

Ancient Paths

May 31st, 2026 - Spiritual GIFTS

1 Corinthians 12:1 NKJV

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

3 TRUTHS about SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. Spiritual Gifts are SPIRITUAL

1 Corinthians 12:1 NKJV

"Now concerning spiritual gifts,

1 Corinthians 12:4 NKJV

There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

2. God Decides What Gifts We Get

1 Corinthians 12:11 NLT

¹¹ It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

1 Corinthians 12:28-31 NLT

28 Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church:

first are apostles, second are prophets, third are teachers, then those who do miracles, those who have the gift of healing, those who can help others, those who have the gift of leadership, those who speak in unknown languages.

29 Are we all apostles? Are we all prophets? Are we all teachers? Do we all have the power to do miracles?

30 Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the ability to speak in unknown languages? Do we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not!

31 So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts. But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 NLT

¹ If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

² If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing.

³ If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

3. Spiritual Gifts are given for SERVICE

1 Corinthians 12:17–18 NKJV

¹⁷ If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *would be* the smelling?

¹⁸ But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.

God gifted us differently, and for complete unity.

1 Corinthians 12:26 NKJV

And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

1 Corinthians 12:7 NLT

⁷ A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

1 Corinthians 12:7 NKJV

⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*:

Your Spiritual Gifts are not for Enjoyment . They're for Employment .

What are the Spiritual Gifts from the Bible?

1 Corinthians 12:8–10 NIV

⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,

¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

- The Word of Wisdom
- The Word of Knowledge
- The Gift of Faith
- Gift(s) of Healings
- To another “Miraculous Powers”
- Prophecy
 - 1 Corinthians 14:3 NIV
But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.
- Distinguishing between spirits = Discernment
- Speaking in different kinds of tongues
- The Interpretation of tongues

Romans 12:4–8 NIV

⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,

⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;

⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;

⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

- **Prophecy**
 - **Serving**
 - **Teaching:**
 - **Encouragement:**
 - **Giving:**
 - **Leading:**
 - **Mercy**
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3 Principles to Discover & Develop your Spiritual Gifts

1: Complete Surrender

Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

2: Complete Humility

Romans 12:3 NKJV

³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of *himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

3: Consistent Fellowship within the Body

Romans 12:4-5 NKJV

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