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# The Gifter



Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11



Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11



## Early Church Fathers on the Gifts

Justin Martyr (108-168 A.D.): "For the prophetical gifts (charismata) remain with us, even to the present time."

Hippolytus (170-235 A.D.): If anyone among the laity appears to have received a gift of healing by revelation, hands shall not be laid upon him, because the matter is manifest." Notably, at this time laity as well as clergy manifested gifts.

Venerable Bede (Early Eighth Century) records many miraculous healings and describes spiritual gifts manifested through the monk, Caedmon.



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#### Definition of Gift

A gift is an undeserved enablement that is given to us by God for a specific purpose.



#### You have been Gifted. Are you a Gift?



Now to **each one** the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:7



Gifts are not something we possess that God notices and decides to bless.



The only reason Jesus allows you to stay on this earth after you have been saved is to serve.

-Charles Stanley



...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:28



#### The Manifestation

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1 Corinthians 12:7



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There are different kinds of *gifts*, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of *service*, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of *working*, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6



# The Complete Manifestation of the Spiritual Gifts has Three Facets:

- 1. The Gift The Divine Ability
- 2. To **Serve** the Body The Kingdom Purpose
- 3. The Working The Unique Expression



#### For the Common Good

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We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Romans 12:6-8

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