# SPIRIT EMPOWERED LIFE PT.3

The gifts of the Holy Spirit

**1 Corinthians 12.7-11 (NKJV)** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 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. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

* Manifestation: spiritual gift in another translation
* They are given for the benefit of all, for the common good, not just for you
* The Holy Spirit is the One giving these gifts
* The Holy Spirit gives us His power to operate in these gifts.
* He decides who gets what, not you. They are especially picked for us.
* The gifts don't operate "at will" but by the prompting, anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Use the example of a birthday gift to clarify these key points:

* We don't earn these gifts. They are freely given by the Holy Spirit.
* We have to receive the gift. We do this by faith.
* We have to use the gift, not admire it. When the Holy Spirit prompts us, we step out in faith and use the gift.
* Everyone gets gifts, not just a few chosen ones.
* We are to be thankful for the gift, not upset because we didn't get what we wanted.
* All the gifts of the Spirit are SUPERNATURAL; they are *not natural (your own ability or natural talent)*
* Ask the Holy Spirit to use you for these manifestations of His love once you are baptized in the Holy Spirit.
* The gifts are used in partnership and combination with gifts in other people. They work together.
* The gifts don't exist for you to demonstrate your giftedness; your gift exists for you to serve the church

There are other gifts, like motivational gifts and ministry gifts.

We will focus on the spiritual gifts mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11.

Bible scholars have put them into 3 categories:

Revelation Gifts: Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Discerning of Spirits Power Gifts: Gift of Faith, Working of Miracles, Gifts of Healings

Utterance Gifts: Prophecy, Diverse Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues

1. **THE REVELATION GIFTS** reveal information that only the Holy Spirit can know. Word of Wisdom Word of Knowledge Discerning of Spirits The revelation gifts may operate or function as:

* A vision - "seeing"
* Inward revelation - "knowing"
* Audible voice of the Holy Spirit
* Or any combination
  1. Word of Knowledge
* The word of knowledge is a supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit of certain facts concerning the past and/or present that could not possibly be known by the person manifesting the gift.
* The word of knowledge will also reveal a spirit. You wouldn't see into the spirit realm, you would just know by the Holy Spirit that a spirit is in operation in the situation.
* The word of knowledge can be accompanied by a word of wisdom.
  1. Word of Wisdom
* The word of wisdom is a supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God concerning the future purpose and plan in the mind and will of God for a person, situation, etc. God gives a small part of that information to a person for the benefit of the person being ministered to.
* The word of wisdom can be preceded and accompanied by a word of knowledge.
  1. Discerning of Spirits
* "To discern" means to perceive by "seeing" (& "hearing") in the spirit realm, not in the natural realm.
* The discerning of spirits is supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit into the spirit world revealing the kind of spirit that is in operation behind a supernatural manifestation.
* The discerning of spirits deals with spirits that exist in the spirit realm, whether they are divine, satanic, or human. It is not just the discerning of evil spirits. This gift has to do with the entire class of spirits, including good spirits, bad spirits, and human spirits.

1. **THE POWER GIFTS** do something. The power of God is released to do something. Gift of Faith Working of Miracles Gifts of Healings

The three power gifts will very often work together; the gift of faith, the gifts of healings, and the working of miracles, especially in raising the dead.

1. Gift of Faith

* The gift of faith is a supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit whereby a believer is empowered with special faith, or wonder-working faith, and it is beyond simple saving faith.
* The gift of faith receives a miracle. Those who are operating in special faith can believe God in such a way that God honors their word as His own, and miraculously brings to pass the desired result.
* The gift of faith is a divine gift or enabling by the Spirit that causes what is spoken to ultimately come to pass.
* The gift of faith functions on behalf of the believer to bring about that which otherwise would not be possible through that person's efforts.
* The gift of faith is evidenced when a supernatural event occurs with no human effort.
* The gift of faith employs faith that passively *expects* a miracle as a sustained or continuous action. When it is necessary, there is *duration* to the gift of special faith - it is ongoing in its action.
* The gift of faith would carry a person through danger with great peace and calm, without the person's being harmed at all

1. Working of Miracles

* Working of miracles is the operation of miraculous force or power through the supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit; Explosions of almightiness or impelling, staggering wonders or astonishments.
* A supernatural intervention in the ordinary course of nature, a temporary suspension of the accustomed order, or an interruption in the system of nature as we know it, operated by the power of the Holy Spirit; a supernatural act that changes the natural realm.
* The working of miracles *works* a miracle or *causes a miracle to happen.*
* God working through a person, or some other instrument, to do something that could not be done normally.
* The working of miracles is used to deliver people from unavoidable danger or harm.

1. Gifts of Healings

* The gifts of healings are the supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit for healing of sickness and disease without any *natural* source or means; The purpose is to deliver the sick and to destroy the works of the devil in the human body.
* Gifts of healings are a supernatural operation of the Spirit ministered *to* someone *through* another; It doesn't take faith on the part of the receiver to receive healing through this gift.
* "Gifts of healings" or "gifts of healing" (plural) because there are different kinds of diseases and sicknesses and there is supernatural divine healing available for each.
* Also, some individuals may be graced with a gift for healing of one specific disease.

1. **THE UTTERANCE GIFTS**

The Utterance or Inspiration Gifts or Vocal Gifts - they speak forth what God would say for the benefit of the church for exhortation, edification, comfort.

Prophecy Tongues Interpretation of Tongues

1. Prophecy

* Prophecy is the supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit with unction or inspiration or anointing to speak what God wants to say.
* Prophecy is for edification, exhortation, comfort - 1 Cor. 14:3- But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

Edification means to build up; to erect, strengthen, a structure.

Exhortation is a call to encouragement, a calling nearer to God or an invitation. It will exhort us to keep ourselves built up and strong in the Lord. Comfort is consolation which could include healing of distress, of sorrow, or persecution, and of suffering.

* Prophecy is a supernatural utterance in a *known* tongue

Personal guidance is not one of the three primary functions of prophecy - although a prophetic word may confirm a leading of the Holy Spirit personally.

* A true prophetic word from the Holy Spirit will not criticize or condemn.

1. Divers Kinds of Tongues

* Divers or different (various) kinds of tongues is a supernatural utterance, which comes from God through the person of the Holy Spirit, directed through man's spirit and manifests as a spirit language, a divine and spiritual communication that is different from his native tongue.
* The gift of divers or different (various) kinds of tongues is a gift used for *public* ministry; it is a *sign gift* from God, a distinguishing gift that does something very particular, and will operate when we assemble ourselves together. (1 Cor.14:23, 26; 12:28); Also, a sign to the unbeliever (1 Cor.14:22; Acts 2:4-7)
* A tongue with interpretation is equivalent to the gift of prophecy:

1 Corinthians 14:5 - I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

1. Interpretation of Tongues

* The purpose of this gift is to interpret and render a message intelligible (understandable) that was given forth in unintelligible tongue.
* One person gives a message in a language he does not know, and then he or another person interprets it.
* The interpretation of tongues is not a *translation* of what was said. A translation is a rendering from one language to another in precise grammatical terms.
* An interpretation reveals what God wants us to know.
* If two people have the interpretation of a tongue, each will be different. The essence will be similar, but the phrasing will be different because it is not a word-for-word translation.