whole is greater than the sum of the parts"

James 1: 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift cometh down from the Father of lights. (cf. Hebrew 2: 4, 1 Corinthians 12: 11) We should be prayerfully seeking God's will for our livelihood.

# NOW CONCERNING SPIRITUAL GIFTS, BRETHREN, I WOULD NOT HAVE YOU IGNORANT.

When you became a Christian, God gave you a gift and you may not see or understand your true value if you don't know your Gift and your worth in the sight of God and the Church.

The Gifts of OPERATION is the BODY OF CHRIST, and they manifest in a tangible way the traits of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You are a visible image of an invisible God!

Prophecy / Proclaimer: ability to reveal sin and bring a man to Christ and the Love of God.

Server: Demonstrates the Love of God, through good deeds. Christ went about doing good.

Teacher: ability to explain the Love of God. Jesus opened their understanding.

**Exhorter:** ability to stimulate and motivate in the faith, focus on progress. (Acts 11: 22 - 24)

**Giver:** ability to make money and entrust to others to free them from financial pressure so that they can better exercise their gifts; for the furtherance of the Gospel. God Gave!

**Ruler:** ability to administrate, guide, oversee, produce creative ways to victory. Sees the big picture, and organizes with authority to delegate the right persons for the right job.

**Show Mercy:** Ability to comfort the distressed, often have suffered themselves, sensitive of others especially hurting people, with genuine love. Jesus was touched with the feeling of our infirmities. The Good Samaritan is another example.

### HOW DO I DISCOVER MY SPIRITUAL GIFT?

Get familiar with the 7 gifts that make up the Body of Christ. (1 Peter 4: 10)

Think through how you are best involved in people lives.

Compare the Focus of each gift and consider if one best fits your passion.

Consider the problems that may occur for misuse of a gift.

Get involved with others and see how it fits.

Seek council with people who understand the gifts.

Do not despise prophecy (I Tim. 4:14 Neglect not the gift given thee by prophecy)

The principle of finding a job or gifting that is second nature to you, which may stress out others but is second nature to you, as God is working through you and strengthening you. This will give success in your marriage, with your children and with your job occupation.

### **MANIFESTATION GIFTS:**

**The Word of wisdom:** A knowledge of the mysteries of the gospel and ability to explain and apply to everyday life. Wisdom is Applied knowledge.

**The Word of knowledge:** knowledge of mysteries – a skill and readiness to give advice and counsel in perplexed situation. (1 Corinthians 2: 3)

Faith: enabled to trust God in any situation

Healing: anointed to heal the sick

Working of Miracles: Anointed with the gift of miracles

**Prophecy:** to explain scripture by the gift of the spirit.

**Discerning of Spirits**: power to distinguish between true and false spirits and false prophets. Distinguishes between the Holy Spirit, Angelic Spirits, Demonic Spirits, human spirits.

**Tongues**: ability to speak languages by inspiration. Known and unknown, tongues of men and angels. Spiritual songs and Spiritual praise and praying in the spirit are more often used than unknown tongues in the Church. (1 Corinthians 14: 13 – 19)

Interpretation of Tongues: Ability to render or interpret foreign languages.

#### **ADMINISTRATION GIFTS:**

Apostles – Missionary, prophet, messenger of God, one who is sent out.

**Prophet** – one who utters divinely inspired revelation, a revealer of God's will.

Evangelist – Messenger to the unconverted, especially by public preaching. Teaches how to witness.

Pastor – under Shepherd, overseer, looks after and feeds the sheepfold or flock.

**Teacher** – Explains the scripture and makes it relevant in our daily lives.

Colossians 2: 19 The Body working together causes INCREASE. Grace is given for the individual, but gifts are given to serve others and glorify God. True fulfillment comes from discovering your gift, developing it and using for the Glory to God. Responsible Ministry builds a relationship with them and God; not tying them to you, then through you to God! There is one Mediator!

Colossians 2: 16 – 23 "HOLD THE HEAD UP" "SO WALK YE IN HIM"

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