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THE NINE GIFTS

*“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.”
(1 Corinthians 12:4–5)*

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	There are nine spiritual gifts listed in 1 Corinthians, chapter 12. All spiritual gifts come from the Holy Spirit and are for the purpose of building up the church.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is a God of order and peace.
<i>Good Works</i>	Allow God to fill us first with the power of the Holy Spirit. Be a clean vessel for God’s use.

A. The Nine Gifts (1 Cor 12:8–11)

The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to believers to advance the kingdom of God. Their purposes are to edify and build up the members and the church, to exhort and encourage one another, to educate, and to expose false teachings or false prophets.

B. Gifts of Spiritual Understanding

1. *The gift of the word of wisdom:* This comes from God alone, and refers to the ability to speak words of wisdom to the right people, at the right time.
2. *The gift of the word of knowledge:* This gift includes the richness of spiritual wisdom, the ability to discern good from evil, the ability to stand firm in faith, and the ability to teach others.
3. *The gift of discerning spirits:* This requires a solid understanding of God’s word, and is directly from God. With it, we can judge a situation to see if Satan is trying to influence our faith.

C. Gifts Which Manifest God’s Grace and Power

1. *The gift of faith:* This is not simply the belief in God’s existence or in Jesus Christ as our Savior, but the ability to continue to trust in God even in impossible situations.
2. *The gift of healing:* Miraculous healings can help convince unbelievers of the message of the gospel, and also encourage obedience and respect for the Lord.
3. *The gift of working miracles:* Like the gift of healing, this gift refers to a supernatural intervention. Today, the signs and miracles that occur within the true church confirm the truth of the gospel she preaches, and testify of the presence and work of the Holy Spirit.

D. Gifts Which Reveal God’s Will

1. *The gift of prophecy:* Prophecies are used to edify, exhort, and comfort members (1 Cor 14:3).
2. *The gift of tongues:* This is the kind of tongue used for preaching, to deliver God’s message for the edification of the church.
3. *The gift of interpretation of tongues:* While the interpreter may not understand the tongue spoken, the Holy Spirit does; he merely speaks the interpretation through the Spirit.

Life Application

1. God Wants to Fill You First with His Spirit
2. Am I a Clean Vessel, Ready for the Master’s Use?

