

Passages showing this gift can be seen in Acts 3:1-9, 14:8-10, 28:8-9 and in 1 Corinthians 12:28. Working of miracles is mentioned next. Many miracles are recorded in the New Testament: Acts 8:13; 36-42; 14:3; 15:12; 19:11-12. Not all miracles were constructive; in Acts 13:11 Paul struck Elymas blind.

The gift of prophecy is discussed next. From Romans 12:6, 1 Corinthians 14:1, and Ephesians 3:5 one can see the value of this gift. Discerning of spirits would come in very handy in determining false brethren. In Acts 5 Peter knew Ananias and Sapphira had lied about the money they gave.

The last two gifts mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12 were tongues and the interpretation of tongues. On the Day of Pentecost the apostles spoke with tongues (Acts 2:4-8). In 1 Corinthians 14 Paul gave regulations for speaking in tongues. In 1 Corinthians 14:28 he declared, "***But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silent in the church...***"

The spiritual gifts of 1 Corinthians 12 were miraculous. They were a part of the miraculous age. They are not available for men today.

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- **Confess** Christ before men - Matthew 10:32, 33; Romans 10:10
- **Be Immersed** (Baptized) into Christ - Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21; Acts 22:16
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# **The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**



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***“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant”*** (1 Corinthians 12:1). There is widespread ignorance today on any aspect of the topic concerning the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12 lists the spiritual gifts. 1 Corinthians 13 shows their duration. 1 Corinthians 14 shows the regulation of some of these gifts. The apostles did many signs and wonders. ***“And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people”*** (Acts 5:12). ***“Therefore He says: When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men”*** (Ephesians 4:8). ***“God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?”*** (Hebrews 2:4). These confirmed they were from God. Other than the isolated event of Acts 10 with Cornelius, these miraculous gifts were given by the laying on of the apostles’ hands. ***“Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, Give me this power also, that***

***anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit”*** (Acts 8:14-19). ***“He said to them, Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? So they said to him, We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit. And he said to them, Into what then were you baptized? So they said, Into John’s baptism... When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them: and they spoke with tongues and prophesied”*** (Acts 19:2-3, 5-6).

Steve Flatt, now president of David Lipscomb University, made some interesting statements concerning spiritual gifts. For Flatt’s full lesson, the reader is invited to read *Amazing Grace Bible Class*, program #1037, The Holy Spirit, December 15, 1991, and the transcript from program #1038 on December 22, 1991. Brother Flatt says there are 16 spiritual gifts listed in the New Testament. He further said, “spiritual gifts you are not born with, but you receive when you are re-born.” In defining spiritual gifts Steve Flatt said, “someone has written that a spiritual gift is an ability or skill that enables the recipient to perform a function in the body of Christ with ease and success. Now listen to that again. I think that’s right on target.” In *The Plumblines*, March 1996, brother Wayne Coats in an article entitled “Don’t Rock the Sycamore Boat” lists the following quotes from Steve Flatt. “The Holy

Spirit literally offers us things we can’t hear, we can’t understand, but makes sure that God the Father knows every need we have.” “He leads us but not exclusively through the Word.” “We are led by the Word but He goes beyond that.” Evidently there is widespread ignorance even in the church concerning spiritual gifts.

The nine spiritual gifts of 1 Corinthians 12 were miraculous gifts and they were temporary. ***“Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away”*** (1 Corinthians 13:8).

The first two of these gifts were wisdom and knowledge. The apostles were told in Matthew 10:19-20 that when they were delivered up to ***“do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak.”*** Faith was also listed as a gift. Jesus spoke of miraculous faith. ***“...if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, Move from here to there, and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you”*** (Matthew 17:20). This miraculous faith is also seen in 1 Corinthians 13:2 ***“...and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.”***

Next, gifts of healing are mentioned.