

Message preached on Wednesday, February 27th and March 5th, 2025

Manifestation Gifts

Yes, we are still in Romans 12...but since we are bringing out the GIFTS listed in Romans 12...it only makes sense to understand the differences between the other lists of GIFTS that have been given to the church.

Motivational Gifts: Why you do what you do.

Ministry Gifts: Gifts to equip and edify the body...develop them.

TODAY: We move into the final group in 1 Corinthians 12...manifestation gifts. **NOTE:** These are gifts to operate inside the body, for the benefit of the body.

1 Corinthians 12:1-7

1 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

UNDERSTAND: We are very aware of things in the natural, but we need to be fully aware of how things happen in the spirit (supernatural) realm!

2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

UNDERSTAND: Corinth was a very secular city. These new Christians had been a part of temple worship in their old life. They had seen supernatural things happen (devils) in those temples.

They were getting freaked out when they saw certain things happen in the church. They would feel that it must be demonic, etc.

So, Paul wants to clarify things to them.

Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

THE BIGGEST THING: When the Holy Spirit is operating He will always point to Jesus as Lord. He will always attract the attention to Christ.

UNDERSTAND: Anyone speaking in supernatural, but IS speaking against Jesus, God, the Holy Spirit or the Word is NOT from God. If they speak against the Word...just say NOPE! **REMEMBER:** John 1 identifies Jesus as the Word.

WITH this still in mind of explaining things to the church at Corinth...Gentile believers. He goes on with more explanation. Three things that are different (so we don't get confused).

- ~ But Paul did it this way.
- ~ But Apollos didn't do that.

Whereas, the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5) are different qualities in ONE PERSON.

These are different gifts, operating differently in different people.

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- 4 Now there are **diversities of gifts**, but the same Spirit.
- 5 And there are **differences of administrations**, but the same Lord.
- And there are **diversities of operations**, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

NOTE #1: Same Spirit...means these are all gifts FROM the Holy Spirit. He is the ONE that is working through these gifts.

QUITE SIMPLY: Different gifts (9 of them);

Different applications (men work differently); and

Different operations (how they affect people).

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

BELOVED: This is the manifestation of the Holy Spirit TO THE WHOLE BODY. For the WHOLE BODY to benefit. *Manifested IN THE BODY, so the BODY benefits.*

UNDERSTAND: These things are to be manifested in the BOD OF CHRIST!

If the Holy Spirit is in the church...these things will be manifested at some point.

Goosebumps are not a manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

Dancing is not a manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

NOTE: These gifts may be presented in worship and praise...or in the preaching...but THEY ARE the manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

MANY will say that these gifts have been done away with...or that it is just for the Ministry Gifts.

NOTE: Corinthian letters were written to the WHOLE CHURCH, not just a man. So it is intended for the WHOLE CHURCH to operate in these gifts.

Vs. 31 tells us to covet earnestly these gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:31 - "But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way."

The best gift is the one you need at the time.

The whole church should earnestly seed the gifs.

NOT a story book of what happened at Corinth...but for us.

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 - The List of Gifts.

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

NOT someone's to keep...to to use at specific times.

Three categories: To Reveal, To Say, To Do

1.) Word of Wisdom vs. 8

NOTICE: Not a gift of wisdom...not natural...because you studied hard.

This is the supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit concerning divine purpose, direction or WHAT TO DO.

NOTICE: It is a word...not all the details.

ILLUSTRATION: Me and the young man in my youth group.

2.) Word of Knowledge vs. 8

NOTE: Gift of knowledge. Not that you know a lot of facts. We live in information age.

This is a supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit of facts. You don't know them, but God does and He reveals them to you.

AGAIN: God is all knowing, but He doesn't reveal all things to you...JUST A WORD.

ILLUSTRATION: Reading mail. Dad flowed in this.

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3.) Faith vs. 9

This is NOT walking by faith. It is NOT the measure of faith in Romans 12.

This is a supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit of FAITH that is above and beyond where your faith level is currently at.

NOTE: This doesn't change your level...this is a gift from God...although, if you have this happen enough, it will boost your measure of faith.

ILLUSTRATION: Smith Wigglesworth coming home from work and his wife told him his neighbor had passed away. Smith went next door and prayed...spoke over...interceded for his dead neighbor. He was starting to get worn out and all the sudden a supernatural urge hit him and he grabbed the man by his lapel's and stood him up against the wall and he rebuked death and commanded life and commanded him to walk...the man opened his eyes and came back to life and walked.

NOTE: His normal faith wasn't quite where it needed to be...but the GIFT took over. **How often have we seed:** Move your arm and see if it hurts...try to make it hurt.

QUICK HIT: Often these gifts are tightly woven together.

4.) Gifts of Healings vs. 9

NOTICE: Both are plural.

"Gifts" - different styles used for healings (laying on of hands, speaking, etc.)

"Healings" - lots of needs

ALSO: Many people have special gifts they tap into for certain healings (deaf, blind, growths, etc.)

5.) Workings of Miracles vs. 10

AGAIN: Both are plural.

This is a supernatural manifestation that intervenes in the ordinary course of nature, a temporary suspension of the accustomed order.

Think of Jesus:

- ~ Water to wine
- ~ Peace be still
- ~ Walk on water
- ~ Feeding of 5000 (20K)

Matthew 15:30,31

- And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, *maimed*, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:
- Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, *the maimed to be whole*, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

I known you are thinking...this is the Gifts of Healings...and you would be right overall.

"Maimed" - missing hands or feet

That is why they were made whole, not just walked!

6.) Prophecy vs. 10

Not the ministry gift of prophecy or motivational gift.

A supernatural utterance in a known tongue. A message to the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 14:3 – "But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort."

THIS GIFT will be spoken in a gathering of believers for EDIFICATION (building up); EXHORTATION (encourage); COMFORT (assurance).

None of that "REPENT you dirty sinners."

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7.) Discerning of Spirits vs. 10

This is not discernment...but discernment of spirits. It is not finding faults or criticizing. It is a supernatural manifestation that gives insight into the spirit world.

What spirit is at work? Holy Spirit, demonic spirit or human spirit (flesh).

ILLUSTRATION: Don Meyer and the guy who gave a "prophecy" at NCBC. "That is not of God."

8.) Divers Kinds of Tongues vs. 10

This is NOT your spiritual gift that is yours to use all the time.

This is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit to be used in a gathering of believers.

9.) Interpretation of Tongues vs. 10

This works with TONGUES in a church service. Can't be on their own.

1 Corinthians 14:4,5,13,28-30

- 4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.
- I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, *except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.*
- Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.
- 27 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.
- But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.
- 29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.
- If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.
- 1 Corinthians 12:11 "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."

REMEMBER: These gifts are not for anyone to possess...but to use when God desires (or wills).