

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Aims: - Knowledge of what the Spiritual Gifts are, how they are gifted, how you step into them.

- To come to a realisation about what their possible gifts are.
- How to understand them when you have very little experience with them.
- What does tongues for self-edification mean in 1 Cor 14:

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NIV): *"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good".*

A spiritual gift of the Spirit, is given to every believer to benefit the entire church.

1 Corinthians 12:11 (NIV): *"All these are the one and the same Spirit, who distributes them to each one, just as he determines".*

The Holy Spirit is the source of these diverse gifts and distributes them to each believer as He chooses.

Romans 12:4-8 (NIV): *"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us".*

1 Peter 4:10-11 (NLT) *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE BIBLE

Romans 12:6-8

- **Prophecy:** To speak God's message in a way that may encourage, challenge or be future orientated.
- **Service:** To put your hand to serve others in places where it is needed.
- **Teaching:** To instruct others in God's Word.
- **Encouragement:** To exhort and build up others.
- **Giving:** To share resources generously.
- **Leadership:** To guide with diligence.
- **Mercy:** To show compassion.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

- **Word of wisdom:** Supernatural insight or practical understanding from God.
- **Word of knowledge:** Supernatural insight into facts and truths from God.
- **Faith:** A supernatural ability to believe for God's intervention.
- **Gifts of healing:** To minister healing through God's power.
- **Working of miracles:** To perform acts beyond natural ability e.g. Healing,
- **Prophecy:** To speak forth God's message.
- **Distinguishing between spirits:** To discern if a spirit or message is from God.
- **Various kinds of tongues:** To speak in languages unknown to the speaker.
- **Interpretation of tongues:** To understand and explain what is said in tongues.

Exodus 31: 3-11

- **Skilled artisans and crafts people**

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TONGUES INTENDED FOR SELF EDIFICATION

Tongues for personal edification **1 Cor 14:4-5** The Greek word used for "**tongues**" in 1 Corinthians 14 is glōssa (γλῶσσα), which means "tongue" or "language" and can refer to either a physical tongue, a known human language, or, in some contexts, an ecstatic, unintelligible utterance that requires interpretation. Glossalalia = to speak in tongues.

Acts 2:4-8 *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other **tongues** as the Spirit enabled them.*

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? *The disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit, began to proclaim the mighty works of God in various languages, causing the multinational crowd to be amazed and bewildered.*

The word for tongues here is dialectos from where we get the word dialect. As compared to glossa in 1 Cor 14; Why the difference?

Have you ever prayed for each other? A space to practice your spiritual gifts to try to learn to grow in them. To discern what God is saying to you.

2 Timothy 1:6-7

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control