

Life in the Spirit

Gifts of the Spirit

1. Word of Wisdom (1 Corinthians 12:8) - receiving supernatural counsel or wisdom from God for specific situations.
 - NIV - "the message of wisdom"
 - Seeing what God sees in a situation and saying it. One who is anointed by the Spirit to give specific counsel to others that meets their needs.
 - Ability to solve any problematic situation, difficult counseling blockades, or proclaim the word and will of God boldly.
2. Word of Knowledge (1 Corinthians 12:8; cf. 13:2) - receiving from God supernatural facts and information which would be otherwise humanly impossible to know that are relevant to a specific situation or person.
 - NIV - "the message of knowledge"
 - A sense of seeing or knowing or feeling. May reveal sin, warn and provide safety, or reveal thoughts.
3. Faith (1 Corinthians 12:9; cf. 13:2) - the mysterious surge of confidence which gives a person a certainty and assurance that God is about to act through a word or an action.
 - One who can believe God for the impossible. One who has the special gift of faith for what God has promised to do; and an ability to see it come to pass.
 - It is both the irresistible knowledge of God's intervention at a certain point, and the authority or affect of this intervention through the power of the Holy Spirit.
4. Gifts of Healing (1 Corinthians 12:9; 12:28,30) - the impartation through individuals of healing to the physical body at specific times.
5. Miracles (1 Corinthians 12:10; 12:28,29) - events in which people and things are visibly and beneficially affected in an extraordinary way by the power of God working through an individual.
 - NIV - "miraculous powers" (1 Corinthians 12:10)
 - NIV - "workers of miracles" (1 Corinthians 12:28)
 - One who is able to perform that which is impossible with nature by the power of God.

6. Prophecy (1 Corinthians 12:10; Romans 12:6) - declaring the current burden or heart of God to his people for the purpose of edification (build up), exhortation (stir up) and consolation (cheer up).
 - Speaking God words, declaring God's perspective, approval, or viewpoint.
 - One who inspires, confirms and reinforces revealed truth. Convinces people that God is for them, imparts strength, stirs them to obey and respond to God.
7. Discerning of Spirits (1 Corinthians 12:10) - the ability to recognize what spirit (divine, evil, or human) is behind a certain manifestation or activity.
 - NIV - "distinguishing between spirits"
 - One who is able to distinguish between truth and error.
8. Tongues (1 Corinthians 12:10; 12:30; cf. 13:1) - speaking in a language, whether known or angelic, which is unlearned by the speaker for the purpose of prayer and praise.
9. Interpretation of Tongues (1 Corinthians 12:10; 12:30) - a God given inspiration to speak in the language of the listeners, giving them the dynamic equivalent of that which was spoken in tongues.
10. Helping (1 Corinthians 12:28) - being consistently motivated and able to give relief and help to others.
 - NIV - "those able to help others"
11. Administrating (1 Corinthians 12:28) - the ability to steer, direct, or pilot people or activities in the church.
 - NIV - "those with gifts of administration"
 - Ability to integrate several tasks, projects, and people into a common goal.
 - Prefers planning, rather than a develop-as-you-go approach. Strongly motivated to organize anything for which he is responsible. Tends to be neat and orderly in all aspects of personal life.
12. Serving (Romans 12:7; 1 Pet. 4:11) - the ability to detect and meet the practical and physical needs of others.
 - Will cheerfully inconvenience himself to meet the needs of others. More readily expresses love by doing. Tends to be practical in all areas of his life. One who demonstrates love practically.
13. Teaching (Romans 12:7) - the ability from God to present biblically researched truth in a clear, concise, and accurate way.
 - Can be translated "doctrine" or "instruction".

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14. Encouraging (Romans 12:8) - the ability to console, cheer, comfort, encourage, warn, exhort, correct, inspire, stimulate and strengthen others.
 - NASB - "exhortation"
 15. Giving (Romans 12:8; cf. 1 Corinthians 13:3) - the grace gifting to share and impart what one has with others very liberally.
 - NIV - "if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously"
 - One who share and imparts what he has with others very liberally. Has a strong desire to further God's people and kingdom through their giving.
 - Uses his material goods efficiently for the benefit of others. Receives his pleasure from the giving, rather than from any public recognition.
 16. Leading (Romans 12:8) - the capacity to organize, facilitate, and coordinate people and activities for the achievement of a common goal.
 - NIV - "if it is leadership, let him govern diligently"
 - One who is able to organize, facilitate, and administrate. Has unusual capacity for courage and ability to stand alone.
 - Is quite persuasive. Displays great confidence and authority. Is able to withstand and at times ignore pain, stress, or persecution.
 17. Showing Mercy (Romans 12:8) - the ability to identify with the emotions and feelings of others and aid those in need or distress.
 - NIV - "if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully"
 - Empathetic, sympathetic, able to identify with the emotions and feelings of others.
 - One who is loving and compassionate. Has ability to identify with those in distress, coupled with the capacity to bring comfort. Tends to avoid confrontation.