

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS

### Part 2 – Do Not Reduce the Spectacular Gifts

Romans 12:7; 1Corinthians 12:1-11

#### Introduction:

- The Bible has two separate lists of spiritual gifts
  1. Sp\_\_\_\_\_ Gifts (1 Cor 12:8-10)
    - a. The Holy Spirit d\_\_\_\_\_ when that gift operates (1Cor 12:11; Rom 9:9)
    - b. Only possessed by the believer t\_\_\_\_\_ (during use)
    - c. Cannot be operated p\_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. no botched healings; no poor prophecy) – because it depends on the Holy Spirit’s power.
  2. St\_\_\_\_\_ Gifts (Rom 12:7,8)
    - a. The believer d\_\_\_\_\_ when that gift operates (1Pet 4:10)
    - b. Possessed by the believer p\_\_\_\_\_ even when not in operation.
    - c. Can be operated poorly (e.g. – a teacher could teach poorly or a giver give wrongly) – because it depends on our stewardship
- All gifts must be operated with f\_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 12:7)
  1. Spectacular gifts – if operated by faith, then there will be no f\_\_\_\_\_ prophecies, or false tongues, or failed healings, etc.
  2. Stewardship gifts – if operated by faith, then we will be a g\_\_\_\_\_ steward (1Pet 4:10.11)

#### The Nine Spectacular Gifts

- A w\_\_\_\_\_ of knowledge
  1. Misuse of the gift
    - a. Some reduce the gift to having i\_\_\_\_\_ (but an unbeliever can have this)
    - b. Some mock the gift by a display (*I received a word that someone is going through a divorce*).
  2. Definition – a message from God that communicates supernatural k\_\_\_\_\_ (no one can have this knowledge unless God reveals it).
  3. Example of the gift – Acts 5:1-3
- A word of w\_\_\_\_\_
  1. Misuse of the gift – some reduce it to extraordinary wisdom, but many wise s\_\_\_\_\_ have come from unbelievers.
  2. Definition – a message from God that communicates supernatural w\_\_\_\_\_ (it cannot be known to be wise unless God reveals it)
  3. Example of the gift – Acts 27:31
- F\_\_\_\_\_
  1. Misuse of the gift – some reduce it to great c\_\_\_\_\_ (but many unbelievers possess this)
  2. Definition
    - a. 1Cor 13:2 refers to faith so as to m\_\_\_\_\_ mountains
    - b. A word from God that declares without hesitation a supernatural e\_\_\_\_\_
  3. Example of the gift – Dan 3:17,26,27
    - a. They declared d\_\_\_\_\_ from the fire
    - b. Deliverance required them to be \_\_\_\_\_ the fire
    - c. They suffered no e\_\_\_\_\_ of the fire
- Gifts of h\_\_\_\_\_
  1. Misuse of the gift
    - a. It is not p\_\_\_\_\_ for healing (God may or may not answer that prayer)
    - b. Putting it on display – healing s\_\_\_\_\_ (no healings in the Bible were scheduled; all were spontaneous)
    - c. Explaining away failed healings – no example of a failed healing in the Bible (note: exorcism is not healing; the bible distinguishes between physical illness and demon-possession – Matt 15:22; Mk 1:32)

2. Definition – by the prompting of God through a believer, an illness is instantaneously and completely eradicated.
3. Example of the gift – Acts 19:11
- Working of m\_\_\_\_\_
  1. Misuse of the gift – some say that anything unexplainable is a miracle (many things are unexplainable but are still n\_\_\_\_\_ - e.g. the workings of the human brain)
  2. Definition of a miracle - Something that only \_\_\_\_\_ can do.
  3. Example – Ex 7:9-12
    - a. Aaron’s staff ACTUALLY turned into a snake – a m\_\_\_\_\_
    - b. The magicians made their rods APPEAR to turn into snakes – an i\_\_\_\_\_
- P\_\_\_\_\_
  1. Misuse of the gift – some reduce this gift to p\_\_\_\_\_
    - a. Preaching is a voluntary act, but no prophecy is an act of human w\_\_\_\_\_ (1Pet 1:21)
    - b. Preaching contains human interpretation, but no prophecy is a matter of interpretation (1Pet 1:20)
  2. Definition – a message from God that is spoken by an overwhelming moving of the Holy Spirit
  3. Example – Jer 20:7-9
- Distinguishing of s\_\_\_\_\_
  1. Misunderstanding of the gift – this is not the same as the t\_\_\_\_\_ of spirits, which we are all commanded to do (1Jn 4:1)
  2. Definition – a revelation from God that a person is demon-possessed who shows no sign of possession.
  3. Example – Acts 16:16-19
- Speaking in t\_\_\_\_\_
  1. Misuse of the gift – some have reduced this gift to unintelligible speech or b\_\_\_\_\_
  2. Definition – speaking a message from God in a language one has never learned to an unbeliever or unbelievers.
    - a. Tongues are human l\_\_\_\_\_ - Acts 2:8
    - b. Tongues are spoken to u\_\_\_\_\_ and can be understood by them - 1Cor 14:22
  3. Example – Acts 2:3-11
- Interpretation of tongues
  1. Misuse of the gift – interpreting babbling
  2. Definition – interpreting a language one has never learned for believers who witness speaking in tongues.
  3. Example – no example given in scripture just instruction (1Cor 14:27,33)

**Conclusion** - Do not reduce the spectacular gifts to something they are not. When spectacular gifts are truly exercised there is no dispute – God is working!