

Spiritual Gifts

Things We Say

- **Message of wisdom** - 1Cor 12.8; a message characterized by wisdom; some see this as referring to the wisdom of the Cross (see 1Cor 1.17-2.16) others see this as referring to supernatural insight into what to do in a particular situation
- **Message of knowledge** - 1Cor 12.8; message characterized by knowledge; some see as insight into Scripture, others see as information that could only be known/revealed by God, i.e. Peter knowing Ananias had kept back some of the money he received from selling his property (Acts 5.3-4)
- **Prophecy** - 1Cor 12.10, 1Cor 14; spontaneous, Spirit-inspired utterance intended to strengthen, encourage, and comfort others
- **Discernment** - 1Cor 12.10, 1Cor 14.29, 1Thes 5.19-20, 1John 4.1; discerning, differentiating, and judging between things (like prophetic words) to see what is from God and what is not
- **Tongues** - 1Cor 12.10, 1Cor 14; God-directed speech in an unknown (angelic) language; see Acts 2.5-13 for tongues in a human language
- **Interpretation of tongues** - 1Cor 12.10, 1Cor 14; articulation of a message in tongues for the benefit of others
- **Teaching** - 1Cor 14.6, Rom 12.7; Spirit-inspired speech that takes form of moral instruction
- **Revelation** - 1Cor 14.6; disclosure of 'hidden things' and divine mysteries
- **Exhortation**; Rom 12.8; to urge others to live out the truth of the Gospel, 'push' others forward
- **Administration** - 1Cor 12.28; refers to giving wise counsel and guidance

Things We Do

- **Faith** - 1Cor 12.9-10, 13.2; not saving faith, but faith 'that can move mountains,' conviction that God will reveal His power/mercy in a special way in a specific instance
- **Healings** - 1Cor 12.28, 30; of the body; plural 'gifts' indicate that each instance of healing is a gift
- **Workings of miracles** - 1Cor 12.10; supernatural acts other than physical healing; the word 'miracles' is the normal New Testament word for 'power,' and probably refers to a broad range of supernatural events

- **Serving** - Rom 12.7; we get the word 'deacon' from this Greek word; refers to the care of any practical need within the congregation
- **Giving** - Rom 12.8; sharing one's resources with others in need and doing so straightforwardly and without ulterior motives
- **Showing mercy** - Rom 12.8; refers to tending to the sick, poor, old, and disabled
- **Helpful deeds** - 1Cor 12.28; to help, assist, or aid someone; an undertaking on behalf of another
- **Leadership** - Rom 12.8; to preside over with an emphasis on protective leadership/caring for those you are leading (some see this term as referring to the work of the elders of the church)

Definitions taken from

- *First Corinthians* by Gordon Fee; *New International Commentary on the New Testament*
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