

A Brief Overview of Spiritual Gifts

The word Paul uses in 1 Corinthians 12:4 is *charisma*. Vines defines it as "a gift of grace, a gift involving grace" on the part of God as the donor. They are gifts given by God for the building up of the body.

1. Spiritual gifts are not talents or natural abilities (e.g. singing).
2. Spiritual gifts are not the same as the fruit of the spirit. Gifts are given; fruit is grown. Gal 5:22-23
3. Situational ministry gifts (1 Cor 12-14) and office gifts (Eph 4:1) are not the same thing. There is a spectrum of giftings (e.g. all can prophecy, but not all are prophets).

Gift lists (1 Cor 12:8-10 & 28; Rom 12:6-8; 1 Peter 4:10-11) None of the lists are complete.

1 Cor. Gifts: The gifts mentioned here can be divided into three groups and are often manifest during times of ministry when the Holy Spirit is moving (1 Cor 14:23 "When the whole church comes together").

Discernment Gifts

Word of Wisdom-(logos sophia) Speaking or applying God's wisdom to a specific situation.

Word of Knowledge-(logos gnosis) Revelation of specific facts or information that are spoken by an individual.

Discerning of Spirits-Judging whether the spirit operating is human, demonic, or divine.

Gifts of Power

Faith (pistis)-Certainty that God is about to act through a word or action. It comes with the ability to accomplish what God is about to do.

Gifts of Healing (iama)-An event or progression of events where a person receives physical, spiritual, or mental healing.

Effects of Miracles (energemata dunameon)-the effect or operation of power. When people and things are noticeably affected in an extraordinary way by God's power.

Gifts of Speech

Prophecy-The declaration of a message from God for the purpose of edification.

Tongues-Spirit inspired speaking in another language (human or angelic).

Interpretation of Tongues- The God given interpretation of tongues.