**Discover Your God Given Gifts**

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Three Categories of Gifts

**Manifestation Gifts**

1 Corinthians 12: 8

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

1. *The word of wisdom, a revelation of wisdom beyond natural human wisdom that enables a person to know what to do or say.*
2. *The word of knowledge, a revelation of information for a person, group, or situation that could not have been known by any natural means.*
3. *Faith, the kind of wonder-working faith that moves mountains and waits expectantly for results.*
4. *Gifts of healings, the many different ways and varieties of degrees in which God manifests healing.*
5. *Working of miracles, the demonstration of the power and action of God that goes beyond natural laws.*
6. *Prophecy, an anointed proclamation of God through an individual to encourage, exhort, or comfort.*
7. *Discerning of spirits, a person’s ability to perceive what type of spirit is in operation in a given situation.*
8. *Various kinds of tongues, the languages given to the believer by the Holy Spirit but not learned or understood by the speaker.*
9. *Interpretation of tongues, the supernational ability to express the content of what has been spoken in tongues.*

These are called manifestation because the phanerosis, meaning “an exhibition, expression, or manifestation”. In other words, Paul defined these as supernatural manifestations of the Holy Spirit at work through a believer.

**Ministry Gifts**

Ephesians 4:11 - 12

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

1. *The apostle, one who establish and strengthens churches.*
2. *The prophet, one who speaks forth the message of God.*
3. *The evangelist, one who is called to preach the Gospel.*
4. *The pastor, one who feeds and shepherds the believers.*
5. *The teacher, one who instructions believers in the Word of God*

**Note:** they are lower case to emphasize the fact that these are not titles, but functions. – it’s a God-given ability to function in prophet like ways.

Also, known as equipping gifts enabling the saints to do the work of the ministry so that Christ’s body on earth (the Church) can function as His true representative.

**Motivational Gifts**

**Romans 12:6-8**

6Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

7Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

8Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

1. *Perceiver, one who clearly perceives the will of God. We have purposely chosen this word rather than the word “prophet”*
2. *Server, one who loves to serve others*
3. *Teacher, one who loves to research and communicate truth*
4. *Exhorter, one who loves to encourage others to live a victorious life*
5. *Giver, one who loves to give time, talent, energy, and means to benefit others and advance the Gospel. Another word could be “contributor”.*
6. *Administrator, one who loves to organized, lead, or direct. Other words could be facilitation and leader.*
7. *Compassion person, one who shows compassion, love and care to those in need. We say “compassion” instead of “mercy” since this word is more comprehensive in today’s usage.*