

# SPIRITUAL GIFTS



## ***Key Tests***

- *“... A man can **receive nothing** unless it has been given to him **from heaven**” (John 3:27, NKJV).*
- *“38... Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive **the gift of the Holy Spirit**. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call” (Acts 2:38-39, NKJV).*
- *“But to **each one of us** grace was given according to the measure of **Christ’s gift**” (Ephesians 4:7, NKJV).*
- *“Every **good gift** and every **perfect gift** is from above, and comes down **from the Father** of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning” (James 1:17, NKJV).*

## **Key Thoughts From The Verses**

1. Spiritual gifts are received now only through immersion baptism.
2. Every Christian has a gift of the Spirit.
3. All spiritual gifts in the Church are given by God Almighty.
4. Some spiritual gifts still exist.

## (A) Meaning Of Spiritual Gift

**Spiritual gift** refers to the “grace and anointing given to Christians” or the “supernatural power as motivations to every believer.”

Biblically, **spiritual gift** can be defined as “any good or perfect thing that opposes material or physical things, given willingly to Christians by God.”

*Spiritual Gifts* (1 Co 12:1) can also be called “Gifts of the Spirit” or “Gifts of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38).

## **(B) Talent & Spiritual Gift**

Talents and Gifts are not the same, in Christianity.

### **The Differences Between Talent And Gift**

<b>Talent</b>	<b>Gift</b>
1. It is a natural aptitude or skill.	It is the product of the Holy Spirit given to Christians to fulfill the mission of the Church established on earth.
2. It can be learned.	It cannot be learned.

3. Can be polished only by the flesh.	Can only be polished by the Spirit of God.
4. Works in both the righteous and the wicked.	Works in only God's people.
5. Does not promote eternal life.	It promotes eternal life.

## **(C) Why Is It Important To Identify Your Gift?**

1. It makes one understand God and himself in Christianity.
2. It helps one to remain focused in using the identified gift.
3. It supports the growth of the Church.
4. It helps avoid hatred, backbiting, jealousy, etc. among brethren.
5. One understands the need to evangelize.
6. It influences biblical interpretation
7. It helps one to understand the Bible properly. etc.

## **(D) THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

There are [over] twenty-five (25) major gifts of the Holy Spirit.

All these gifts are summarized in Romans, 1 Corinthians, Ephesians and 1 Peter);

**[Rom 12:6-8; 1 Co 12:8-10, 27-31; 13:8; 14:26; Eph 4:11; 1:17; 1 Pet 4:11]**

- 1. Prophecy / Prophet**
- 2. Serving**
- 3. Teaching / Teacher / Doctrine**
- 4. Exhortation**



5. Giving

6. Leadership

7. Mercy

8. Word of Wisdom

9. Word of Knowledge

10. Faith

11. Gifts of Healings / Kinds of Healings

12. Miracles

13. Distinguishing between spirits

14. Tongues

**15. Interpretation of Tongues**

**16. Apostle**

**17. Helps**

**18. Administration**

**19. Pastor**

**20. Evangelist**

**21. Psalm(s)**

**22. Revelation / Vision**

**23. Interpretation**

**24. Speaking God's Oracle**

**25. Love**

*To Be Continued...*

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