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♦ WHAT IS CHARISMATA? ♦

Charismata is the plural of the Greek word *charisma*, which literally means “*a gift of grace*” or “*favor freely given*”.

Derived from the root word *charis* (meaning grace), these terms represent *unmerited, supernatural abilities or blessings* bestowed by the Holy Spirit to benefit the Christian community.



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Sermon Series Overview

1. Gifts of Grace
2. Equipping the Saints
3. Many Gifts, One Spirit
4. The Gifts That Make Us Nervous
5. Discover Your Gifts & Use Them!





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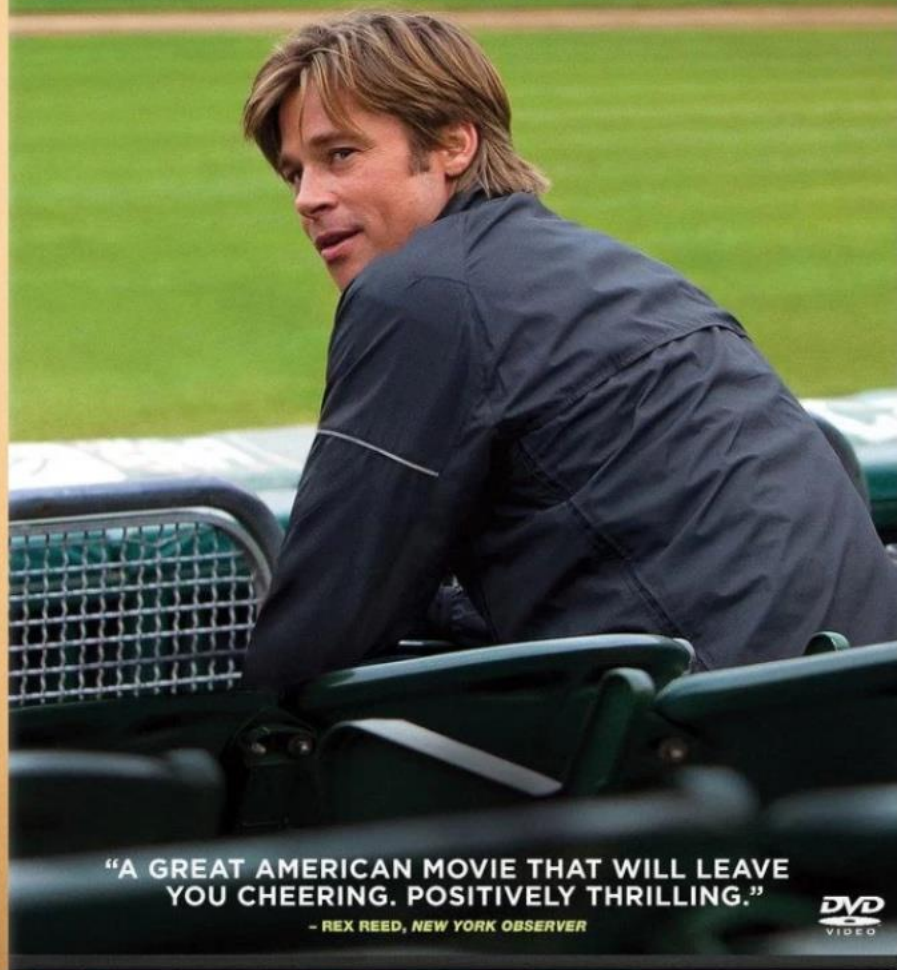
SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11



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- REX REED, NEW YORK OBSERVER



THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK

in the Old Testament

The Holy Spirit was active throughout the Old Testament, empowering, guiding, and leading God's people for His purposes.



PRESENT AT CREATION

The Spirit of God hovered over the waters, bringing order and life to the world.

Genesis 1:2



EMPOWERED LEADERS

The Spirit came upon leaders to equip them for God's calling and enable them to lead.

Judges 3:10; 6:34; 11:29



FILLED AND EQUIPPED

The Spirit filled skilled artisans to build the tabernacle and all that was required.

Exodus 31:3–5; 35:31–35



CAME UPON FOR SPECIFIC TASKS

The Spirit came upon certain people to accomplish God's purposes for specific moments in time.

Numbers 11:24–29; 1 Samuel 10:10; 19:20



INSPIRED SCRIPTURE

The Spirit moved upon prophets as they spoke and wrote God's Word.

2 Samuel 23:2; 2 Peter 1:21



EMPOWERED FOR SERVICE

The Spirit enabled individuals to serve with wisdom, courage, and godly character.

Bezalel (Ex. 31:3); Othniel (Jud. 3:10); David (1 Sam. 16:13)



AT WORK IN THE HEARTS

The Spirit convicted, comforted, and drew people to God, producing transformation.

Psalms 51:11; Isaiah 63:10–14



The same Holy Spirit who worked in the Old Testament was poured out in fullness through Jesus Christ. Joel 2:28–29; Acts 2:16–17

THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK

♦ in the New Testament ♦

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit, who came at Pentecost and continues His ministry in the church and in the lives of all who follow Christ.



POURED OUT AT PENTECOST

The Holy Spirit came upon the believers, empowering them to proclaim the gospel with boldness.

Acts 2:1–4, 17–18



EMPOWERS WITNESS

The Spirit gives boldness to share Christ and opens hearts to believe.

Acts 4:31; 1 Corinthians 2:4–5; 2 Corinthians 3:6



DISTRIBUTES SPIRITUAL GIFTS

The Spirit gives diverse gifts to build up the body of Christ for ministry.

1 Corinthians 12:4–11; Ephesians 4:11–12



INSPIRES AND GUIDES

The Spirit inspired Scripture and continues to guide believers into all truth.

2 Timothy 3:16–17; John 16:13



JESUS' PROMISE

*"I will ask the Father,
and He will give you another Helper,
to be with you forever—
the Spirit of truth."*

John 14:16



CONVICTS AND TRANSFORMS

The Spirit convicts of sin, brings new life, and transforms hearts to be like Christ.

John 16:8; Romans 8:9–11; 2 Corinthians 3:18



PRODUCES SPIRITUAL FRUIT

The Spirit develops Christlike character in believers.

Galatians 5:22–23



LEADS AND INTERCEDES

The Spirit leads, guides, and intercedes for God's people according to His will.

Romans 8:26–27; Acts 13:2



SENDS AND EMPOWERS

The Spirit sends believers into the world to make disciples and advance God's kingdom.

Acts 1:8; 13:4; Matthew 28:18–20

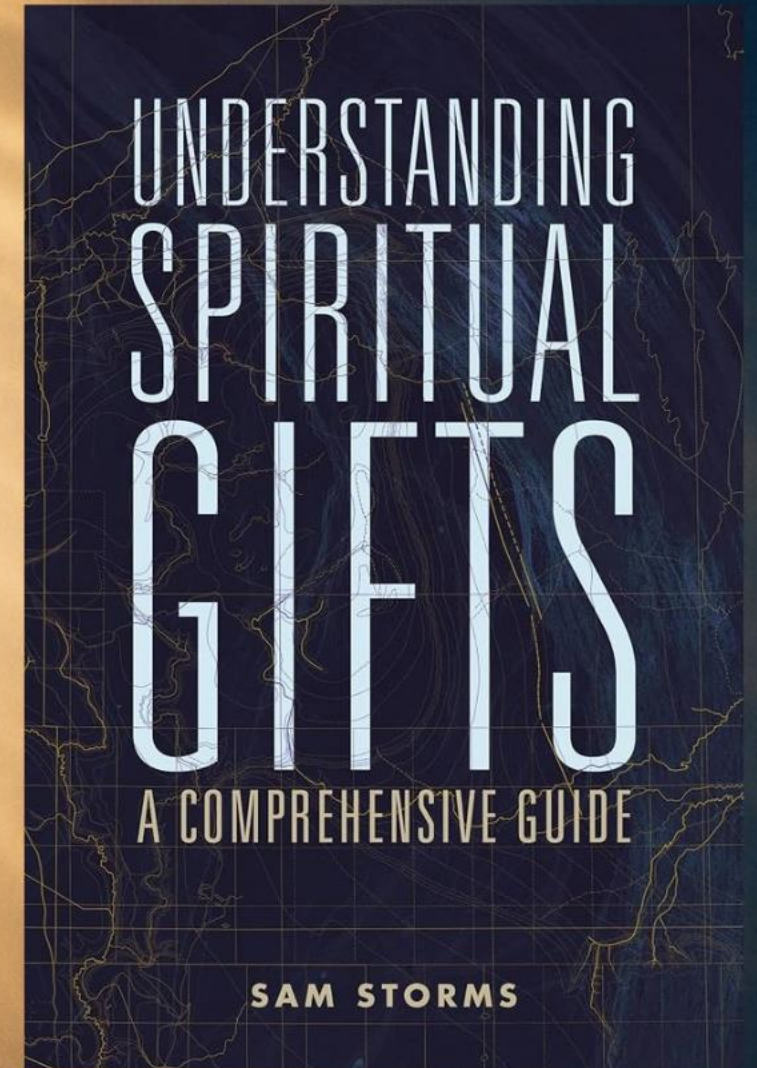


The Holy Spirit who was promised has come,
dwells in us, and empowers us to live for Christ and His mission.

What is a spiritual gift?

“A **spiritual gift** is when the Holy Spirit manifests his presence and imparts his power into and through individual believers to enable them to exceed the limitations of their finite humanity so that they might faithfully and effectively fulfill certain ministry tasks for the building up of the body of Christ.”

Sam Storms, *Understanding Spiritual Gifts* (pg.20)



Romans 12:6 NLT

“In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.”

1 Corinthians 12:4, 7 NLT

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all... A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.”

Ephesians 4:7 NLT

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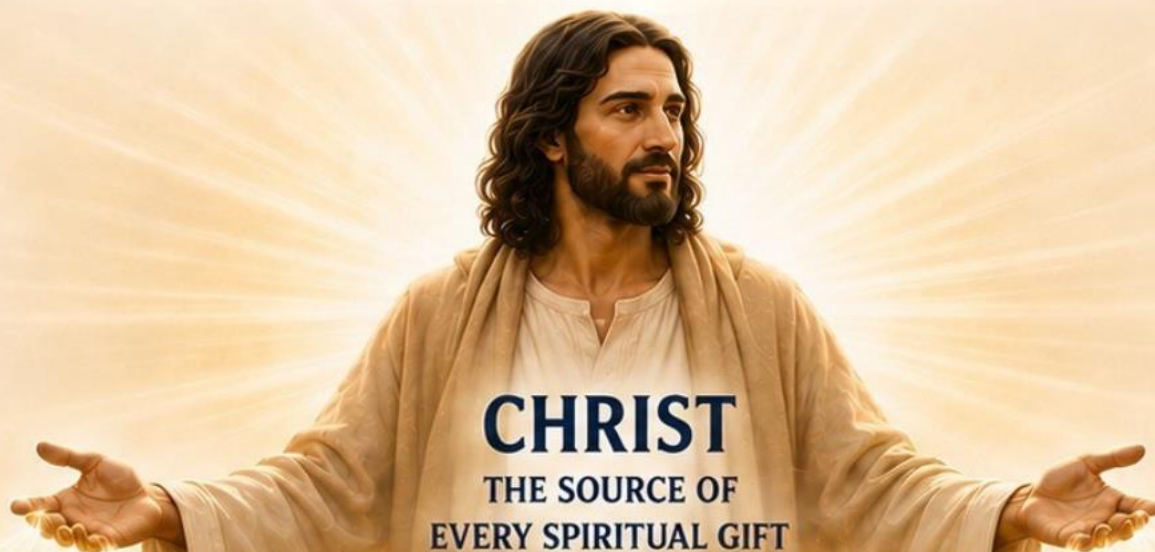


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ARE ASPECTS OF
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AND POWERS.



HE GIVES... SO WE CAN



HE POSSESSES
ALL THE GIFTS

In Christ dwells all
the fullness of God.
Colossians 2:9



APOSTLE



PROPHET



EVANGELIST



PASTOR



TEACHER



SERVICE



LEADERSHIP



MERCY



FAITH



DISCERNMENT



AND MORE...



HE SHARES
THE GIFTS

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and His church.

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1. In Grace, Jesus Has Gifted Every Believer

Spiritual gifts are not earned, achieved, or reserved for a select few. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ has graciously given every believer at least one gift to participate in his work (Eph. 4:7; 1 Cor. 12:7).

Big Idea: *If you belong to Jesus, you have been gifted by Jesus.*

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2. Every Gift Matters Because Every Person Matters

The Church is not built on the talents of a few but on the faithful participation of the whole Body. No gift is insignificant, and no follower of Jesus is unnecessary. God intentionally gives different gifts so that we depend on one another and grow together (1 Cor. 12:4-11; cf. 12:12-27).

Big Idea: *There are no insignificant gifts because there are no insignificant members of the Body of Christ.*

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Three Main Takeaways

3. Spiritual Gifts Are Given to Serve & Bless Others

God doesn't give gifts primarily for personal fulfillment or recognition but to build up the Church and advance God's gospel mission.

We are blessed so that we can become a blessing (1 Peter 4:10–11).

Big Idea: *Your spiritual gift isn't just for you—it's for others.*

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3. How is Jesus inviting me to discover, develop, and faithfully use the gifts he has graciously given me?



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