



Pneumatics

Powering the Church with Spiritual Gifts



Series Outline

Understanding Spiritual Gifts

Yet Another Incomplete List of Gifts

Misunderstanding and Controversy

Recognizing and Employing Your Gifts



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“One hundred religious persons knit into a unity by careful organization do not constitute a church any more than eleven dead men make a football team. The first requisite is life, always.”

-- A.W. Tozer





1Co 14:39 Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

Ro 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

1Co 12:29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?

31 But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.





1Co 13:4 ¶ Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;


6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;


7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 ¶ Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.





1Co 14:12 Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.



False Teaching



1Jo 4:1 ¶ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Tit 1:10 For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, 11 whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain.

False Teaching



2Pe 2:1 ¶ But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

1Jo 4:3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God.



Sound Doctrine

1Co 14:29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge.

1Co 2:10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.



*“The error of textualism, which is simply orthodoxy without the Holy Ghost. Everywhere among conservatives we find persons who are Bible-taught, but not Spirit-taught. They conceive truth to be something which they can grasp with the mind. --
A.W. Tozer*

Confusion



1Co 14:18 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; 19 yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

1Co 14:23 Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind?

Decently and in Order

1Co 14:32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. **33** For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

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Jealousy



2Pe 2:3 ¶ By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words;

1Co 14:18 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;

Jas 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

Ga 5:13 ¶ For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

Jealousy



1Co 4:7 ¶ For who makes you differ from another?
And what do you have that you did not
receive? Now if you did indeed receive it,
why do you boast as if you had not
received it? 8 You are already full! You are
already rich!

Edification Practice

1Co 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

1Th 5:11 ¶ Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

1Th 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.



“Some people have a warped idea of living the Christian life. Seeing talented, successful Christians, they attempt to imitate them. For them, the grass on the other side of the fence is always greener. But when they discover that their own gifts are different or their contributions are more modest (or even invisible), they collapse in discouragement and overlook genuine opportunities that are open to them. They have forgotten that they are here to serve Christ, not themselves.”

— Billy Graham



Timidity



2Ti 1:6 ¶ Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

1Pe 3:13 And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good?

1Jo 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

Boldness

2Pe 1:20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Heb 10:35 Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

Protocol

- 1Th 5:16 ¶ Rejoice always,
17 pray without ceasing,
18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of
God in Christ Jesus for you.
19 Do not quench the Spirit.
20 Do not despise prophecies.
21 Test all things; hold fast what is good.
22 Abstain from every form of evil.



What is holding you back?

- Is disbelief simply a mask your fear wears?
- Is your desire to encourage a fellow Christian?
- What do you need to prevent straying into doctrinal error?

