

Study on the Holy Spirit

Study # 7

The motivational Gifts

So, how did you do last week?
Did you make it through the definitions?
Are you still confused wondering if you will ever get this?

This week, things should start to become clearer for you.
We will look at the definitions of the gifts again, and put them into easier terms to understand by looking at examples of the gifts being used in the Bible.

But before we do, remember last week we looked at Gal. 5:22-23, which talk about the Fruit of the Spirit?

We need to look at these verses before we get to far into the gifts.
So let's start this week by looking and these verses.

- **Gal 5:22-23** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

This is called the Fruit of the Spirit.
Confused? Let me give you an example.

Say you have an apple seed. You plant the seed, fertilize it, water it, and the results are an apple tree.

The fruit of your work produces apples.

It's the same with the fruit of the Spirit.

You use the gift (planting the seed) and the results are not an apple but; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

You will see evidence of these things as you use the gifts.

For example,

If you had the gift of healing and prayed for someone to be healed, you would see:

Love - *You will have Love for the person you are praying for even if you don't know them.*

Joy - *You will have a joy knowing Jesus is in control, and it's not being done by some other means.*

Peace - *A calmness, not anxious and worried if the Lord will heal them. Trusting in the Lord.*

Patience - *Even if they are not healed right away, there is a calmness knowing that they are in the Lord's hands.*

Kindness - *Not self-seeking, or desiring to be paid for using the gift. Compassion towards the person.*

Goodness - *Knowing that the Lord has healed the person, and it was not done by some other means.*

Faithfulness- *You are faithful to give the glory to the Lord and not yourself.*

Gentleness - *Gently praying and loving the person.*

Self-Control - *Self Control is you allowing the Holy Spirit to be in control. It's not you out of control drawing attention to yourself. The focus should ALWAYS be on Jesus!*

So that is the Fruit of the Spirit. If you still don't understand or have any questions about it, send me an E-mail and I'll try to help you to understand.

But I want you to remember the fruit of the Spirit as we go through the gifts, or even as you practice using the gifts.

If you don't see evidence of the fruit, you should talk to the Lord about it.

Let's now look at a definition of the gifts from the Vine's Dictionary again, and see if we can understand them a little better by also looking at the Bible.

Word of Wisdom = *the insight into the true nature of things,*

- **Luke 20:22-26** *Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But He perceived their craftiness, and said to them, "Why do you test Me? Show Me a denarius. Whose image and inscription does it have?" They answered and said, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." But they could not catch Him in His words in the presence of the people. And they marveled at His answer and kept silent.*

Here we see Jesus used the Word of Wisdom and the results we see in verse 26 **"they marveled at His answer and kept silent."**

Word of Knowledge = *"to be taking in knowledge, to come to know, recognize, understand," or "to understand completely,"*

- **John 4:16-18** *Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."*

Here Jesus is using the gift of Knowledge. He knew she did not have a husband, had five husbands in the past, and Jesus knew she was living with a guy.

Faith = *"firm persuasion," a conviction based upon hearing*

Dan 3:14-18 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up? Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego are using faith here, knowing that the Lord will deliver them, and even if He doesn't, they refuse to turn their backs on God.

Healings = *"to serve as a therapon, and attendant;" then, "to care for the sick, to treat, cure, heal" (Eng., "therapeutics").*

- **Matt 9:2-6** *Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"--then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."*

Here we see both physical and Spiritual healing.

Prophecy = *"the speaking forth of the mind and counsel of God"*

- **Rev 19:10** *And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."*

- **1 Cor 14:31** *For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.*

Discerning of spirits = *of "discerning" spirits, judging by evidence whether they are evil or of God.*

- **1 John 4:6 (NLT)** *But we belong to God; that is why those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception.*

Tongues = *"the supernatural gift of speaking in another language without its having been learnt;"*

- **1 Cor 14:2 (NLT)** *For if your gift is the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking to God but not to people, since they won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious.*

We see here that speaking in tongues is you speaking to God, not God speaking through you to others.

Interpretations of tongues = *"to interpret fully, to explain." See above for tongues*

- **1 Cor 14:13 (NLT)** *So anyone who has the gift of speaking in tongues should pray also for the gift of interpretation in order to tell people plainly what has been said.*

Helps/Ministering/Serving = *"a laying hold of, an exchange" to take, lay hold of," so as to support*

- **1 Cor 16:14-18 (Living)** *and whatever you do, do it with kindness and love. Do you remember Stephanas and his family? They were the first to become Christians in Greece, and they are spending their lives helping and serving Christians everywhere. Please follow their instructions and do everything you can to help them as well as all others like them who work hard at your side with such real devotion. I am so glad that Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus have arrived here for a visit. They have been making up for the help you aren't here to give me. They have cheered me greatly and have been a wonderful encouragement to me, as I am sure they were to you, too. I hope you properly appreciate the work of such men as these.*

Pastor = *"a shepherd, one who tends herds or flocks" (not merely one who feeds them), is used metaphorically of Christian "pastors,"*

- **1 Peter 5:2-4 (NLT)** *Care for the flock of God entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly--not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your good example. And when the head Shepherd comes, your reward will be a never-ending share in his glory and honor.*

Teachers = "teachers" of the truth in the churches,

- **Luke 24:27 (NLT)** *Then Jesus quoted passages from the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining what all the Scriptures said about himself.*

Exhortations = "a calling to one's side," and so "to one's aid,"

- **Acts 11:23** *When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.*

Giving = Greek Word: *charisma* "a gift of grace, a gift involving grace" (*charis*) on the part of God as the donor,

- **1 Chron 29:9** *Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the LORD; and King David also rejoiced greatly.*

Administrating/Leadership = "to lead, attend to" (indicating care and diligence), "to lead out," is rendered by the verb "to lead, out or forth,"

- **2 Cor 9:12** *For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God,*

Mercy = general, "to feel sympathy with the misery of another," and especially sympathy manifested in act, "to have pity or mercy on, to show mercy" </i>

- **Psalms 86:5** *For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.*

Working of Miracles = "power, inherent ability," is used of works of a supernatural origin and character, such as could not be produced by natural agents and means.

- **Romans 15:18-19 (Living)** *I dare not judge how effectively he has used others, but I know this: he has used me to win the Gentiles to God. I have won them by my message and by the good way I have lived before them and by the miracles done through me as signs from God--all by the Holy Spirit's power. In this way I have preached the full Gospel of Christ all the way from Jerusalem clear over into Illyricum.*

Evangelism = "a messenger of good" denotes a "preacher of the Gospel,"

- **Mark 16:15-16** *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."*

Apostles = "one sent forth"

- **Acts 1:21-22** *Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.*

Do you now have a better understanding about the gifts?

In the weeks to come we will look at each gift individually to help you have an even better understanding of them and how and when they are used.

As I do every week I need ask if you know Jesus Christ as you Lord and Savior.

Have you been following along every week, wanting to find out the truth about this Jesus all us Christians are talking about?

You may have a head knowledge of Him, but do you have a heart knowledge of Him. Meaning, do you have a personal relationship with Him, or has He been a baby in a manger to you all these years.

Jesus is real, just as you and I are real, and He wants a personal relationship with you. He's more than a baby in a manger, He's the Savior of the world who died for ALL our sins, including yours. There's nothing you have done that He will not forgive. But you must confess them to Him now and have that relationship with Him.

Just pray this prayer or something like it from your heart;

Jesus, I admit I am a sinner. I believe that you died for my sins. I want that special relationship with you. Come into my life right now and cleans me of my sins, change me and make me new. Please fill me with your Holy Spirit and may I tell others about you.

I ask this in your name Jesus. AMEN!

If you just prayed that prayer you are now a Christian, Welcome into the family of God.

Next week we will look at a couple of illustrations that will help you determine what your Gift(s) are, and after that we will get into each gift.

God Bless you all. Hang in there God will always reveal things to you if you continue in His word.