

The Holy Spirit

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THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Part Two)

We will open with a brief review of Sessions 1 and 2.

In our last lesson, I covered two groups of spiritual gifts: 1) the gifts of ministry - apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers and 2) related ministry gifts - ministering, teaching (that is, lay member teaching), exhorting (encouraging), giving, ruling (church government or polity), showing mercy and helps.

The first group provides leadership in the body of Christ which would indicate that the number of believers receiving these gifts is somewhat limited. But the second group makes it clear that every believer can have - AND SHOULD HAVE - at least one of these gifts.

Tonight we study our final group - the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as outlined in I. Corinthians 12. There are several emphases I want to make in this class:

- The Giver of these gifts is the Holy Spirit. No person, regardless of claims made, can impart these gifts to another.
- None of these gifts are the result of increased human ability or talent. They are supernatural in design, in usage and in results.
- Jesus said we would receive power after being baptized in the Holy Spirit. That empowerment is manifested by and large through these listed gifts in I. Cor. 12.

1 Cor. 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. [2] Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. [3] 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. [4] Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. [5] And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. [6] And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. [7] But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. [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

1 another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the
2 interpretation of tongues: [11] But all these worketh that one and the selfsame
3 Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

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5 There are those who teach that these Gifts of the Holy Spirit are no longer in operation,
6 citing 1 Cor. 13:10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in
7 part shall be done away. They point out that “that which is perfect” was the final
8 canon of scripture. We believe firmly that “that which is perfect” is Jesus Christ and his
9 advent on earth. Until such time, these supernatural Gifts of the Spirit are needed:

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11 ● To manifests the grace, power and love of the Spirit among His people in their
12 public gatherings, homes, families and individual lives. Romans 15:18-19

13 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought
14 by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, [19] Through mighty signs
15 and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round
16 about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

17 ● To help make the preaching of the gospel effective by giving supernatural
18 confirmation to the message Mark 16:15-20 And he said unto them, Go ye
19 into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. [16] He that
20 believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be
21 damned. [17] And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall
22 they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; [18] They shall take
23 up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they
24 shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

25 [19] So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into
26 heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. [20] And they went forth, and
27 preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the
28 word with signs following. Amen.

29 ● To meet human needs and to strengthen and build up spiritually both the
30 church and individual believer, to perfect believers in love

31 ● To wage effective spiritual war against Satan and the forces of evil Acts
32 8:5-7

33 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto
34 them. [6] And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which
35 Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. [7] For unclean
36 spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with
37 them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

Robert Brandt: God desires that His power will be manifested through each of His children. He wants His power to be shown through you. As you learn about these gifts, you will begin to find yourself able to be used by the Spirit in their effective manifestation.

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3 **THE WORD OF WISDOM I Cor. 12:8**

4 We must understand that this is not wisdom picked up through experience or some innate
5 intuition. Since the Gifts of the Spirit are strictly of divine origin, we understand that
6 **THE WORD OF WISDOM IS AN EXPRESSION FROM GOD.** Therefore, through
7 the gift of the word of wisdom, the Holy Spirit gives to the believer a bit of God's
8 wisdom *to be used to fill a particular need of the moment and at the proper time.*
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10 Example: Acts 15:5-27

11 **But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That**
12 **it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.**

13 **[6] And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter. [7]**
14 **And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men**
15 **and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that**
16 **the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. [8] And**
17 **God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost,**
18 **even as he did unto us; [9] And put no difference between us and them, purifying**
19 **their hearts by faith. [10] Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the**
20 **neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? [11] But**
21 **we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as**
22 **they.**

23 **[12] Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul,**
24 **declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by**
25 **them.**

26 **[13] And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and**
27 **brethren, hearken unto me: [14] Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit**
28 **the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. [15] And to this agree the**
29 **words of the prophets; as it is written, [16] After this I will return, and will build**
30 **again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins**
31 **thereof, and I will set it up: [17] That the residue of men might seek after the Lord,**
32 **and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all**
33 **these things. [18] Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the**
34 **world. [19] Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among**
35 **the Gentiles are turned to God: [20] But that we write unto them, that they abstain**
36 **from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from**
37 **blood. [21] For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being**
38 **read in the synagogues every sabbath day. [22] Then pleased it the apostles and**

1 elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch
2 with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men
3 among the brethren: [23] And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The
4 apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the
5 Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia: [24] Forasmuch as we have heard, that
6 certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your
7 souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such
8 commandment: [25] It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to
9 send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, [26] Men that have
10 hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. [27] We have sent
11 therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.
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13 Human wisdom at that time would have forbidden the Gospel to be taken to the
14 Gentiles. But God's wisdom - especially through James, Peter, Paul and Barnabas,
15 made it possible for the whole world to be reached for Christ.
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17 How Does This Gift Work?

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19 Does it require hard thinking? A great early Pentecostal teacher of the last century was
20 DONALD GEE. He wrote:

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22 "There is a sense of the divine (that is, God), a consciousness of an utterance
23 transcending (rising above) all the stores of human experience. One is deeply conscious
24 that the right thing has been said."
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26 When Does This Gift Work?

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- 28 1. Quite often in anointed preaching
 - 29 2. When problems arise in the church
 - 30 3. When persecution came Note in Acts 5 that the leaders of the early church had
31 been warned by the civil authorities to desist from all preaching. This word of wisdom
32 came to them: "We must obey God rather than men!" (Acts 5:22-33)
 - 33 4. When people have personal problems

A wonderful pastor, now with the Lord, Jesse Smith - former district superintendent of Georgia, was given a word of wisdom for me when I was trying to enter the ministry - and could not seemingly do so. He said to me, after thought, "Dan, give God the luxury of TIME." I followed that advice and several months later found myself in full-time ministry in Ohio.

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- 1 • That Saul would be a “chosen vessel?” (Verse 12)
- 2 • That Saul as Paul would one day suffer for the Lord? (Verse 16)

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4 **Read Acts 27:24-44** that deals with Paul being ship-wrecked. Paul knew that the
5 sailors in the storm-tossed ship could not be saved unless they stayed with the ship.

6 7 **FAITH - I Cor. 12:9**

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9 Faith is the God-given ABILITY TO BELIEVE! If a person has faith we say he
10 believes. But the gift of faith is something beyond ordinary faith. IT IS SPECIAL
11 FAITH. It is faith given by the Holy Spirit to meet a special need. We can say it is a
12 small part of God’s perfect faith, given by the Holy Spirit to a person.

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14 **FAITH IS ALWAYS BASED ON KNOWLEDGE!** If your faith is small, you must
15 ask yourself, how much knowledge about God and His Word do I have? **Romans 10:17**
16 **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

17 18 **CASE HISTORY FROM SCRIPTURE**

19 20 **Acts 3:1-11**

21 **Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being**
22 **the ninth hour. [2] And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried,**
23 **whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms**
24 **of them that entered into the temple; [3] Who seeing Peter and John about to go into**
25 **the temple asked an alms. [4] And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John,**
26 **said, Look on us. [5] And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of**
27 **them. [6] Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I**
28 **thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. [7] And he took him**
29 **by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones**
30 **received strength. [8] And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them**
31 **into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. [9] And all the people saw**
32 **him walking and praising God: [10] And they knew that it was he which sat for alms**
33 **at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and**
34 **amazement at that which had happened unto him. [11] And as the lame man which**
35 **was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch**
36 **that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.**

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38 1. The situation of the lame man was a long-standing one.
39 2. His situation was hopeless.
40 3. Peter had a special faith in that moment! “In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth I
41 order you to get up and walk!” (Acts 3:6) “At once the man’s feet and ankles became
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1 strong and he jumped up, stood on his feet and started walking around.” (Acts 3:7)

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3 The Holy Spirit desires to work like this today. He desires His followers to have special
4 faith in God for impossible situations!

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6 (Pastor’s testimony of such situations)

7 8 **GIFTS OF HEALING - I Cor. 12:9**

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10 The Gifts of Healing are manifestations of God’s grace, His favor and kindness. These
11 gifts flow out of the Spirit through the believer and then to the people in need of healing.
12 An unusual factor in this manifestation is that the “gift” is plural: “Gifts.” Robert
13 Brandt explained: “It may well be that gifts means that certain believers are used by the
14 Holy Spirit to heal certain kinds of sickness, disease or infirmity. For instance, in Acts
15 8, Philip was used of the Spirit to heal lame people and those with palsy. In more recent
16 times, a man greatly used in gifts of healing was Smith Wigglesworth who was used in
17 healing internal sickness and diseases.” (Spiritual Gifts / ICI / Brandt / page 136)

18 19 **CASE HISTORIES IN THE BIBLE**

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21 1. Peter and John Acts 3:1-11
22 2. Peter Acts 5:15
23 3. Philip Acts 8:5-7
24 4. Ananias Acts 9:17-18
25 5. Peter Acts 9:32-34
26 6. Paul Acts 14:8-10
27 7. Paul Acts 28:7-9

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29 The above mentioned were primarily apostles. Are the gifts of healing for others as
30 well? Obviously so: **James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the**
31 **elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name**
32 **of the Lord:**

33 34 **WHAT METHOD SHOULD BE USED IN HEALING THE SICK?**

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36 There is no certain way. We read in scripture of the many ways in which the gifts of
37 healing were employed:

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39 1. A touch, a spoken word (Matthew 8:3)
40 2. A spoken word (Matthew 8:5-13). Note: the person who was healed was not present
41 to hear the spoken word.
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- 1 3. A touch (Matthew 8:15)
- 2 4. A touch and a spoken word (Matthew 9:29)
- 3 5. A command (Matthew 12:13)
- 4 6. Placing mud on blind eyes and a spoken word (John 9:6)
- 5 7. A command, a lift with the hand (Acts 3:6-9)
- 6 8. A spoken word, a command (Acts 9:34)

7 8 THE PURPOSE FOR THE GIFTS OF HEALING 9

10 All of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit have a primary purpose and that is the building up of
11 Christ's church. They are not given for individual benefit. In the case of the Gifts of
12 Healing, they enable the church members to be healthy and well physically. A
13 secondary purpose of the Gifts is to bring people to Jesus.
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15 THE WORKING OF MIRACLES - I Cor. 12:10 16

17 This Gift is the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to do through supernatural power things
18 which are otherwise impossible.
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20 BIBLICAL CASE HISTORIES 21

- 22 1. Israel crossed the Red Sea on dry land (Exodus 14:21-28)
- 23 2. Moses brought water out of a rock (Wadi Musa, Jordan) (Exodus 17:1-6)
- 24 3. Joshua made the sun stand still (Joshua 10:12-13)
- 25 4. Elijah prayed down fire from heaven (I Kings 18:37-38)
- 26 5. Elijah made an iron axe head float (2 Kings 6:1-7)
- 27 6. Jesus turned water into wine (John 2:1-11)
- 28 7. Jesus calmed the storm sea (Matthew 8:23-26)
- 29 8. Jesus and Peter walked on the water (Matthew 14:22-31)
- 30 9. Jesus fed thousands with a boy's lunch (John 6:5-14)
- 31 10. Jesus raised a man from the dead (John 11:1-44)

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33 BUT NOTE THIS: The miracles in the book of Acts were not performed by Jesus
34 (Who had already ascended back to the Father); they were performed by very common
35 people – fishermen, tax collectors and the like. For example:
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- 37 1. Escape from prison Acts 5:17-20 **Then the high priest rose up, and all they that**
38 **were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,**
39 **[18] And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. [19]**
40 **But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth,**
41 **and said, [20] Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this**
42 **life.**

1 **Acts 12:5-12**

2 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the
3 church unto God for him. [6] And when Herod would have brought him forth, the
4 same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the
5 keepers before the door kept the prison. [7] And, behold, the angel of the Lord came
6 upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and
7 raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. [8]
8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did.
9 And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. [9] And he went
10 out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel;
11 but thought he saw a vision. [10] When they were past the first and the second ward,
12 they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his
13 own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the
14 angel departed from him. [11] And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I
15 know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the
16 hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

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18 2. Paul's encounter with the deadly snake: **Acts 28:1-6** And when they were
19 escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita. [2] And the barbarous
20 people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every
21 one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold. [3] And when Paul had
22 gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the
23 heat, and fastened on his hand. [4] And when the barbarians saw the venomous
24 beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a
25 murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to
26 live. [5] And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm. [6] Howbeit they
27 looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they
28 had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds,
29 and said that he was a god.

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31 Here is the point: These miracles were not performed by angels; they came about
32 through human vessels, yielded to God. It was through the power of the Holy Spirit to
33 meet a great need in behalf of Christ's body.

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35 Again: THE PURPOSE FOR THIS GIFT, AS IN THE CASE WITH ALL THE GIFTS
36 IS TO EDIFY (BUILD UP) THE BODY OF CHRIST. MIRACLES SUCH AS THESE
37 MENTIONED REMOVE OBSTACLES WHICH HINDER THE GOSPEL.

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39 **PROPHECY - I Cor. 12:10**

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41 There are two ways to go in defining prophecy: One is foretelling, that is predicting the
42 future (and I feel personally that this is the lesser of the two definitions, though still

1 important) and the second is forthtelling, which means anointed public declaration of the
2 Gospel.

Brandt: What is the difference between prophets (one of the ministry gifts listed in Ephesians 4:11) and prophecy? The gift of prophets is the gift of full-time leadership to the body. The gift of prophecy is the gift of inspired utterance. The gift of prophets is for a rather small number of the body's members. The gift of prophecy can be experienced by all of the members. "Ye may all prophesy, one by one" (I Cor. 14:31).
All who have the office of the prophet will prophesy. But all who prophesy do not have the office of a prophet. (Ibid. Page 143)

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Note this: Scripture teaches that PROPHECY is to be the most soft after of the gifts. **1 Cor. 14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.**

9 This is the gift that makes the body come alive in a special way because through it
10 believers are built up and sinners are moved toward God. **1 Cor. 14:24 But if all
11 prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is
12 convinced of all, he is judged of all:**

13 14 BIBLICAL CASE HISTORY: 15

16 On the Day of Pentecost, Peter stood up and began declaring the Word of God, based on
17 Joel 2. This is the same man who only 50 days earlier had vehemently denied (before a
18 little girl) that *he even knew Jesus*. Now with boldness and anointing, having just been
19 baptized in the Holy Spirit, his words impacted the crowd so strongly that 3,000 men
20 were saved and baptized in water. The day before, Peter could not have preached this
21 sermon. At the heart of his message was the supernatural power of God.

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23 Through the Gift of Prophecy, the Holy Spirit can also bring to the speaker's mind what
24 he would not have thought of himself.

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26 In this case I've just mentioned PROPHECY would be defined as FORTHTELLING.
27 But what about biblical cases of FORETELLING?

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29 How about Jonah declaring to the people of Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, "In forty
30 days this city will be destroyed!" (Jonah 3:4)

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32 In our next study, which will be Wednesday evening, August 1, we will pick up the other
33 three Gifts of the Spirit: Discerning of Spirits, Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues