

*The Truth About Spiritual Gifts*  
**Defining Spiritual Gifts**  
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**I. Introduction**

- A. The Holy Spirit, through spiritual gifts, makes the body alive with the presence of God!
1. I Corinthians 12:7-11 (NAS) <sup>7</sup>*But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He will.*

**II. “Permanent” and “Situational” Gifts**

- A. Romans 12:6-8 (NAS) <sup>6</sup>*Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.*
- B. I Corinthians 12:7-8 (NAS) <sup>7</sup>*But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit.*
1. Given - to give and keep on giving
  2. “Aorist” - which means the action was completed in the past

**III. Six Spiritual Gifts Defined**

- A. Word of wisdom and word of knowledge
1. I Corinthians 12:8 (NAS) *For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit.*
  2. I Corinthians 14:24-25 (NAS) <sup>24</sup>*But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an ungifted man enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all; <sup>25</sup>the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you.*
  3. John 4:16-19 (NLT) <sup>16</sup>*“Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her. <sup>17</sup>“I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied. Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband—<sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!” <sup>19</sup>“Sir,” the woman said, “you must be a prophet.”*
  4. Word of wisdom - wisdom acquired in the normal course of the Christian life
  5. Word of knowledge - the use of the knowledge of the Scriptures and the mind of God in order to teach the Bible accurately
- B. The Gift of Faith
1. I Corinthians 12:9a (NAS) *To another faith by the same Spirit.*
  2. “Contagious” Faith
  3. Acts 27:25 (NAS) *Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God that it will turn out exactly as I have been told.*
  4. “Mountain-Moving” Faith
  5. Mark 11:22-23 (NAS) <sup>22</sup>*And Jesus answered saying to them, “Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup>“Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him.*
- C. The Gift of Healing
1. I Corinthians 12:9 (NAS) *To another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit.*
- D. The Gift of Miracles
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E. The Gift of Distinguishing of Spirits

1. I Corinthians 12:10ab (NAS) *And to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits.*

2. Distinguishing of spirits is the ability to pierce through what is on the outside and get to the inner reality.

**IV. Conclusion**