
THE FRUITS AND GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FRUITS AND GIFTS

What is the difference between “gifts” and “fruits”?

- Gifts are **freely given**; fruits are the **result** of a process.
 - With spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit **gives**; while with spiritual fruit He **gets**.
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GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



DEFINITION

- A spiritual gift is the spiritual **ability** given to a **believer** at **conversion** to enable him to **serve God**.
 - ***Ephesians 3:7-8***
 - ***How did Paul become a preacher?*** The gift to preach was given him by God.
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TEN BASIC TRUTHS ABOUT GIFTS

- ***1 Corinthians 12:1 - About spiritual gifts.. I do not want you to be ignorant***

 - ***What does the verse imply?***
 - There are Christians who are unaware of their spiritual gifts. We, therefore, need to know what God teaches about gifts.
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TEN BASIC TRUTHS ABOUT GIFTS

1. Only believers have spiritual gifts 1
Corinthians 12:3-4
 2. Every Christian has at least one gift. 1 Peter
4:10
 3. Gifts are for the common good. 1
Corinthians 12:7
 4. The Holy Spirit decides what gifts I get. 1
Corinthians 12:11
 5. Each gift is important in the body. 1
Corinthians 12:21-23
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TEN BASIC TRUTHS ABOUT GIFTS

6. No one receives all the gifts. 1 Corinthians 12:28
 7. No single gift is given to everyone. 1 Corinthians 12:29
 8. Lack of love renders a gift ineffective. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
 9. We must faithfully use it. 1 Timothy 4:14 , 1 Corinthians 4:2
 10. Using my gift will cause me and the church to grow. Ephesians 4:16
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HOW DO I IDENTIFY MY GIFTS?

- **Explore**. Take the test on **“How Do I Know my S.H.A.P.E.”**
 - S—piritual gifts
 - H—eart
 - A—bilities
 - P—ersonality
 - E—xperiences
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HOW DO I IDENTIFY MY GIFTS?

- **Experiment**. Volunteer and serve in the D-group. Try doing different things and see where the Holy Spirit will bless your work. He will confirm it through other people.
 - **Examine** Your Heart. Which one do you enjoy doing most?
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THE KINDS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- The Bible does not give a comprehensive list of spiritual gifts. The Holy Spirit gives different gifts in different times and places according to the need of the body of believers. Scripture has lists in several parts of the New Testament which only gives us an idea of the sort of gifts He gives.
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GIFTS THAT COMMUNICATE GOD'S WORD (To both unbelievers and believers)

- **PREACHING or Prophecy *1 Corinthians 14:3***

The ability to publicly communicate God's Word in an inspired way that convinces unbelievers and both challenges and comforts believers. The ability to persuasively declare God's will.

- **EVANGELISM *Acts 8:26-40***

The ability to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ to unbelievers in a positive, non-threatening way. The ability to sense opportunities to share Christ and lead people to respond in faith.

GIFTS THAT COMMUNICATE GOD'S WORD (To both unbelievers and believers)

- **MISSIONS: *Corinthians 9:19, Acts 13:2-3***

The ability to adapt to a different culture to reach unbelievers and help believers from that culture.

- **APOSTLE *Romans 15:20***

The ability to start new churches and oversee their development.

GIFTS THAT EDUCATE GOD'S PEOPLE

- **TEACHING** *Ephesians 4:12-13*

The ability to educate God's people by clearly explaining and applying the Bible in a way that causes them to learn. The ability to equip/train other believers for ministry.

- **ENCOURAGEMENT or Exhortation** *Acts 14:22*

The ability to motivate God's people to apply and act on biblical principles, especially when they are discouraged or wavering in their faith. The ability to bring out the best in others and challenge them to develop their potential.

GIFTS THAT EDUCATE GOD'S PEOPLE

- **WISDOM** *1 Corinthians 2:1,6-16*

The ability to understand God's perspective on life situations and share those insights in a simple, understandable way. The ability to explain what to do and how to do it.

- **DISCERNMENT** *1 John 4:1-6*

The ability to distinguish right from wrong, truth from error, and to give an immediate evaluation based on God's Word. The ability to discern whether the source of an experience is Satan, self, or God's Spirit.

GIFTS THAT EDUCATE GOD'S PEOPLE

- **KNOWLEDGE** *Daniel 1:17*

The ability to discover, collect, analyze, and organize information that is vital to individual believers or the entire church family. The ability to comprehend a large amount of information and provide it when needed for effective decision-making.

GIFTS THAT DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE

- **SERVICE** *Acts 6:1-7*

The ability to recognize unmet needs in the church family, and take the initiative to provide practical assistance quickly, cheerfully, and without a need for recognition.

- **MERCY** *Luke 10:30-37*

The ability to detect hurt and empathize with those who are suffering in the church family. The ability to provide compassionate and cheerful support to those experiencing distress, crisis, or pain.

GIFTS THAT DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE

- **HOSPITALITY** *1 Peter 4:9-10*

The ability to make others, especially strangers, feel warmly welcomed, accepted, and comfortable in the church family. The ability to coordinate factors that promote fellowship.

- **PASTORING or Shepherding** *1 Peter 5:2-4*

The ability to care for the spiritual needs of a group of believers and equip them for ministry. The ability to nurture a small group in spiritual growth and assume responsibility for their welfare.

GIFTS THAT DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE

- **GIVING** *2 Corinthians 8:1-7*

The ability to generously contribute material resources and/or money beyond the 10% tithe so that the Body may grow and be strengthened. The ability to earn and manage money so it may be given to support the ministry of others.

GIFTS THAT CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE (*Worship or prayer-related gifts*)

- **MUSIC** *Psalm 150*

The ability to celebrate God's presence through music, either vocal or instrumental, and to lead the church family in worship.

- **ARTS AND CRAFTS** *Exodus 31:3-11*

The ability to build, maintain, or beautify the place of worship for God's glory. The ability to express worship through a variety of art forms.

4 PRAYER-RELATED GIFTS

- **INTERCESSION** Colossians 1:9-12

The ability to pray for the needs of others in the church family over extended periods of time on a regular basis. The ability to persist in prayer and not be discouraged until the answer arrives.

- **HEALING** James 5:14-16

The ability to pray in faith specifically for people who need physical, emotional, or spiritual healing and see God answer. The ability to sense when God is prompting you to prayer.

4 PRAYER-RELATED GIFTS

- **MIRACLES Mark 11:23-24**

The ability to pray in faith specifically for God's supernatural intervention into an impossible situation and see God answer. The ability to sense when God is prompting you to pray this kind of prayer.

- **SPEAKING IN TONGUES - Tongues/Interpretation 1
Corinthians 14:13-15**

The ability to speak in another language. It is supernaturally given. It is understood by others. If not understood by others, it needs interpretation by a supernaturally gifted interpreter.

WHY WE DON'T PRACTICE “SPEAKING IN TONGUES” IN OUR SERVICES/D-GROUP MEETINGS

1. It is for personal edification, not for the whole church.

“He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who preaches edifies the church.” **1 Cor 14:4**

2. We are to focus on building up others, not ourselves

“Unless you speak intelligible words... you will just be speaking into the air... try to excel in the gifts that build up the church.” **1 Cor 14:9,12**

3. It confuses unbelievers in the service.

“... if some unbelievers come in, will they not say you are out of your mind?” **1 Cor 14:23**

4. Ideally, it is not meant to be used in the worship service.

“In the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand

words in a tongue. Brothers, stop thinking like children!” **1 Cor 14:19-20**

“The gift of speaking God’s message should be under the speaker’s control, because God does not

want us to be in disorder, but in harmony and peace.” **1 Cor 14:32-33**

GIFTS THAT SUPPORT ALL FOUR PURPOSES

- **LEADERSHIP** *Hebrews 13:7,17*

The ability to clarify and communicate the purpose and direction (“vision”) of a ministry in a way that attracts others to get involved. The ability to motivate others by example to work together in accomplishing a ministry goal.

- **ADMINISTRATION or ORGANIZATION** *1Corinthians 14:40*

The ability to recognize the gifts of others and recruit them to a ministry. The ability to organize and manage people, resources and time for effective ministry. The ability to coordinate many details and execute plans of leadership.

GIFTS THAT SUPPORT ALL FOUR PURPOSES

- **FAITH** *Romans 4:18-21*

The ability to trust God for what cannot be seen and act on God's promise, regardless of what the circumstances indicate. The willingness to risk failure in pursuit of a God-given vision, expecting God to handle the obstacle.

FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Galatians 5:22-23

1. Definition

- The fruit of the Spirit is the ***result*** of the Holy Spirit's work in the believer's life
 - ***John 15:8 - By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.***
 - ***What is the function of fruit bearing?*** It is proof of being a genuine Christian.
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2. Kinds of Spiritual Fruit

- ***Christ-like Character - Galatians 5:19-23***
 - ***Harvest of Souls - Colossians 1:6***
 - ***Good Works - Colossians 1:10***
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3. How to be Fruitful

- ***Abide in the Vine - John 15:4-5.***
 - ***Walk in the Spirit - Galatians 5:16, 22***
 - ***Submit to God's Chastening or Pruning - John 15:1-5***
 - Note the phrase "takes away" literally means "**take up**". A branch that sags to the ground cannot bear fruit so the vinedresser lifts it up to a latticework and ties it there so it can bear fruit.
 - ***What is the difference between 'chastening' and 'pruning'?***
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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

- **Love**: that kind of compassion which wants only the best for another person, regardless of his actions toward you.
 - **Joy**: the kind of joy whose foundation is in God and not in the circumstances found in our daily lives.
 - **Peace**: the serenity of knowing God is in control, that one is in His hands, and He will work out everything for the highest good.
 - **Patience**: long-suffering or forbearance with other people, even when they don't deserve it.
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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

- **Kindness**: graciousness, being helpful and considerate, not expecting anything in return.
 - **Goodness**: moral virtue which is willing to act for the good of other people.
 - **Faithfulness**: reliable, can be trusted.
 - **Gentleness**: teachable, tamed, submissive, controlled by the will of the Master.
 - **Self-control**: the ability to control one's actions rather than being controlled by one's emotions or desires.
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