

# Supernatural

A Study on the Spiritual Gifts  
Teacher Edition

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**NOTE TO THE TEACHER**

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**Supernatural: A Study on the Spiritual Gifts**  
Part 1: Understanding Spiritual Matters

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**Introduction:** Our Father in Heaven is not far from each one of us. He desires to be close to us and to move in our lives. God sent the Holy Spirit to us so that God could speak to us and through us. He provides power to do miracles in us and through us. He reveals knowledge and wisdom to us and through us to help us live our lives together with Him.

In this series, we are going to study the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and believe God for the anointing to operate in all that He has for us.

**God wants us to understand and experience the working of the Holy Spirit.**

I Corinthians 12:1 “Now concerning spiritual [gifts], brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant.”

## **I. Now Concerning Spirituals**

The word “gifts” is not in the original Greek text. It is probably in italics in your Bible. Whenever a word is in italics in your Bible, they have added that word to the original text in an effort to help convey the meaning of another language.

Literally this verse is saying, “Now concerning spirituals” – spirituals are things pertaining to the spirit realm; spiritual matters; spiritualities (4152).<sup>1</sup>

In verse one, Paul is introducing a new topic that will continue through chapter 14, teaching several things about spiritual matters.

It is important that we study this subject with our hearts. We have to be careful not to take spiritual truth and try to structure it, label it, and then put God in our box of understanding. Instead, we must hear with our spiritual ears and be open to follow His leading.

## **II. Keeping on track**

“I do not want you to be ignorant.” Paul is writing the church at Corinth because they were in error concerning the moving of the Holy Spirit through individuals in a corporate setting. Paul wanted the Corinthians to understand the working of the Holy Spirit so that the church could operate together with the Spirit. Paul spent time to teach the believers in his letter because he knew they couldn’t have what they didn’t know about.

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<sup>1</sup> The NASB Interlinear Greek-English New Testament; Vines

Now with any subject in the church, you usually will see extremes, where people have taken spiritual truth and gone off track. When a person gets into error, its like getting off into a ditch. We want to stay on the road of truth so we can walk in the freedom and success that truth brings. There have been some ditches of error in the church today with the moving of God's Spirit. Some, in their hunger to experience the supernatural, have opened themselves up to what is not God. Others have gone into the opposite ditch, avoiding, even restricting the moving of God's Spirit. To keep the Corinthians on the right track, Paul spent time teaching on the operation of God's Spirit. Paul did not want error to hinder the church from receiving from God.

It is also important to note that you don't have to be a mature Christian or a perfect person in order to be used by the Holy Spirit. The people at Corinth were carnal, yet God was anointing them with His Spirit to accomplish His will. God is looking for people who are seeking Him and willing to obey His leading. Paul wrote to instruct and correct the Corinthians, but he did not discourage them from seeking the move of the Holy Spirit. Thank God for spiritual leaders who oversee us to avoid error, which could cause damage. Thank God for leaders who encourage us to pursue truth, growth, and holiness while experiencing the move of God's Spirit.

#### **A few reasons to stay on track with truth**

- **Truth will bring success and freedom.**  
**Error can keep people bound and unsuccessful.** Sometimes people don't understand why they aren't walking in God's best. It takes wisdom and application of God's whole counsel to walk in the fullness of His benefits. Sometimes people are blind to their own shortcomings. Sometimes it is obvious to others, but not so obvious to the person who is bound.
- **Truth will guard us from damaging our lives.**  
**Error can cause damage to people's lives.** If you say "this is a message from God" and it's not a message from God, it can cause damage to someone's life. Some like to throw the responsibility of speaking for God onto the one receiving it, but God has always put the responsibility on His servant. Some of God's children are babes in Christ, and just like an infant, they eat whatever is in the bottle. They can't always make the right discernment.
- **Truth can lead us to know God.**  
**Error can distort our understanding of God.** If our understanding of whom God is or what God wants for us is distorted, then it will affect our relationship with God.

### **III. Fundamental Truth about Spiritual Matters**

In an effort to lay a foundation for understanding the gifts of the Spirit, let's look at some basics concerning spiritual matters.

#### **A. You are a spirit**

1. God is a spirit being.  
John 4:24

2. We are spirit beings, made in God's image.  
Genesis 1:26
3. We have a soul and live in a body.  
I Thessalonians 5:23 (soul includes intellect and emotions)
4. Sin brought spiritual death  
Romans 5:12

Death meaning that people were separated from God - their life. Death does not mean that people stopped existing as spirit beings.

5. The new birth regenerated the spirit  
John 3:3
6. The soul and body are referred to as flesh.

#### **B. The world typically operates in the natural**

1. The unregenerate man has a spiritual disconnection from God.
2. The unregenerate man is naturally minded
  - a. What the soul understands (intellectually, emotionally, etc)
  - b. What the body understands (the five senses)
3. The unregenerate man can be aware of the spirit realm
  - a. Intuition, or the six-sense, is really the spirit of man.
  - b. Some entertain devils, whether they know it or not

#### **C. The Holy Spirit indwells the Christian**

1. When we are born again, our spirit is renewed.  
  
II Corinthians 5:17  
Our soul and our bodies are not changed right away.
2. The way we know God is through our spirit.
3. The Holy Spirit is God.

He is part of the trinity – one of the big three. He is our superior. He comes alongside us to empower us to obey God. He's been called our Helper, but He is also our Leader. We are to follow Him, and in following Him, He backs up our ministry with His anointing.

The Holy Spirit is not subordinate to us. He is not our assistant as if we were in charge of Him; rather He is in charge of us.

The same Holy Spirit that is living inside of us and leading us and empowering us is the same Spirit that created the worlds and raised Jesus from the dead. Tremendous power is available to us to do the works of Jesus on the earth. There is nothing that we cannot do in obedience to God.

4. The Holy Spirit comes to live on the inside of us.
5. The Holy Spirit empowers us through the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

#### **D. We can develop spiritually**

1. Growing spiritually is a process.

It doesn't matter what age you are. A young person can be more mature spiritually than an older person who has never developed spiritually.

2. The more we mature, the more like God we become.

The less we tolerate sin and carnality.  
The more giving and free we are.  
The less offended we are.  
The less self-focused we are.  
The less talkative we are.  
Not so opinionated.

3. The more we develop spiritually; the more aware we are of spiritual matters.

The more mature we are, the more easily we recognize His voice.  
The more mature we are, the more easily we know His leading.

4. We can grow spiritually through prayer, the Word, and the local church.

II Peter 2:2  
People who do not read the Bible are not mature spiritually.  
People who are not committed to a local church are usually immature.

5. We can also weaken spiritually.

Similar to the natural things, when you stop working out, you weaken.  
When you stop feeding yourself spiritually, you go backwards.

6. A Christian who is dominated by sin or the flesh is known as carnal.

We become what we behold. If we continually feed ourselves with movies, friends, thoughts, etc that are carnal (violent, sexually impure, disrespectful, wrong attitudes) IT WILL AFFECT OUR SPIRITUAL CONDITION.

## E. Understanding the Supernatural

1. Another term for what is spiritual is what is supernatural, what goes beyond the natural.

2. Spiritual truth is not always intellectually or emotionally explained.

The things of the spirit go beyond natural reasoning. For example, time makes natural sense to us. The fact that God has always existed doesn't compute to our heads. But in our hearts, we know Him and we understand Him as the source of all life.

Often spiritual matters are referred to as secrets or mysteries because they are not naturally understood.

How can you love someone who has hurt you? How can you ever trust them again? You can't explain the love of God. People may think you are crazy, but you operating beyond what is natural love.

3. The natural way of thinking often opposes the spiritual way of thinking.

Romans 8:7

4. Natural things are temporal, but spiritual things are eternal.

5. Everything spiritual, or supernatural, is not always of God

What we might think is God could be our human spirit, an angelic spirit, or a demonic spirit. The enemy is a deceiver. He tries to appear to be God to get the vulnerable person to follow his lead. As we mature spiritually, we learn to look to the Holy Spirit for discernment.

6. The spectacular and the supernatural are not always the same thing

We want to pursue God, who is supernatural, or spiritual.

If we pursue what is spectacular, we may end up missing God. The enemy is an angel of light and is very good and drawing people into error.

7. The Spirit of God and the Word of God ALWAYS agree.

The Holy Spirit will NEVER show you something that disagrees with the Word of God.

The title of this series is "Supernaturally Natural." We are spirit beings. When we develop spiritually and open ourselves up to the Holy Spirit, the workings of the Spirit should seem natural to us. In an attitude of a yielded heart, understanding that God wants this for everyone – we were all created to know God. With a humble heart, we can say that our God speaks to us, He reveals mysteries to us, and His power is tangible to us. It's supernaturally natural!

**Supernatural: A Study on the Spiritual Gifts**  
Part 2: The Holy Spirit Baptism

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Before getting into the Spiritual Gifts, we need to look at the One we is manifesting His works through us – the Holy Spirit. We need to see what the Bible has to say about how the Holy Spirit empowers us to be used by Him for the Lord's purpose.

### **TWO SEPARATE WORKS**

1. **Baptism of water**

[Matthew 3:11-12](#)

This experience is describing our salvation, when the Holy Spirit comes and lives within us. The baptism in water is an outward sign of what has happened to us on the inside.

2. **Baptism of fire**

[Acts 1:4-5](#)

This experience is describing the Holy Spirit baptism, when the Holy Spirit comes and empowers us. The fire is not literally, but figurative of the power of God.

Every Christian has the Holy Spirit living on the inside of them. Not every Christian has gone the extra step to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. There are too separate works to be saved and to be filled with the Spirit.

### **EVIDENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM**

In each of these experiences, the evidence, or outward sign, of the baptism of the Holy Spirit was speaking in tongues. Thousands of people in many nations have had this experience today.

1. **The Day of Pentecost**

[Acts 2:1-4](#)

2. **The people of Samaria**

[Acts 8:5-8; 14-17](#)

3. **The Apostle Paul**

[Acts 9:17; I Corinthians 14:18](#)



4. Cornelius and friends  
Acts 10:44-46
  
5. The people of Ephesus  
Acts 19:1-6

#### **WHAT IS IT?**

1. Speaking in languages that you do not understand.  
I Corinthians 14:15
  
2. Unknown languages of men and angels  
I Corinthians 13:1

#### **TWO DIFFERENT THINGS**

The Holy Spirit is not restricted to only a few. He is given to us all, and His power is available to us all, not just for our own benefit, but for the will of God to be done in the earth.

There are two uses of tongues. Later one we will study one use of tongues when we look at the gifts of the Spirit, but before we do, we need to understand that the other use is for anyone at anytime.

1. **Personal Use (Praying in the spirit)**

This use of tongues is available to any believer who wants it. This use is the evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

- A. **WHY? Your spirit prays what your mind does not understand**

Romans 8:26

God does not show favoritism. He would not bless one person with the ability to pray with His Spirit and not another.

- B. **WHY? We become spiritually stronger**

Jude 20

Speaking in tongues, or praying in the spirit, helps us to grow spiritually. This is for the benefit of every believer.

C. WHO? Who are we speaking to?

God

I Corinthians 14:2

Through speaking in tongues, we pray mysteries to God. They are secret because our mind does not understand, but we are speaking out God's will from our heart, our spirit.

D. WHO? Who is it for?

Everyone

This is for any believer to be used at any time. God does force Himself on us. He will not force any of us to speak in tongues. This ability to pray and speak the words of God are subject to our willingness to be used by Him.

2. Public use

The public use of tongues is given as the Spirit of God moves upon an individual to speak a message from God.

A. Message from God

I Corinthians 12:7-11; I Corinthians 14:27

B. There must be an interpretation

There is no benefit if there is not an interpretation. No one will understand the message if there is no interpretation.

C. Sign to the unbeliever

Acts 2:11; I Corinthians 14:22a

## THE HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM OPENS THE DOOR

- The Holy Spirit baptism preceded the supernatural ability to speak in tongues.
- The Holy Spirit empowers us to work together with Him in the gifts of the Spirit.
- The operation of the Holy Spirit is spiritual.

We are spirit beings. The Holy Spirit is a spirit being. The gifts are spiritual.

If you are not filled with the Holy Spirit or have spoken in tongues, we encourage you to ask the Father for this empowerment. You can receive His power just like you received His salvation, just ask for it and believe that you receive this baptism of fire and the evidence of speaking in tongues.

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Part 3: The Manifestations of the Holy Spirit

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### **The Gifts and Surrounding Scriptures**

I Corinthians 12:1 “Now concerning spiritual [gifts], brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant.”

Paul is beginning a new thought that starts in chapter 12 and goes through chapter 14. The word “gifts” is not in the original language in verse one. Over these three chapters, Paul writes about a variety of workings of the Spirit of God.

### **Four Words Concerning Spirituals**

I Corinthians 12:4-7 “(4) There are diversities of **gifts**, but the same Spirit. (5) There are differences of **ministries**, but the same Lord. (6) And there are diversities of **activities**, but it is the same God who works all in all. (7) But the **manifestation** of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.”

After verse 7, Paul lists nine ways that the Holy Spirit works through individuals.

**Gifts** (5486, charisma): “a gift involving grace.”

“Endowments upon believers by the operation of the Holy Spirit in churches.” Used in verses 9, 28, 30, 31.

This word for gifts is used when talking about the gift of righteousness, eternal life, and gifts that are imparted to individuals for ministry.

I Peter 4:10-11 “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11) If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever, Amen.”

**Ministries** (1248, diakonia): “office and work of a minister.”

Translated “administrations” in the KJV. Area of service; positions in ministry, such as a pastor, apostle, etc. Romans 12:7; Acts 6:4

**Activities** (1754, energeo): “Workings or operations of God.”

This word is talking about the workings of God. It is translated operations and also activities. Also used in I Cor.12:11 “But one and the same Spirit works all these things.” It is also used in Galatians 3:5 “Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the Law, or be the hearing of faith?” Ephesians 3:20 “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we

ask or think, according to the power that works in us.” It is the Holy Spirit working, operating, moving, being active.

**Manifestation** (5321, phanerosis): [“Unveiling, revealing.”](#)

“A manifestation.” Used in II Corinthians 4:2 “...nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth...” Talking about unveiling and seeing the light of the Gospel and the glory of God. This word being used as a revealing. God revealing Himself to us.

## **The Holy Spirit Moves in a Variety of Ways**

### **1. [Diversity](#)**

Verses 4-6 are saying to us that God uses more than one method to accomplish His purpose. There are gifts, ministry gifts, and operations, and manifestations of the Spirit. It takes a yielded dependent heart to work together with the Holy Spirit. This is faith. This is following after the Spirit of God.

So if we want to move together with God, we have to be careful that we learn what the Word of God says about the gifts and not be ignorant.

### **2. [One Giver](#)**

There are a variety of gifts, ministries, and activities; however God is the source of them all. He is the One we receive from. He is the One who is moving.

### **3. [For our good](#)**

Verse 7, God’s workings are for the profit of all. Whatever he gives to us, it is for our benefit.

## **Misconceptions about the word “Gift”**

Following verse 7 Paul lists nine ways that the Holy Spirit will supernaturally move upon a person to minister to others. We call them the “Gifts of the Spirit.” You can see from the preceding verses that they are really called “Manifestations of the Spirit.” We are making this clarification because of some misconceptions about the word “gift.” When we think of the word “gift” we think:

### **1. [That certain gifts belong to us as our ministry](#)**

One misconception with the Spiritual Gifts is that an individual is assigned a gift that belongs to them and becomes their ministry, and they say that they have the gift of faith, for example. However, the gift of faith is available to everyone. All of the nine manifestations of the Spirit are available to all of us, as the Holy Spirit chooses to move.

So it isn’t accurate when someone says, “I have the gift of prophecy” or “I have the gift of discerning of spirits.” No, the manifestations of the Spirit belong to God

and He ministers them as He desires. They are a gift to be used for the purpose needed at the moment.

The gifts are more appropriately called manifestations.

2. [That some gifts do not belong to us](#)

Also, if you think that one or two belong to you, then you would probably think that the rest of the gifts do not belong to you. There are no gifts of the Spirit that are off limits to you. Make yourself available to be used of the Lord in any way that He chooses.

All nine gifts are available to all.

3. [That individuals can use a gift whenever they want to](#)

Some people think that they can cause a gift or a manifestation of a gift whenever they desire. However, we operate in the gifts when the Spirit of God moves us to. We should continually stay open to what the Holy Spirit wants to do, ready for action.

That doesn't mean that we shouldn't minister unless we sense the anointing. We have the Anointing, the Holy Spirit, living inside of us. Jesus told us what to do, so we need to be doing the work of the ministry. However, the moving of the Spirit cannot be conjured up. When we move in the gifts, it is because we have the unction to do so.

If you've been used in prophecy before, sometimes people will come to you for a word from God. If God is speaking, you can speak. If God is not speaking, don't make something up. This is where people get into error. You don't have to stir up the Holy Spirit. Either He's speaking or He's not.

The gifts of the Spirit are manifested as the Spirit wills.

### **What We Need to Know About the Moving of the Holy Spirit**

1. [The Holy Spirit will empower you, but not overpower you](#)

I Corinthians 12:2 "carried away...however you were led." The Holy Spirit will lead you, but *He will not drive you by compulsion*.

2. [Our ministry will harmonize with the ministry of Jesus.](#)

If something disagrees with Jesus' message, it is not God.

3. [Our ministry will always endeavor to bring people under the lordship of Jesus Christ.](#)

If something opposes the idea of surrender to the lordship of Jesus Christ, it is in error.

4. God will use imperfect people

The people of Corinth were carnal, and God still used them. However, people who are in sin or immature can cause great damage in the body of Christ.

5. If you are a Christian, you are a candidate to be used in the gifts of the Spirit.

6. We are to follow the Holy Spirit's leading

I Corinthians 12:11 "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills."

Hebrews 2:4 "God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?"

- The Holy Spirit knows the mind of God.

I Corinthians 2:11 "For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God."

- The Holy Spirit works as a representative of the Father God

John 16:13 "When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

- We need to be spiritually aware of the Spirit's leading.

Romans 8:14

God usually wants to move, and He is just waiting on us to recognize what He wants to do. We need to learn to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and His leading.

Is there ever a time that God doesn't want to move? Not normally, but there are times when God has been grieved and will not manifest Himself. There are several cases in the old and new testaments where God refused to move, mostly because of sin. There are several cases in the old and New Testament where God chose to administer judgment instead of grace. We cannot make God do something that opposes His will.

But isn't the Holy Spirit here to empower our authority, so whatever we say is what He has to do? Isn't the Holy Spirit our helper, or our assistant?

Our authority is given as a representative of God. The Spirit will not back up what is not in line with God's purpose. For example, what if Peter tried to raise Ananias and Sapphira from the dead after God's judgment brought death to them both? Peter would have been working against the

Holy Spirit. But we're told that we can and should raise the dead. But we have to be working together with the Holy Spirit. God chose not to extend His new covenant mercy on Ananias and Sapphira, but to extend judgment. The closer you get to the glory and the anointing of God, the swifter the judgment. The couple didn't die out in the marketplace, they died in the presence of the apostle and the anointing of God that was on his life. If you are a son, someone submitted to the Father, than you will look for His leading. If you are a rebellious son, you do whatever you want to do no matter what Daddy wants. There are some believers and ministers who get an arrogant, rebellious attitude about ministry. Watch out!

The anointing can increase and decrease. The anointing is the power of God. We can't heal in our own strength. We can't cast out devils in our own strength. We can't move a mountain in our own strength. We need to power of God to do it. Isn't the power of God always available to us?

7. [You can develop in our spiritual perception and operation.](#)

You become more aware of what is happening in the spirit. You start picking up on things. God shows you things along the same line as the pastor preaches sometimes.

You become more accurate when following the Spirit. It's like tapping into a vein or following the flow of a river.

8. [The Holy Spirit will operate through you privately and publicly.](#)

If you are alone with God, He may give you a word of knowledge that is for you and you alone. He may give you a word of wisdom, a prophecy, discernment of a spirit, a miracle, a healing, faith, or even a message in tongues that is only for you.

There are other times when you may be in a group of two or three and operate in the gifts. Other times you may be in a large group of people.

9. [The manifestations of the Spirit are for inside and outside the church services.](#)

The gifts are not always for inside the church. However, concerning church services, God has different purposes for different church services. Sometimes the purpose is to teach. Sometimes the purpose is to inspire and encourage. Sometimes the purpose is to minister a healing anointing. Sometimes God will stop the whole service just to reach one with a word of prophecy.

So if we're teaching, and God says to have a healing service, what do we do? We stop teaching and we minister healing. Our Sunday morning services have a purpose. Our midweek services have a purpose. Are our Sunday mornings and our midweek services different? Yes. That's how the Holy Spirit is moving us. Our Sunday mornings are for casting out a net and reaching the unchurched, the

spiritually immature, and the spiritually mature. Our midweek services are for those who want to go deeper. As pastors do we notice those people who want to go deeper? Yes. Do we notice that we have people who don't want to go deeper? Yes. We meet them where they are at and try to bring them up a level. If you give babies too much meat, they'll choke. Some Christians get so self-centered that they don't care if the babies or the unchurched get choked or confused or scared. God has purpose. Couldn't we freak out the babies and unchurched by trying to force a move of God's Spirit? It will be in the flesh and cause more damage than good. It can even open people up to anything supernatural, even demonic. There's nothing new under the sun. We've seen it happen. Pastors getting into sin, divisions in churches, because they despised the leading of the Spirit of God in the churches. Be careful not to think that you know more than the pastor. God has a plan. He's showing it to the pastor. The pastor sees the big picture. The pastor sees the babies. The pastor sees the unchurched. The pastor sees long-term stability and growth. Remember that God resists the proud. God establishes and sets His ministers in position. You come against that pastor and you're also coming against the God that placed that person in their position.

10. [The manifestations of the Spirit are for believers and unbelievers.](#)

I Corinthians 14:24-25



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Part 4: Spiritual Gifts Categories

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### **Three Categories**

I Corinthians 12:8-10 “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.”

The Bible does not divide these nine gifts into three categories, but we will for the purpose of understanding them.

### **Revelation Gifts: Gifts that reveal the unknown**

1. [Word of wisdom](#)
2. [Word of knowledge](#)
3. [Discerning of spirits](#)

### **Power Gifts: Gifts that change things**

1. [Faith](#)
2. [Gifts of healings](#)
3. [Working of miracles](#)

### **Utterance Gifts: Gifts that speak a message**

1. [Prophecy](#)
2. [Tongues](#)
3. [Interpretation of tongues](#)

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE MANIFESTATION GIFTS**

### **1. The nine manifestation gifts are supernatural**

When something is revealed to you by the Holy Spirit, it is supernatural.

If you know something because you observed it, it isn't a gift of the Spirit.  
If you know something because you figured it to be so, it isn't a gift of the Spirit.  
If you know something because you are guessing it is so, it isn't a gift of the Spirit.

### **2. The gifts of the spirit should not be taken lightly.**

The gifts of the Spirit should be honored and given great respect. We shouldn't be flippant concerning the gifts. We shouldn't be quick to step out and speak if we don't have the anointing or the assurance that it is the Holy Spirit using us. There is nothing in the word about "practicing" the gifts. You need to know that you know that you know.

If someone has a message, treat it respectfully. Let's not be guilty of hindering the Holy Spirit

### **3. Words from God can be conditional**

II Kings 20:1 Isaiah had a word of wisdom for Hezekiah. He was told that he should get his house in order because he would die. However, Hezekiah repented and asked for 15 more years and God gave it to him.

God told Jonah that Nineveh would be destroyed. The people of Nineveh repented so God did not destroy them.

### **4. Everything that is supernatural is not always of God.**

### **5. Anyone can miss it.**

There is a human element here, so there is a possibility of error. We're not trying to be negative about the gifts, so as to cause people to hold back, but sometimes in teaching truth, you also have to warn against error.

The whole message could be right or wrong. A portion of the message could be right or wrong.

I Corinthians 14:32 "And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets." In other words, as the one giving the message, you have control. You are not overtaken or possessed by the Holy Spirit where you are out of control.

If we are not fully submitted to the Lord, His message could come through a person's filters. We need to realize that our opinions, our prejudice or our thoughts could get added to the message. A person could minister in error, or a person could receive a gift in error. Both the minister and the person being

ministered to need the Holy Spirit's help to discern between what is right and wrong.

6. [The Gifts of the Spirit are subject to the person giving them](#).

7. [We should ask the Holy Spirit to confirm it in our hearts](#)

The Holy Spirit bears witness in our spirit if something is true or not true. Not looking for a sign, but an inward nod yes or no.

8. [We should test every manifestation through scripture](#)

If they did it with Paul's teaching, we should do it with everything.

Acts 17:11 "... they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so."

If you want to move in the supernatural, but get away from the Word of God, you can open yourself up to the dark side of the spirit realm – to Satan and wicked spirits. Satan will work with you if you are not submitted to God and His Word. Don't just seek to hear any voice, seek to hear the voice of God.

9. [The Word and the Holy Spirit always agree](#).

10. [We must stay on guard against spiritual pride](#).

When the Master of the Universe works through us, there could be a temptation to let that go to our heads.

Mature saints build up the church. There is love. There is humility. There is honor. Saints that get into pride will rub against the church. Love is missing. Humility is missing. They begin to compare their ministry with other ministries and tear others down. It's so sweet when the Lord uses a saint when they use their ministry to build up the kingdom.

### **Discerning the leading of the Holy Spirit**

As we grow spiritually, the more clearly and distinctly we can know God's voice, but we must always remain humble to keep on track with God the Father. Even mature saints that have experienced great miracles have been known to get into error later in their lives.

1. [You can know when it is God](#)

[Romans 8:16](#) "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God."

[John 16:13-15](#)

The Holy Spirit guide you into all truth...

2. You can know when it is the [human mind](#)

[Hebrews 4:12](#) “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

3. You can know when it is [an evil spirit](#)

[I John 4:1](#) “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

Not only were there false teachings, leadings, or prophecies in the Old Testament or the New Testament, but we also have them today.

[II Corinthians 11:14](#) “... for Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.”

[II Corinthians 11:12-15](#) Watch out for boasters. “I get more results in my ministry than they get in theirs.” Their motive isn’t building up the kingdom of God – it’s tearing down. If a person’s heart is right, they don’t boast, they don’t tear down.

Guard against spiritual pride.

### **How you can check yourself**

1. Am I working together with [the Holy Spirit](#)?

The anointing isn’t felt by emotion; the anointing is sensed through the heart.

The Holy Spirit will confirm to you if it is of God or not. Look inside.

If the Spirit isn’t moving in a gift, it’s okay. It could be a time to teach. Don’t feel pressured to try to make something happen.

2. Does this agree with [the Word of God](#)?

You don’t always have the whole word when you start to give it, but you usually have the gist of it. Sometimes as you are obedient and begin to share, the rest of the word comes as you are speaking.

If what you do know disagrees with scripture, then you can be confident that it is not God.

However, just because it agrees with scripture, it doesn’t mean that it is God. Remember that Satan quoted scripture to Jesus, “He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you, in their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.”

3. [Have I made myself accountable to my pastor?](#)

Go to your pastor with any gift that is flowing in a church service or a church gathering. Make yourself accountable.

A shepherd is responsible for his sheep. There have been many who have been in error, and usually they like to give words to people when they are in private so that there is no accountability. It's best to let the pastor know what God is doing through you. A pastor, who loves God and wants the Spirit of God to move, will not want to hinder you.

If your heart is right, and if you have done something in error, you will want to be corrected.

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Part 5: Word of Wisdom

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Go over the Basics Review

## **MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT**

I Corinthians 12:8-10 “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.”

I Corinthians 12:1 Does God want us to be ignorant of the gifts, or does God want us to experience the manifestation of His Spirit? Does God want us to know what it is to work together with the Holy Spirit and see great works accomplished for the kingdom of God?

There has been some error with Spiritual Gifts, but we shouldn't stop seeking to know the move of God's Spirit simply because other people have been stupid. These gifts are for the church today, not just for our benefit, but also for God's benefit – so that the kingdom can be established, so that people can know His love, so that the world can know that God is real and tangible.

These are nine manifestations of the Holy Spirit. We call them the Gifts of the Spirit.

These are nine listed ways in I Cor. 12 that the Holy Spirit can operate through person in a private or public setting so that the will of God can be done.

The Bible does not divide these nine manifestation gifts into three categories, but we will for the purpose of understanding them.

The Revelation Gifts [reveal something](#)

The Power Gifts [do something](#)

The Utterance Gifts [say something](#)

### **Revelation Gifts**

1. [Word of wisdom](#)
2. [Word of knowledge](#)
3. [Discerning of spirits](#)

## How the Revelation Gifts are known

- You can receive a [“knowing” in your spirit](#).

When something is revealed to you, you suddenly have a knowing that you didn't know before. You didn't know it one moment, but then you did the next... because it was given to you, supernaturally.

- You can receive a [“word” in your spirit](#).

You can also hear specific words from the Holy Spirit in your Spirit, giving you a portion of knowledge.

- You can receive a [vision or dream](#)

The Holy Spirit can give you an image when you pray and you see something specific in the spirit realm. There are also visions where the physical senses are suspended and a person goes into a trance. God also can give dreams. If a dream is from God, you will have an immediate interpretation of the dream.

## REVELATION GIFTS

The gifts of the Spirit are for us under the new covenant. The Holy Spirit moved in similar ways under the old covenant and in the life of Christ also, but in a different measure. With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, He can move through any Spirit-filled believer.

### The Word of Wisdom

Description: [The word of wisdom gives revelation on something specific that we are to do.](#)

- The word of wisdom is [a piece of wisdom](#)

The word of wisdom is given so that you will know what to do. It is known as the “word of wisdom” not the “gift of wisdom.” This gift does not give you all wisdom, but a word of wisdom, a portion of wisdom, something that you or someone else needs to know to do something with. It's like a piece of pie – its not the whole pie, only a slice of it – the part that we can apply for the moment.

This is not natural wisdom; this is wisdom that is given by the Holy Spirit supernaturally. You did not know what to do, and now you do know what to do because the Spirit of God revealed it to you.

- The word of wisdom is [for the present](#).

It's a “now” word – wisdom on what to act on right now. Even if we don't get the full picture, God wants us to act in obedience on what we know to do for the moment.

**God has purpose for giving a Word of Wisdom**

- To reveal instructions  
Acts 9:10-16 Ananias knew that he was to go minister to Saul.  
Acts 8:26-29 told Philip what to do.
- To anoint ministers for office  
Acts 9:15
- To avoid disaster  
Acts 27:10 They could have avoided losing their ship and merchandise.  
Acts 27:23-24 Wisdom that saved each life on the ship.



## **Supernaturally Natural: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

### **Basic Review**

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#### **I Corinthians 12:8-10**

1. The Revelation Gifts reveal something
2. The Power Gifts do something
3. Utterance Gifts say something

#### **Revelation Gifts**

1. Word of wisdom
2. Word of knowledge
3. Discerning of spirits

#### **Power Gifts**

1. Faith
2. Gifts of healings
3. Working of miracles

#### **Utterance Gifts**

1. Prophecy
2. Tongues
3. Interpretation of tongues

#### **You can know the Leading of the Spirit**

1. You can know when God wants to speak through you  
Romans 8:16; John 16:13-15
2. You can know when your human mind is working  
Hebrews 4:12
3. You can know if there is an evil spirit talking to you  
I John 4:1; II Corinthians 11:14

#### **How You Can Check Yourself**

1. Am I working together with the Holy Spirit?
2. Does this agree with the Word of God?

3. Have I made myself accountable to my pastor?

**Basic Review**

1. We call the Gifts of the Spirit “gifts” but the Bible refers to them as “manifestations.”
2. No one is assigned a gift of the spirit. All nine gifts or manifestations are available to all.
3. The nine gifts are supernatural.
4. The Gifts of the Spirit are manifested as the Holy Spirit wills.
5. The Manifestation Gifts should not be treated as common or lightly.
6. Words from God can be conditional.
7. The Gifts of the Spirit are subject to the person giving them.
8. Anyone operating in a gift can get it wrong or give it wrong.
9. Anyone receiving a gift could interpret it wrong.
10. We should test every manifestation through scripture.
11. We should ask the Holy Spirit to confirm it in our hearts.
12. Everything that is supernatural is not always of God.
13. The Word and the Spirit always agree.
14. If you are a Christian, you are a candidate to be used in the Gifts of the Spirit.
15. You do not have to be perfect to be used by the Holy Spirit.
16. The Holy Spirit will operate through you privately and publicly.
17. The Gifts of the Spirit are for inside and outside of church services.
18. The Gifts of the Spirit are for believers and unbelievers.
19. When you have a gift to share in a church service, submit yourself to the pastor so that the manifestations are given orderly and in a way for all to hear.
20. When you have a word for an individual in a church setting, submit it to the pastor. Many false messages are given in secret.

**Supernatural: A Study on the Spiritual Gifts**  
Part 6: Word of Knowledge

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## MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT

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## WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

Description: The word of knowledge is a revelation of a specific fact.

- The word of knowledge is a piece of knowledge

The word of knowledge is given so that you will know something. It is known as the “word of knowledge” not the “gift of knowledge.” This gift does not give you all knowledge, but a word of knowledge, a portion of knowledge, something that you or someone else needs to know.

- The word of knowledge is supernatural

This is not natural knowledge; this is knowledge that is given by the Holy Spirit supernaturally.

There is always purpose in God giving a Word of Knowledge.

1. To reveal that God is real

**John 4:17, 18** Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well that she has had five husbands and the one she was with now was not her husband. How did He know that? She didn't tell Him. He knew by the Spirit of God. Didn't Jesus know everything? No, Jesus was in human form and did not know everything. He was working together with the Holy Spirit.

Notice that Jesus was not in the temple, but at a well in Samaria with a woman who had made some bad choices in her relationships with men. God knows us and cares for us.

As a result of this manifestation of the Spirit, the woman believed that God was at work and went and told people in her town and they came to meet Jesus and hear what He had to say.

2. [To reveal information that we need to do the will of God](#)

Acts 9:10-12 Ananias knew that Paul had been converted and he was to go minister to him.

[Acts 10:9-48](#) Peter knew through a vision that salvation was for the Gentiles. In verses 19 and 20 the Holy Spirit revealed that there were three men seeking to hear salvation through him. He told Peter to go down and meet with them, not doubting that salvation was for the Gentiles.

God was very specific. Verse 19 tells us that God told Peter that three men would be looking for him.

God knows what we need to know.

Like Peter, we need to move forward. We can't camp at the last word God gave us and stay there.

In Acts 9 God was very specific with Ananias about Paul. It wasn't the full picture, but God did give step by step instruction.

3. [To reveal information to give encouragement](#)

[I Kings 19:18](#) God encourages Elijah... you are not alone, I have 7,000 more. Now get up. He got a second wind.

4. [To reveal information to expose sin and give correction](#)

[II Kings 5:25, 26](#) Elisha knew that Gehazi had received gifts as gratitude for Naaman's healing rather than pointing the man to glorify God.

Preachers have to be careful what they receive. Laymen have to be careful what they receive when God uses us. Is it for the kingdom? Are we giving God the credit or taking the credit for ourselves?

Jerry always tells me where he is and when he's coming home. One afternoon in 2000, Jerry was an hour late. I got concerned. The Lord told me, "He's with a friend." Time continued to pass, and concern came on me again. Jerry came home. The Lord said to me, "If you can't trust My voice now, how will you do it when I send him to the nations?" There were many times I would go to God and ask if Jerry was okay and He would let me know he was safe. In Guyana when the guerrillas were looking to kidnap and hold Americans for ransom. In Kenya when the US embassy had closed and all flights leaving the country were canceled.

5. To reveal [information as a warning](#)

[II Kings 6:9-12](#)

God revealed the enemy's war plans each time Syria tried to set themselves against Israel

6. To reveal [lost property or things that are hidden](#)

[I Samuel 9:3-6,20; 10:21-23](#)

I Samuel 9 Saul and the donkeys. They went to the prophet Samuel to find out where the donkeys were. God had a reason in the lost donkeys, to lead them to Samuel. Then Samuel told Saul where the donkeys were.

[I Samuel 10:21-23](#) Where is Saul? The Lord let them know that Saul was hiding in the luggage.

God may speak to you through a donkey, a spouse, a child, or even someone that you have difficulty with. Look beyond the messenger and seek to hear from your God.

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**Part 7: Discerning of Spirits**

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## **MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT**

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## **DISCERNING OF SPIRITS**

Description: The discerning of spirits gives insight into the spirit world.

Definition of discern: “to perceive, recognize, distinguish, differentiate, separate.”

### **Types of Discernment:**

1. Natural discernment

Some are more naturally discerning than others.

- You can sometimes naturally discern if something is true or false.
- You can sometimes naturally discern if something is right or wrong.
- You can sometimes naturally discern if someone is being genuine or deceptive.

2. Supernatural discernment

This is something that every believer can have when we are led by the Holy Spirit. It is a supernatural knowing that you would not know with logic or reasoning.

3. The gift of the discerning of spirits

This is when the Holy Spirit reveals activity in the spirit realm

You perceive, recognize, distinguish, and differentiate between spirits whether it is God or Satan, angels or demons.

A lot of times we don't know whether a spirit is behind something or not. God reveals it to us. We need to know in order to deal with it. Is it flesh that we're dealing with? Is it a spirit that we're dealing with?

- The gift of discerning of spirits is [supernatural](#)
- The gift of discerning of spirits is NOT the gift of [discernment](#).

There's no such thing as the gift of discernment. It's not just being able to discern, it's being able to discern [spirits](#).

- The gift of discerning of spirits is NOT the gift of [suspicion](#).
- The gift of discerning of spirits is NOT the gift of [discerning of people](#).

It is not discerning of people like mind reading, psychological insight, and faultfinding.

- The gift of discerning of spirits is NOT the gift of [discerning devils](#).

The discernment is for both what is of God and of Satan. It also includes the discerning of angels.

## **GOD HAS PURPOSE FOR THE DISCERNING OF SPIRITS**

1. To discern between what is of [God](#) and what is of [man](#).

We need revelation when something is of God and when something is of a man, a human spirit. You don't always know. It has to be revealed.

[Matthew 16:15-17](#)

"You are the Christ"

The Bible says that Peter knew that Jesus was the Christ because it was revealed to him, not because he figured it out or heard it from someone else.

2. To discern between what is of [God](#) and what is of [an evil spirit](#).

[Acts 13:6-12](#)

"Looking intently"

[Acts 16:16-18](#)

Woman with spirit of divination. After many days, Paul dealt with the spirit, not the person. There was power that backed up Paul's command.

**There are different ways that demons operate with people:**

Demons are real, whether we like it or not. We shouldn't fear them, but we should be aware of them and our authority over them.

- A person can be possessed

A Christian cannot be possessed in their spirit by a devil. The Holy Spirit is in there.

You can love God and not be saved. You can go to church and not be born again. How did you know if you are born again? If you work miracles are you born again? No, the devil can cause supernatural manifestations to occur (Exodus 7:11 sorcerers and magicians). If you sing in church and lift your hands and dance, is that evidence that you born again? No. If you serve in the nursery faithfully for years does that mean that you are you born again? No. If you speak in tongues are you born again? No, the devil can cause people to do all sorts of supernatural things. You are only born again when you have completely surrendered your life to God and the Holy Spirit dwells on the inside of you.

- A person can be oppressed

A Christian can be oppressed. This is when a demon is attached to a Christian and is keeping them in bondage.

- A person can be Influenced

A Christian can be influenced by an evil spirit to believe the wrong doctrine, to support the wrong person, to come against a pastor or a ministry, etc.

**Some facts about devils**

- We believe that demons are fallen angels, like Satan  
*Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Luke 10:18; Revelation 12:9*
- We have been given authority over Satan and his demons through Christ  
*Ephesians 1:20-23; Mark 16:17*
- Demons only have access in the earth through a person  
*Matthew 8:31*
- Demons don't have to leave a person if that person won't surrender to God  
*Matthew 12:43-45*
- Demons can know who we are  
*Acts 19:15*
- Demons know their time is short  
*Matthew 8:29; Revelation 12:12*



- [Demons are deceptive](#)  
[II Corinthians 11:14](#)

Not everyone being influenced or oppressed by a devil is foaming at the mouth. Not everyone who is possessed by a devil has his or her head spinning around. You need revelation if a spirit is involved or not.

He can be working through a friend, family member; even a minister and we don't even recognize it. How would you know unless the Holy Spirit revealed it to you? Don't take pride in your ability to discern in your own understanding. Lean on the Lord for discernment.

Many Jews followed Absalom instead of David. Absalom was young; David was getting older. Absalom was handsome, strong, and cunning. He pulled a lot of people away from their true leader and brought tremendous destruction on the kingdom. The same happens in the church today. Pray for discernment.

Be careful who you put your trust in. A leader could have charisma, money, influence, strength, intelligence, and even anointing, yet not have a good heart. Trust and follow leaders that God asks you to serve.

3. [To see into the spirit realm](#)

[II Kings 6:16-18](#)

Elisha prayed for his servant "Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see."

Angels are there to minister on our behalf. Hebrews 1:14

[Exodus 33:20-23](#)

Moses saw God.

Hebrews 13:2 Some have entertained angels unknowingly.

4. [To know when the Holy Spirit is moving](#)

We need revelation that the Holy Spirit wants to move.

When you mature spiritually, you can sometimes pick up on the moving of the Holy Spirit in your heart. But there are other times when He wants to move and He needs you know and follow His leading.

**Supernatural: A Study on the Spiritual Gifts**  
Part 8: Faith

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Go over the Basic Review

### **MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT**

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### **POWER GIFTS: Gifts that DO something**

1. [Faith](#)
2. [Gifts of Healings](#)
3. [Working of Miracles](#)

### **SPECIAL FAITH**

I like to describe the manifestation of faith as special faith to distinguish between supernatural and natural faith.

Description: Special faith is a supernatural endowment to operate together with God in a confident dependency to accomplish a specific purpose.

- [Special faith is not natural faith.](#)

What is natural faith? Many people think faith is simply believing in God, but faith is much more than that. Faith is our yielded surrender to God, where we act in His power and grace because we are leaning on Him in dependency.

When we are in faith, we are working together with God and therefore, supernatural things can happen.

James

James teaches us that real faith is more than just believing. He makes the point that demons believe in God, but they aren't in faith. What makes a person be in faith? - A humble heart that is yielded to God to the point of action. Demons are not surrendered to God. There are people that go to church every week that are headed for hell. They aren't saved just because they believe that God is real. As the saying goes, you aren't a car just because you sit in a garage.

- [Special faith is supernatural.](#)

So if natural faith is working together with God in dependency, then SUPERNATURAL FAITH is a special endowment from God to lean upon Him to accomplish a special purpose. Remember these gifts operate as the Spirit wills, or as the Spirit is moving to accomplish God's purpose.

- [Our ability to desire, to vision, and to believe originates from God.](#)

God created appetites so that you would desire what you need. God gave you the ability to feel hunger so that you would eat. God gave you're the ability to feel thirst so that you would drink. God gave you the desire to rest so that you would sleep. God gave you the desire to procreate so that you would reproduce. Our appetites and our desires come from God and they are good things!

We also have an inward desire for Him. We have a spiritual appetite.

Even our ability to believe comes from God. Some would like to boast that they received from God based on their ability to believe, based on merit, as if they deserved it. How many know that we can't take credit for our ability to believe, because even our ability to believe comes from Him? Instead of taking credit for receiving from God, our heart should be thankful that He has revealed to us how to depend upon Him. Thank you God that you have created me to crave to know You. Thank You God, that you have given me the ability to vision and dream of You. Thank You God that you have given me the ability and the desire to lean upon You.

In the New Testament, we see that our spirit has been recreated according to the Divine Nature.

John 3:3

II Corinthians 5:17

II Peter 1:4 partakers of a divine nature

Acts 17:29 "Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising." In other words, God is not man-made, like an idol. We are His offspring, His children. Our life comes from Him.

Acts 17:28 "for in Him we live and more and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'"

God has given us His life. There are different Greek words for life just as there are different words for love, and all the words have different meanings.

Psuche: the natural life.

Bios: a time or duration of life.

Anastrophe, biosis, and agoge: manner or conduct of life

Zoe: The God kind of life

John 10:10 "I came that they may have life (zoe).

John 10:11 “The Good Shepherd lays down His life (psuche) for the sheep.

What is life? Life is descriptive of more than simply our existence. Life is our nature, our character, and our desires.

God gave us life when He created Adam. He breathed His own breath, or spirit, into Adam, and man lived. He made Adam in His own image, a spirit being. Our spirit was made to be like God and to be in union with God. Sin entered the world, separating us from our source of life. We died spiritually. The nature of mankind was changed. Sin twisted our desires, our appetites, our character, and our nature.

The new nature, the divine nature, has caused us to crave Him, His character, His integrity, and His desires.

- [Natural faith comes from within our heart.](#)

God created air then God created us with lungs to breathe the air. God is the One who gives us the ability to breathe. God is also the One who created our hearts and gave us the capability to live by faith.

Romans 12:3 “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”

In context this scripture is talking about God giving each of us a ministry, something to do. No one person is doing it all, but instead we each have a measure, something to do. When we all come together, we are performing the ministry of Christ.

Romans 12:4-8.

A cross reference is Ephesians 4:7 “But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift.” This passage goes on to speak about the five-fold ministry gifts and the ministry of helps, every person doing their part in the kingdom of God. This verse correlates with Romans 12:3 we have been given a measure of faith

Faith is more than believing, faith is dependency, doing something together with God. He has given us a measure a faith – God has assigned a portion of the work for each of us to do.

This scripture does not mean that you have been given only a portion of faith, a portion of the ability to believe God. You have the complete ability to believe God, but what you do with your surrender is up to you.

Some will completely surrender and put their active dependency in God.

Others do not completely surrender. Jesus referred to their lack of leaning on God as little faith. Their position is one foot in and one foot out. If you don’t lean

on God, you don't operate together with Him. These are known as doubters. Because they are double-minded, they can't accomplish anything together with God. Get in or get out. Be hot or be cold.

Others just don't lean on God at all. Some call themselves Christians and believe that God exists, but they have no surrender. They are unbelievers. They refuse to surrender their lives to God. Some refuse to believe that God even exists.

- [Special faith comes from a special endowment from God](#)

When there is a situation to accomplish something outside of our ability to believe, the manifestation of special faith causes us to work together with God under a special anointing.

How do you tell when its natural faith or special faith? Can natural faith raise the dead? Cast out devils? Heal? Yes. Special faith is when God asks you to do something out of the ordinary where you need His faith to accomplish it. You may not normally have the natural faith to perform something unusual, but God will cause you to supernaturally operate together with Him. You feel swept up in the spirit. It's not you, it's God in you.

- [Special faith is the supernatural ability to believe and to act.](#)

How do you know if it is natural faith or supernatural faith? In the natural you wouldn't do it. Supernatural boldness. You know – this isn't me. This was God causing me to be able to work together with Him to do something I wouldn't normally do.

- [You can choose to yield to special faith or not.](#)

God will never force you to obey Him. Special faith is when God empowers you and lifts you to do something that you would not normally do. You can yield to it or you can resist it.

## **DOES FAITH HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH GOD'S WILL BEING DONE?**

Faith is more than believing. God doesn't move simply because you believe. Demons believe.

Faith is dependency upon God to the point of action.

[When we yield our lives to Him, we give Him access to move in us and through us.](#)

[Mark 6:5,6](#) They wouldn't yield themselves to God. God doesn't override a person's will.

[James 1:6-8](#) Yielded, not yielded, yielded, not yielded... how could you receive? Your position is unstable. Like a pipeline – it's in place; it's out of line. To receive you have to

be connected. John 15:5, 7 abide then ask and it will be done. Without Him you can do nothing.

Faith begins where [the will of God is known](#). Faith is surrender.

### **HOW CAN WE KNOW GOD'S WILL?**

- Know the [Holy Spirit and His leading](#)
- Know the [whole counsel of God's Word](#), not just the favorite parts
- Know the [Lord and His character](#) through a personal relationship

We know from the Word of God and from the life of Christ that God wants us to know Him and walk in His benefits.

Is there ever a time when it would not be God's will to minister the benefits of God?

Mark 11:25-26 will not forgive you  
Acts 5:4-5 Ananias and Sapphira

### **WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

- The Holy Spirit is our [authority](#).

[John 16:13](#) He will guide you or lead you  
[Romans 8:14](#) He leads you

He is in authority over us.

- The Holy Spirit is our [Helper](#)

[John 15:26](#)

Parakletos: "Called to our side."  
The word signifies an "Intercessor, comforter, helper, advocate, counselor."

When we use our authority in the earth, the Holy Spirit backs us up with the power of God.

Some have misinterpreted the Holy Spirit's role as that of an assistant to us, as if He is subordinate to us. The truth is, we are subordinate to Him. We follow His leading and lean on His anointing.

My husband is my authority. He serves our children and me. Because he serves us, does that mean he has to follow my direction and do what I say?

## **GOD HAS PURPOSE FOR SPECIAL FAITH**

### **1. To help our doubt or unbelief**

James 1:6-8 let not that man think he will receive anything from the Lord.

Can natural faith heal the sick? Yes.  
Can natural faith cast out devils? Yes  
Can natural faith raise the dead? Yes  
Can natural faith perform miracles? Yes

Special faith can be manifested when we need help because of doubt or unbelief.

#### **Mark 9:14-29**

The father of a child in desperate need of deliverance asks the disciples to cast out the demon, but the demon would not go. The father asks Jesus, "If You can do anything..." Jesus turns to the man and said, "If YOU can believe, all things are possible to HIM who believes."

Verse 24 the father in tears and crying out says, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" Jesus saw that a crowd was coming, so He went from teaching the father and the disciples about faith to immediately casting out the demon.

### **2. To help us when we aren't filled up**

Verses 28-29 The disciples later asked Jesus why the demon did not leave when they went to cast it out. Jesus said this kind does not come out without prayer and fasting.

What would prayer and fasting do? Faith is more than just believing, faith is active dependency on the Lord. When we pull away to fast and pray, we are in a yielded position to the Lord, seeking His presence in our lives.

We don't have the power to cast out a devil, heal the sick, raise the dead, or perform miracles... but we do have the Spirit of God who can. The Holy Spirit works together with us because God has given us authority on the earth. The Holy Spirit needs our surrender in order to move through us. When we fast and pray we position ourselves in God's presence away from any distractions. The Holy Spirit has greater access through us when we are positioned in dependency.

#### **Matthew 17:15-21** (reference to Mark 9:14-19)

I believe that the disciples believed that the power of God would cast out a devil. They were perplexed as to why they could not cast it out. Jesus said the reason

the devil was not cast out was because of the littleness of their faith. The Greek word here is “oligopistia, 3640a” meaning little faith. Then Jesus says that faith the size of a mustard seed, which is small, could cause a mountain to move as the Lord willed it. **Even little faith can cause big things to happen.** Jesus goes on to say that deliverance from this kind of demon will only go through prayer and fasting. There are different kinds of demons. Apparently some are stronger than others, but greater is He who is in me than he that is in the world. We have authority over them all.

Matthew 14:31 (Little faith) Peter sinking

Faith is more than believing, faith is depending upon the Lord and working together with Him.

3. [To perform the miraculous](#)

When your faith needs a boost.

[Ephesians 3:20](#)

4. [Strength to go through difficulty](#)

Stephen was full of the Holy Spirit at the time he was martyred. He saw into Heaven and saw His Savior. The Lord helped Stephen through his martyrdom.

[Acts 7:54-60](#)



**Supernatural: A Study on the Spiritual Gifts**  
Part 9: Gifts of Healings

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Go over the Basic Review

**MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT**

I Corinthians 12:8-10 “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.”

**POWER GIFTS: Gifts that DO something**

1. [Faith](#)
2. [Gifts of Healings](#)
3. [Working of Miracles](#)

**GIFTS OF HEALINGS**

Description: [Gifts of Healings is the supernatural healing and restoration of the physical body from disease.](#)

- [The word gifts is plural](#)

There seems to be a different anointing available for different types of sicknesses.

- [The word healings is plural](#)

There are different kinds of sicknesses. Healing is provided for all of them.

- [The Gifts of Healings are supernatural](#)

The body has a way of naturally healing itself. The body has a way of protecting itself through the immune system.

Doctors and medicine are natural methods for curing or coping with sickness. We are thankful for natural means and apply them when we can.

The Gifts of Healings is supernatural. The power of God is responsible for the healing- not surgery, medication, or any other natural method. There's no charge. You don't need insurance for supernatural healing. Sickness not only harms the body, it negatively affects relationships, financial wellbeing, personal emotional and mental condition, job status, etc.

- The Gifts of Healings is not received based on our [faith](#)
- The Gifts of Healings can be ministered through [any born again believer](#).

## **DIFFERENT WAYS THAT HEALING IS ADMINISTERED**

Healing is a result of the supernatural power of God being administered to a person's physical body through a tangible anointing.

Even Jesus did not minister healing in His own strength. He was anointed by the Holy Spirit to do so. He did not begin any ministry until after He was baptized and the Holy Spirit came on Him.

Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38

### 1. [Faith and obedience](#)

#### a) [Faith gets people in the right position to receive.](#)

Faith is more than just believing. Faith is a surrender of us to the Lord's loving care. That surrender brings us into a position where we can receive from God.

Not every healing comes in the same way. We can't take the power of God, put it into a bottle, and type up directions on how to receive from God. God wants us to be dependent on Him. He doesn't always move in the same way. For example, Elisha instructed Naaman to wash in the Jordan River seven times to be healed of leprosy. It was though surrendering his will and obeying God that Naaman was healed. There is no other recording in the scriptures where if someone would bath in the Jordan River three times that they could be healed.

The surrender that brings us into God's care is also a surrender that turns away from sin. Sin is the initial cause for death to enter the human race and the world we live in. Along with death came sickness, poverty, and bondage.

While sin is not always the direct cause for sickness, it has been linked to sickness throughout the old and new testaments.

[John 9:1-3](#)

[Deuteronomy 28](#)

[James 5:15-16](#)

b) [Faith makes a pull on the anointing.](#)

God is drawn to faith. God wants to save His children from the effects of sin and suffering. When a person is drawing near to Him, He draws near to them.

Not only myself, but also most ministers that I talk to, have had experiences where we are speaking to a crowd, that the faith of the people makes a pull on that anointing that is on you.

[Mark 5:24-34](#)

2. [Authority](#)

Part of our faith is our authority in Christ and the proclamation of our authority through the words of our mouth.

[Acts 14:8-10](#) Paul observed intently (by the Spirit) seeing that a cripple had faith to be healed and then commanded in loud voice to stand up.

3. [Anointing with oil](#)

[James 5:14](#)

4. [Laying on of hands](#)

Transfer of anointing through physical touch.

[Acts 28:8-9](#)

[Acts 19:11-12](#) through cloth

5. [Evangelist's ministry](#)

[Acts 8:5-8](#)

We see tremendous anointing on the office of the evangelist for healing masses of people in their meetings for the purpose of glorifying Christ and seeing people drawn to salvation. Not every minister walks in that office. While we all can pray and minister healing, not every minister is called or anointed to have healing crusades. There needs to be an understanding of the different needs in the body of Christ and the different anointings that different offices have. Teachers have their purpose. Pastors have their purpose. Prophets and apostles have their purpose. People in Helps Ministries have their purpose.

In the 1940's there was a wave of healings that were being ministered to the Church. However, people were not keeping their healings and people were in need of spiritual understanding and maturity. God raised up several teachers in the body of Christ so that people would learn how to mature in their faith and walk in the benefits of God. We need all the offices working together to help equip believers to do the work of the ministry.

6. [Gifts of healings](#)

When there is a healing anointing, people are sometimes healed whether they are in faith or not. The healing is not based on them, but on the supernatural moving of the Spirit of God.

[Matthew 12:15](#) When He knew it (word of knowledge), He withdrew from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.

[Luke 6:19](#) power went from Him and healed them all

**GOD HAS PURPOSE FOR THE GIFTS OF HEALINGS**

1. To meet your [need](#)

2. To reveal the [character of God](#)

He can be trusted. He loves you. He is honest with you.

3. To reveal the [power of God](#)

God is real. His power is real.

4. To draw people to [salvation](#)

Reconciliation, or restored relationship with God.

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Part 10: Working of Miracles

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### **MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT**

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### **POWER GIFTS: Gifts that DO something**

1. [Faith](#)
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3. [Working of Miracles](#)

### **WORKING OF MIRACLES**

Description: The working of miracles is the supernatural intervention in the ordinary course of nature.

- Today, the word “miracle” can be used to describe spectacular natural events.

The birth of a baby is a natural event, but is sometimes described as a miracle. Also, a sunset, a powerful cleaning agent, a superb human achievement have been called miracles. All can be things that we marvel at, but they aren't supernatural. They are natural wonders.

Sometimes people overcome an illness through medication or surgery and call it a miracle, but it was not supernatural, but it was spectacular.

- In the Bible, the word “miracle” is only used to describe supernatural events.

The Working of Miracles is not a spectacular natural event, but a supernatural event that brings change to the natural world.

Miracles (dunamis, 1411): “Power. Works of a supernatural origin and character, such as could not be produced by natural agents and means.”<sup>2</sup>

“Working of Miracles” could be translated the “Working of Powers.” “

“The definition for this word is “explosions of almightiness.” It means impelling, staggering wonders and astonishment.”<sup>3</sup>

Working (energema, 1755): “an effect produced by the power of God.”<sup>4</sup> His power working or operating causing an effect.

- [The Working of Miracles is different from healing](#)

A healing is supernatural and is a miracle; however, the “Working of Miracles” would describe something a supernatural event other than healing.

- [The Working of Miracles can be ministered through any born again believer.](#)
- [You can and should ask for miracles](#)

Acts 4:29-30 “(29) Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, (30) by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”

- [Signs and wonders are not always from God](#)

1. Signs and wonders are sometimes from Satan

II Thessalonians 2:9 “The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders.”

Matthews 7:22-23 “(22) Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ (23) And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’”

Matthew 24:24 “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”

2. Signs and wonders are sometimes conjured up by false ministers

Sometimes they are by the power of Satan, sometimes false signs and wonders are people who want to draw attention and money from people of faith.

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<sup>2</sup> Vines

<sup>3</sup> Kenneth E. Hagin, Gifts of the Holy Spirit

<sup>4</sup> Vines

There was a woman in the seventies who had feathers coming from her and blood stains on her hands when she would preach. She was found out to be stuffing feathers in her sleeves and had red dye for her hands.

There was a minister that would call out for people to be healed by what seemed to be the word of knowledge. Later they were exposed. He had people in the foyer meeting people and finding out what they were there for, then radioing the message to the speaker in an earpiece. They would describe what they were wearing and then speak out the issue.

One role of a pastor is to protect their sheep. It is difficult for a pastor to see innocent sheep that are desperate for God to be tricked and fooled by manipulative and greedy false prophets. Apostle Paul continually exposed and warned the churches of false doctrine. It is extremely hurtful when you see God being used to prey on people who are hungry for a miracle.

Beware of the message of seed sowing. Some teach that if you give money into their ministry then that seed will provide your miracle. Did Jesus teach the people that their offering was a seed that had to be given before they would receive their healing or their miracle from God? No. In fact, Elisha's servant, Gehazi, went after Naaman to receive gifts for his miracle, and was struck with leprosy. Just because we are under grace doesn't mean that we will not be held accountable to God for the way offerings are received. These ministers usually are using miracles or the promise of miracles for their own gain. Can real miracles happen in these ministries? Yes, people can learn how to manipulate the anointing and people's faith to promote their own ministry and fill their own pocketbook. They use the attention to draw people and money for selfish reasons.

Does this really happen? Unfortunately, yes it does. As we get closer to the end, we'll see it happen more often. We need to be careful not to throw out miracles, because they are for today. We need to keep our focus on the God who does the miracles rather than the miracles themselves.

What about things we hear about today that could be hoaxes? It's best not to touch it. If it is of God, you don't want to be found coming against Him. But we don't glorify it either. We glorify God. One thing to watch out for is if they seem money minded.

- [Miracles should cause us to glorify God.](#)

Sometimes get excited about the wonders rather than their salvation. The mature are thankful for the miracles, but they have a constant in their relationship with Christ.

[Luke 10:17-20](#) "... don't rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

## **MIRACLES IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST**

- [John 6:6-14](#) multiplying food

- Mark 4:39 causing a storm to cease, changing weather
- John 2:1-11 Turning water into wine
- Matthew 14:25-33 Walking on water

### **MIRACLES IN THE EARLY CHURCH**

- Acts 20:7-12 Paul raises young man from the dead.
- Acts 19:11-12 “(11) Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul. (12) so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them”

### **MIRACLES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**

- Exodus 8 Delivering Israel from Egypt
- Joshua 10:13 sun stood still
- Judges 6:37-38 the fleece wet with dew and grass around was dry
- I Kings 17:12-16 continual supply of oil through famine
- II Kings 2:9-14 dividing the river Jordan
- Isaiah 38:8 the sundial went backwards as a sign to Hezekiah
- Daniel 6 shut the mouths of hungry lions

### **GOD HAS PURPOSE FOR THE WORKING OF MIRACLES**

1. To reveal that God is real

Psalm 77:14 “You are the God who does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the people.”

2. To draw people to salvation

The purpose of a sign is to point to something. Signs and wonders are to point people to God and His love.

Acts 5:12-14 “(12) And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon’s Porch. (13) Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. (14) And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women.”



Acts 5:15 Peter's shadow  
Acts 8:9-13 Simon the sorcerer

This is why evangelists usually have many miracles accompanying their ministry.

3. To back up the Word of God

Acts 14:3 "Therefore they stayed there (Iconium) a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonder to be done by their hands."

Hebrews 2:1-4

4. To back up the representatives of God

Acts 2:41-43 people recognized and honored the Lord and apostles because of the miracles.

5. To help meet our needs

To protect us from danger.

To raise people from the dead that shouldn't be dead yet.

To provide what we need when we are lacking.

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Part 11: Prophecy

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### **MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT**

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### **UTTERANCE GIFTS: Gifts that SAY something**

1. [Prophecy](#)
2. [Tongues](#)
3. [Interpretation of Tongs](#)

### **PROPHECY**

Description: [Prophecy is a declaration of the mind and will of God which cannot be known by natural means.](#)

Prophecy (Greek propheteia, 4394): From pro “forth” and phemi “to speak” is literally, speaking forth.

Prophecy is not always predictive.

Prophecy can sometimes be predictive of the future. Other times prophecy is declaring God’s mind and will for the present.

### **PROPHECY UNDER THE OLD COVENANT**

- A. [The office of the prophet](#)

Prophets were chosen by God to be in a spiritual leadership position.

Some prophets or prophetesses in the Old Testament are Miriam, Deborah, Huldah, Noadiah, Anna...Abraham, Aaron, Jehu, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, John the Baptist, etc.

1. [God would use prophets to speak messages to His people.](#)

They would give messages from God about His love, His mercy, His redemption, and the Messiah.

People would go to the prophet when they needed to hear from God.

2. [God would use prophets to foretell future events.](#)

One-third of the Bible is prophecy. Some of the prophecies have been fulfilled. Others have yet to be fulfilled.

3. [God would use prophets to warn His people of judgment.](#)

God would call for the people to repent and warn them of the judgment coming.

Examples:

- Elijah

I Kings 18-19

- Nathan

II Samuel 12 Nathan did not know about Bathsheba and Uriah through natural means.

- Balaam

Numbers 22

B. [The unusual outpouring of the prophetic anointing](#)

There were just a few scriptural examples of people who prophesied that were not appointed as a prophet. The Holy Spirit came upon them for that moment, but He could not indwell them because of their sinful nature.

[I Samuel 10:10-11; 19:20-24](#) The Spirit of God came on Saul's men and they prophesied. King Saul prophesied, but he was not a prophet. They were surprised that Saul was prophesying.

[Numbers 11:25-29](#) Under the Old Covenant, they prophesied when the Holy Spirit came on them, but not again. They weren't prophets, meaning they weren't in the office of a prophet, but they prophesied when they were anointed of the Spirit.

Numbers 11:29 “...Oh that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would but His Spirit upon them!”

Hearing from God is a good thing. That’s a benefit to our redemption – with a recreated spirit, every believer can be indwelt by and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Oh that we all would move in all the gifts of the Spirit

## **PROPHECY UNDER THE NEW COVENANT**

- A. There is still the office of the prophet.

Ephesians 4:11

Just because the Holy Spirit may use you in prophecy does not mean that you are called to the office of a prophet.

- B. The Holy Spirit is now constantly within us.

I John 2:27

- C. The manifestations of the Holy Spirit are for any Christian

Acts 2:17-18

- D. The gift of prophecy is supernatural.

Acts 19:6 “And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.”

It was a result of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

II Peter 1:20-21 prophecy does not come by the will of man, but as men and women were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Moved (phero, 5342): “to bear or to carry”.<sup>5</sup> When the Holy Spirit moves us, He is lifting us up and carrying us- He is doing something supernatural with us. Scriptures about being on eagle’s wings or having wings like eagles has the idea of God moving us in the things of the spirit. Riding on his wind.

Where do eagles go? They go up. God takes us up and opens up the spirit realm to us. Also, eagles go to a place of safety. They can go to higher elevations than a hawk. They keep rising. They go to a place of rest, its how we operate in faith.

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<sup>5</sup> Vines

Exodus 19:4 “You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagle’s wings and brought you to Myself.”

Deut. 32:11-12 “As an eagle stirs up its nest, hovers over its young, spreading out its wings, taking them up, carrying them on its wings, so the Lord along led him.” Verse 13 “He made him ride in the heights of the earth..”

Isaiah 40:31

Isaiah 46:4 “Even to your old age, I am He, and even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry and will deliver you.”

As a pregnant woman, I will carry my baby and I will deliver my baby. God has made us, carried us, and will deliver us.

Isaiah 40:11 “He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are young.”

Do you remember being small and being carried? I remember my father lifting me up. I remember feeling the freedom of being lifted by His strength. Taking me up farther than I could ever go by myself. God wants to pick us up. God wants to take us higher than we can go on our own. Feel swooped up in His strength. He wants us to experience things about Him that we haven’t experienced yet, to see things that we haven’t seen yet – to know Him more. That is a God-given appetite to know Him. Be careful we aren’t just drawn to what isn’t natural, looking for spiritual and ending up with spooky.

With spiritual matters, allow God to carry you, to move you. Yield to Him. Be careful not to yield just to anything or anyone... yield to your Shepherd and let Him carry you.

In the Old Testament, when referring to spiritual things, it speaks of high places. The things of the spirit are higher than the things of the earth. The things of the spirit are eternal and the things of the earth are temporal. He gives me feet like hinds feet so I can tread on the high places. Isaiah 52:7 “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news...”

One definition is to “Be driven”<sup>6</sup> Like a car, the Holy Spirit moves us, takes us, uses us, to accomplish His purpose. We are not possessed where we are out of control, but we must yield to the Lord, work together with the Holy Spirit. Let Him move us.

John 11:45-53

The Holy Spirit moved on Caiaphas, the high priest. “... he did not say on his own.”

E. [Prophecy occurs as the Spirit wills or directs.](#)

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<sup>6</sup> Strong’s Concordance

The Holy Spirit wants to move in prophecy and the other gifts or manifestations. What He wants is not a question. When we are talking about “as the Spirit wills,” we are talking about how the Spirit is directing or moving in a public setting.

We can only accomplish so much in one public setting. We have to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit as to what He wants to do in that setting. He knows who is there. He knows what people need. Sometimes people just need to feel loved and accepted. Sometimes they need to be convicted of sin. Sometimes they need the Word to be taught under the anointing. Other times the Holy Spirit may direct to pray for the sick, or give a word of knowledge, or move in another gift.

Those who are mature must also be careful of the immature. There are some believers who do not understand the moving of the Spirit, and if it isn't done correctly, you can chase people off.

You can learn how to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and the spirit realm. With that sensitivity, you pick up on what the Holy Spirit wants to do or you may know something that you didn't know before. You begin to pick up on things that you naturally would not pick up on. It takes maturity with the Spirit of God to know what to do with what you see. Sometimes what you perceive is to be publicly shared, and sometimes it is not.

[Numbers 22:35](#) Balaam

F. [We should seek to hear what the Spirit of God is saying.](#)

[1 Corinthians 14:1](#) “Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.”

G. [The purpose of prophecy is to build up Christ and the church.](#)

[1 Corinthians 14:3](#) “He who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men”

Does that mean that prophecy is always good news? No, sometimes we hear from God about the consequences of sin or the difficulties we face for Christ.

[Acts 21:8-14](#) Philip's four daughters. Agabus took Paul's belt bound his own hand and feet and said, “Thus says the Holy Spirit, so shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.”

H. [Prophecy should not be taken lightly.](#)

[1 Thessalonians 5:20](#) “Do not despise prophecies.”

To despise means to give little or no value. God can speak to you through a man, woman or a child. We shouldn't focus on the one giving it, but on the Lord who is using that person to speak to us.

When we prophesy, we are speaking on behalf of God. That's serious business.

Is it okay to be wrong? No, it isn't okay to speak for God and be wrong. Not only could you be putting words in God's mouth and disrespect Him, but you could also damage someone else's life. It is our responsibility to make sure that we are representing God, not ourselves.

Deuteronomy 18:20-22 if he speaks a word in My name...and it doesn't come to pass...put him to death.

James 3:1 there is a stricter judgment for leaders. You represent God. You speak for God. We should not take that lightly. We should also be careful to honor people that are in a leadership position.

I. [Public prophetic messages should be given in submission to one another.](#)

[I Corinthians 14:29-33](#)

When we are in a public setting today, many of us have microphones for people to speak into. It is a good idea if someone has a prophecy, to submit it to the pastor and speak into the microphone.

This also helps the pastor to guard his or her sheep to avoid letting someone speak something into the microphone that is not of God. The lost may be turned away from God or the church when the manifestation taking place is not of the Spirit.

## **CONSIDERATIONS WHEN GIVING PROPHECY**

We also cannot put the responsibility of discernment on the one listening to us. They may not have the spiritual maturity to know whether something is of God or not.

One man we heard about was in a meeting where he received a prophecy. The word was to sell his business and move to help a pastor with his church. The man was young and did not have the spiritual maturity to discern whether it was right or not. He trusted the person prophesying and the ministry that they prophesy took place in. In a short time he lost everything he had and the church closed its doors. Was that prophecy from God? Probably not.

1. [Make sure that the Holy Spirit is doing the leading](#)

We make ourselves available to Him in the spirit. We get into the Presence of God through worship. We put our focus on Him and the things that pertain to the spirit. As we do, we yield ourselves to Him and allow Him to move.

The anointing is there. We can learn to tap into the anointing and operate in it. However, if we get outside of following the leading of the Holy Spirit we can get into error. Many people, including ministers, have gotten away from what is right by trying to work the anointing rather than yielding to the anointing.

Our focus should be on the Lord, not on trying to hear something or do something. When the Holy Spirit is moving, you don't have to try to get Him to move. When He moves, you will know it. Don't "practice" hearing from God on other people. You can do tremendous damage doing that. You can learn privately how to hear from God.

If you make a mistake, seriously repent, because it isn't a minor offense. You have misrepresented God. He will forgive. It isn't a small thing to do something in our own strength. We need to learn to be dependent upon Him.

2. [Make sure it lines up with scripture](#)

We all should study the Word of God and know it. If we know that a prophecy we are hearing is disagreeing with scripture, don't share it. It's not God.

3. [Make sure it lines up with your heart](#)

Your heart will tell you if something is of God or not. Take time and check your heart.

4. [Share it with your shepherd](#)

Any ministry of any kind should be held accountable by spiritual leadership. If you have a word for someone, let the church leadership know about it.

If someone is giving words from God and they are given in secret or without accountability, watch out.

5. [Trust God to bring it to pass](#)

You need to be obedient

## **CONSIDERATION WHEN YOU RECEIVE PROPHECY**

1. [Prophecy should be confirmed in your heart.](#)

Anyone can miss it, even people who are seasoned in ministry. Your heart will tell you whether it is true or not.

Are there people out there who are faking supernatural manifestations and spiritual gifts so that they can build momentum to draw a following and generate money? Yes. So don't be naive, be wise and listen to YOUR heart.

You should not act on a prophecy alone, but act on how God is leading you.

2. [Test prophecy with scripture](#)

The Spirit of God and the Word of God always agree. So if a prophecy disagrees with scripture, it isn't God.



Deut. 13:1-5 If a prophet or dreamer tries to turn you away from God to serve idols, you shall not listen. You shall put them to death, old covenant law, for trying to turn you against the Lord.

Just because someone says that they are speaking from God does not mean that they are speaking from God.

3. [Know who you allow to speak into your life.](#)

The Bible says that we shouldn't put a novice in a place of leadership – it will hurt him and it will hurt the people around him. I Timothy 3:6

The Bible also says that we should not be quick or hasty in anointing and placing people in leadership. I Timothy 5:22 “Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.”

Watch for character. Watch for fruit.

4. [Share it with spiritual leadership.](#)

Let someone over you know when someone has given you a prophecy. Your pastor is there to guard you and the rest of the flock.

5. [Let God confirm it and bring it to pass.](#)

How do you know something is from God or if a person is hearing from God? If it is from God, it will come to pass.

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### **MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT**

I Corinthians 12:8-10 “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.”

#### **UTTERANCE GIFTS: Gifts that SAY something**

1. [Prophecy](#)
2. [Tongues](#)
3. [Interpretation of Tongues](#)

### **TONGUES**

Description: [Yielding to the Holy Spirit to supernaturally empower us to speak a message from God in a language that our mind does not understand.](#)

### **INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES**

Description: [The empowerment of the Holy Spirit to speak the message from God in the language that our mind does understand.](#)

### **PRIVATE USE OF TONGUES**

- I Corinthians 12 - 14 is referring to the [PUBLIC use of tongues](#).
- There is also a [PRIVATE use of tongues](#).
- Another term for the private use of tongues is [praying in the spirit](#).
- Praying in the spirit is [for every believer](#)

- Praying in the spirit follows being [baptized in the Holy Spirit](#)
- Praying in the Spirit will benefit you [personally](#).

## **PUBLIC USE OF TONGUES**

- Tongues and Interpretation together are similar to [the gift of prophecy](#).

It's a message from God.

- To the believer, a public message is for our [edification](#).

When God sends a message to His people, He wants to build us up.

- To the unbeliever, a public message is for [a sign](#).

I Corinthians 14:22-25

- After a message in tongues is given, we should [ask for the interpretation](#).

I Corinthians 14:13-19

- The person who gives the message in tongues [does not have to be the one to interpret](#).

I Corinthians 14:26-28

- Avoid the [shout-outs](#).

I Corinthians 14:39-40

Don't stop or hinder the Holy Spirit from moving publicly. Seek it, pursue it. But do it in submission to the leader and one another. Ask the pastor if you can use the microphone to share what you believe God has given you. We want to avoid people shouting out at the same time. We want to avoid letting people who are not being moved by the Holy Spirit to have shout-out time.

Be mindful of the weaker Christians or the unbelievers. If it is done right, and if it is the Holy Spirit, then it is a blessing. If it is a carnal believer in the flesh, you can freak out a weaker Christian or unbeliever and chase them farther away from God. We shouldn't be focused only on ourselves as Christians. Our services are also for those who are not mature. We need to do it right.

- Tongues is beneficial for us today, but not for [eternity](#)

### I Corinthians 13:8-13

We are limited in our understanding about spiritual things while we have an unrenewed mind and body.

- There is coming a day when we will [have a full understanding of spiritual things](#).

## SINGING IN THE SPIRIT

### I Corinthians 14:15

- Singing in the Spirit is similar to [speaking in tongues](#)
- Singing in the Spirit can be done both [publicly and privately](#).

**Ephesians 5:18-21** “(18) And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, (19) speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, (20) giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, (21) submitting to one another in the fear of God.”

We have different services with different purposes. Sometimes it is to teach. Sometimes it is to pray for the sick. Sometimes we have what we call believer's meetings, when the leader follows the Spirit to allow others to share what the Spirit has given to them. They come in with something God has given them or they receive it there.

- Privately, there may or may not be an [interpretation](#)
- Publicly, we can worship corporately without an [interpretation](#)

If we are all doing it as worship, there is no need for an interpretation. It isn't a special message from God, but rather, it's our hearts giving expression to Him.

- Publicly, there could be a spiritual song with an [interpretation](#)

We sing in tongues, then we, or someone else, sings the interpretation.

God is a poet. There are books of poetry in the Bible. Sometimes it rhymes and sometimes it doesn't. Song of Solomon, Proverbs, Psalms, Job, Ecclesiastes.

- God could give us a [new song](#).

**Colossians 3:16** admonish one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...

He could give us a new song, one that we didn't write, but that we received from Him. Then we can all sing it together. It's not necessarily a prophetic message, but it's a way God wants us to express ourselves to Him in that moment.

- [God wants to have a personal and intimate relationship with you.](#)

[Song of Solomon 1:4](#) “Draw me away! We will run after you. The king has brought me into his chambers.”