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The 9 - Gifts of the Spirit

(Scriptures from KJV unless noted otherwise)

Foundation Scripture:

1 Cor. 12:1-13 (Spiritual Gifts: Unity in Diversity)

¹ Now concerning **spiritual gifts**, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. ² Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. ³ Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. ⁴ Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. ⁷ **But the manifestation of the Spirit** is given to every man to profit withal. ⁸ For to one is given by the Spirit **the word of wisdom**; to another the **word of knowledge** by the same Spirit; ⁹ To another **faith** by the same Spirit; to another **the gifts of healing** by the same Spirit; ¹⁰ To another **the working of miracles**; to another **prophecy**; to another **discerning of spirits**; to another **divers kinds of tongues**; to another **the interpretation of tongues**: ¹¹ **But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.** ¹² For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. (KJV)

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1. Corinthians 12: 1-11

When one speaks to many Christians regarding these Gifts they will say they have no need of them and believe that they were only given to the early Church and then the Lord with-drew them.

These gifts were bestowed by the Holy Spirit upon the Body of Christ v.12, not a particular section of the Body. You and I then, as members of Christ's Body, have the privilege of seeing these gifts in operation today.

THEIR NAME

Paul does not simply call them "gifts", **he calls them SPIRITUAL gifts** that is they belong to the spiritual realm. They are given by the Holy Spirit to those **who have been spiritually born and baptized** by the same Spirit. These gifts are not for the fleshly (natural) man, but for the spiritual man.

IGNORANCE

The Apostle says, "He would not have us ignorant". Notice other things that Paul says concerning which he would not have us ignorant and the importance of these SPIRITUAL gifts will immediately become apparent. Rom.11:24 The Mystery of the grafting in of the Gentiles. See v-25

1 Cor.10:1-2 - The baptism of Israel into Moses in the cloud and the sea.

1 Thes. 4:13 - The state of the dead in Christ.

2 Peter 3:8 - A day with the Lord.

THE GIVER

The giver of these spiritual gifts is the Holy Spirit. The Father loved the world and gave the Son - John 3:16. The Son gave the Holy Spirit - John 15:26, Acts 2:33. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts - 1 Cor. 12: 8-10.

THE GIFTS

(Paul specifies the 9 gifts they are)

1. **The Word of Wisdom.**
2. **The Word of Knowledge**
3. **Faith**
4. **Gifts of Healing**
5. **Working of Miracles**
6. **Prophecy**
7. **Discerning of spirits**
8. **Divers kinds of tongues.**
9. **Interpretation of tongues.**



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A - THE GIFTS OF REVELATION

(THE WORD OF WISDOM / THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE / DISCERNING OF SPIRITS)

1st - THE WORD OF WISDOM:

Not the gift of wisdom, but a word. Seen in the life of Christ: -

- The temptation in the wilderness. Mat. 4:1-11.
- Is it lawful to pay tribute to Caesar? Mat.22:15-21.
- The question of the Sadducees on the Resurrection. Lk. 20:27.
- Who is my neighbor? Luke 10:25-37.
- The woman taken in adultery. Jn. 8: 1-12.
- The question of circumcision in the first Council of the Church.

2nd - THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE:

Not the gift of knowledge, but a word. Seen in the life of Christ;

- Nathanael under the fig tree. Jn. 1:47-48.
- The woman at the well. Jn.4:16-18.
- The Coin in the fish's mouth.
- Peter's denial. .
- The conversion of Paul to Ananias. Acts 9:11.
- The men from Joppa to Peter.

3rd - DISCERNING OF SPIRITS:

Not the gift of criticism or discerning people, but the ability to see beyond the instrument to the motivating (spiritual) force.

- Jesus often perceived the hypocrisy of the Pharisees.
- Get thee behind me Satan to Peter.
- Ananias and Sapphira.
- The spirit of divination in the slave girl who followed Paul and Silas.
- Peter to Simon Magus.

B - THE GIFTS OF POWER

(FAITH / GIFTS OF HEALINGS / WORKING OF MIRACLES)

4th - FAITH:

This is the faith that Jesus speaks of when He says, "If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you should say unto this mountain be thou removed and cast into the sea." - Luke. 17:6. It is the ability to believe God for the apparently impossible. We see the gift in operation in the following:

- The raising of Lazarus. "Father I thank thee that thou hast heard me". John 11:41. Jesus said this BEFORE Lazarus was raised.
- He gave thanks before He fed the multitude.
- Paul's ship - believed none would be lost. Acts 27:22.

5th - GIFTS OF HEALINGS:

It is not the GIFT of healing but the Gifts of Healings.

- Paul from fever which brought others as a result. Acts 28:1-7.
- Lame man. Acts 3:1-10.



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6th - THE WORKING OF MIRACLES:

- The feeding of the 5000.
- The walking on the water.
- The water turned into wine.
- The draught of fishes.
- The release of Peter from prison.
- The translation of Philip.

C - GIFTS OF UTTERANCE

(PROPHECY / DIVERS KINDS OF TONGUES / INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES)

7th - PROPHECY:

Means to "bring forward", it is both "foretelling", and "forth telling" It's purpose is for :

- Edification.
- Exhortation.
- Consolation 1 Cor. 14:3

EXAMPLES:

- The Song of Mary. Lk. 1:46
- Prophecy of Zacharias. Lk 1:67
- The prophecy of Agabus. Acts 11:27-30, Acts 21: 10-11.

8th - DIVERS KINDS OF TONGUES:

The gift of tongues is different from the SIGN of tongues. The sign of tongues is to follow every believer, i.e. as the evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Mk. 16:17. Not all have the gift of tongues (languages), v.30. There are TWO types of tongues; Celestial (angels) and men, 1 Cor. 13:1.

THE PURPOSE OF TONGUES

- In the believer, a means of communicating with God 1 Cor.14:2, and edification
- In the Church, a sign to the unbeliever IF one or two speak. 1 Cor.14:22-27.
- All are permitted to quietly pray in tongues. 1 Cor.14:28.

9th - INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES:

Interpretation is more than translation, it is to make absolutely clear, so an interpreter may employ half a dozen words to interpret the meaning of one word. Whereas translation is usually word for word. The gift of interpretation of tongues is so the Church may receive edification when a message is given in tongues.

HOW TO RECOGNISE AND INCREASE THE FLOW OF THE VOCAL GIFTS IN OUR LIVES

The Bible clearly indicates that those who are used in the vocal gifts of the Holy Spirit should do so in ever—increasing effectiveness. 1 Cor. 14:12.

Some people have found it very hard not to despise prophecy because in many cases it has been clouded by human thought or rendered lifeless by lack of the anointing. Your utterances must be of signal quality and such anointing that people are arrested by their authority and their clarity.



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1. Your RECOGNITION:

God's speaking is an essential REQUIREMENT of a ministry in the Vocal Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The key to speaking God's Word is hearing His voice - Isaiah 50:4

- Proverbs 8:34 shows that God uses certain doors through which He speaks to us.

IN THE PAST - Hebrews 1:1 - it was bit by bit and in many different ways that God spoke.

- 1 Samuel 9:15 - directly into the inner ear.
- Numbers 7:89 - as a distinct audible voice - see also 1 Samuel 3:6, Numbers 12:7-8.
- Numbers 23:5 - words placed directly into the mouth.
- 2 Samuel 23:2 - words placed directly on the tongue.
- Numbers 12:6 - through visions or dreams.
- 1 Chronicles 21:18 - by angels.
- 1 Kings 19:12 - as a still small voice.
- Job 32:8 - directly to the human spirit.
- Jeremiah 20:9 - as a burden felt in the physical body

TODAY - Most people normally receive prophecy either as:

- A mental image, a picture in their spirit, a very basic form of vision, a visual idea
- Words or phrases in the mind.

NOTES —

- As either words or pictures are meditated on they grow rapidly, spontaneously.
- There is a sense of lightness, inner quickening or of excitement within.
- The attention may be arrested by a circumstance, a word spoken, an incident.
- Thoughts or ideas may keep popping into the mind.

2. Your RESPONSIBILITY:

To function under the anointing is an unqualified RESTRICTION that prevents casual use of the vocal gifts of the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:21

21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

- As they came under the influence of the Holy Spirit. The authority to speak forth publicly is the anointing of the Holy Spirit. (NKJV)

This may be recognized as:-

- An actual physical quickening of the entire being
- A feeling of slight pressure on the body
- An inner quickening.

The Bible clearly states that you should:

- Desire to be used in prophecy 1 Corinthians 14: 1.
- Covet to prophesy 1 Corinthians 14:39 (to be zealous).

However this zeal must always be tempered by your clear understanding you have a responsibility to minister in such a way that the Church as a whole is built up. 1 Corinthians 14:19.

NOTES:

- You must seek the anointing upon your ministry
- Spend time edifying yourself before you seek to edify the Church
- Fasting stills the clamor of fleshly voices and increases your sensitivity to the anointing.
- Premature speaking forth in prophecy will result in a lack of anointing.
- Continual prophecy (i.e. expecting to prophesy every week) may result in a diminishing freshness and the tendency to prophesy from memory.



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N.B. 1 Corinthians 14:31 — obviously all cannot prophesy in the one meeting. Sometimes those who are experienced should hold back so that those developing the gift may have an opportunity to learn.

TAKE SPECIAL NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURE:

1 Timothy 4:14

- Do not let your gift be unused.
- Do not let your gift suffer neglect.
- Do not cease to cultivate the divine gift.

N.B. If you know that you have a significant anointing in this gift and you are not allowing the Lord to use you in our services, then you must take heed of this verse:

2 Timothy 1:6

- Stir up like a fire the gift of God.
- Blow upon the embers of that inner fire.

The metaphor is taken from kindling slumbering ashes into flame by the bellows and the force of "stir" is to show that the embers had gone down from a previous state of flame.

CONCLUSION:

Many people fear to "come forward" publicly. This is a God—given reserve that serves as a precaution against the spurious or un-anointed.

PRACTICAL POINTS TO OPERATING THE VOCAL GIFTS IN OUR SERVICES

We may have any number of teachings on the subject of the vocal gifts of the Holy Spirit but sooner or later we are faced with the fact that these gifts are functional. They must "operate" and not just be talked about. For those who are going to enter this dimension here are a few practical points to keep in mind.

1. PRACTICAL POINTERS FOR PROPHESIERS:

To have any sort of effect your prophecy must be clearly audible to the whole audience. Watch these points - position in hall, speed, volume. For women these points have particular relevance. If you want to sing out a message make sure:-

- You can sing.
- You sing the words very clearly.

1 Corinthians 14:40 - Paul stresses submission to the order of a service. Be careful of "breaking in" when the Pastor is speaking. Wait your turn and wait till there is quietness. **1 Corinthians 14:33**. Beware of confusion caused by cross—currents in prophecy. Sense the direction of the Spirit and flow along with it.

2. IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES FOR PROPHESIERS:

- All prophecy should glorify Jesus — **Revelation 19:10** - Beware of – Listen to this man etc...
- Prophesying ought to be limited to the level of a person's faith **Romans 12:6**. Always remember that quality is more important than quantity. Authority given by the Holy Spirit is recognized by people.

It does not need to be asserted by the speaker. Therefore beware of great authoritative statements when you do not have the anointing or the maturity to put it across — **see Luke 14:7-11**. Start humbly and then come higher as God leads you. Do not be afraid to look at what you are going to say objectively and with rationality.



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- Unless you are flowing deeply in a prophetic ministry your words are not inspired. However the message that you give is — Proof — people stumble, make grammatical errors, speak in various forms of modern or 17th Century English. When you are learning try to be clear where you are heading before you start- If you have a mental picture make sure you know what the Holy Spirit is saying. Also be clear what He is not saying.
- Nobody is ever forced to prophesy 1 Corinthians 14:32. A common question why do I receive things from the Holy Spirit and then —
 - Do not get an opportunity to bring them forth.
 - Do not receive an anointing from the Holy Spirit.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- It may be for another meeting.
- It may be to test your dependence on the Holy Spirit.
- It may be to build your confidence.
- It may be for your own personal edification or guidance.

Remember—the experienced should allow times for others to come forward.

N.B. women often are more responsive than men, therefore they need to keep this in mind. 1 Corinthians 14:34.

3. PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR PROPHESIERS

- As you awake on Sunday morning be sensitive.
- Get to meetings early, be seated and allow your spirit to settle.
- Pray quietly in the Spirit.
- Be available and respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

N.B. Some here need to be cautious, some need to be courageous.

4. PRE REQUISITES FOR PROPHESIERS:

- You must be prepared for correction.
- You must not prophesy where you are unknown or unrecognized.
- You must not learn at the expense of a large crowd.
- You must overcome the fear of man- This comes through a whole-hearted commitment to "lay down your life for the sheep". John 10:11.

PRACTICAL POINTS GOVERNING PROPHESYING IN THE CHURCH

The following **12 points** state very clearly many practical points for those desiring to Prophesy:

1. Refrain from scolding, lecturing, or whipping people through prophecy. This also applies to extremely negative, harsh or judgmental prophesying.
2. Avoid prophesying your pet doctrines and favorite emphases.
3. Avoid the temptation to give out "personal counselling" to some need of which you happen to be aware.
4. Avoid correcting the leadership through prophecy.
5. Avoid introducing a brand new direction into the service through prophecy.
6. Avoid "preaching" for extended periods while prophesying, by elaborating or expanding on the message after the anointing lifts.



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7. Refrain from redundant or repetitive prophecies. ie when the mind of God has been clearly communicated through several messages already, do not jump in and say it over, but let it remain clear, concise and powerful. The force of prophecy is dissolved through wordiness.
8. Stay in the tune and tenor of the meeting. Do not go cross—current or against the current. This frustrates and obstructs the message the Lord wants spoken. If a conflict develops and two or more separate veins are flowing, then the leadership must be responsible for coming in and leading the meeting as they feel the Spirit is leading.
9. Refrain from yelling, screaming, whining or other extremes in voice or manner. The ideal is to speak inspirationally, but observing all the common laws of communication (good grammar, pronunciation, tone, etc.). This is simply a part of doing "all things decently and in order". The "spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet" principle applies here. God leaves man in full control. Yielding to trances and ecstasies or some state where control is lost is what the spiritualists and other cults practice. A fruit of the Spirit is self—control. He does not take that away, but rather gives it.
10. Refrain from injecting self and personal problems into your prophecy: moods, pressures or circumstances, empty heartedness, anger, irritation, hastiness, opinions, etc. It is important to have any negative elements purged from your own spirit. Avoid speaking on issues where you know you will have negative emotional involvement.
11. Refrain from speaking if you have an unclear or obscure message. If the trumpet makes uncertain sound, it produces confusion. (1 Corinthians 14:33, 40: 14:4-12).
12. Stick to the Word. This is especially true for beginners. Do not swim out too far from shore until you are sure your vessel is itself well-established. The Spirit Himself seems to somewhat confine beginners to prophesying the written Word itself with very few other comments. He thus takes a word from the word and makes it live for a given occasion.

HOW TO JUDGE PROPHECY

**Test everything, retain only the good - 1 Thess.5:19-21.
Try the spirits - A false prophet has a false spirit 1 John 4:1, 6.**

The following are nine scriptural principles for judging prophecy:

1. End purpose — edification, exhortation, comfort (1 Cor.14:3).
2. True prophecy agrees with the letter and spirit of the Word. Holy Spirit doesn't contradict Himself (2 Tim.3:16; Is.8:19-20).
3. True prophecy exalts + glorifies Christ, and gives Him complete pre-eminence (Rev 19:10; Jn.16:13, 14).
4. True prophecy produces fruit in character and conduct that agrees with the fruit of the Spirit. Righteousness comes first. (Rom 14:17; Gal 5:22, 23; Matt 7:5, 16)
5. If prophecy contains predictions concerning the future, and these are not fulfilled, the prophecy did not come from God (unless of course the person or persons did not fulfil the conditions of the prophecy) (Deut. 18:20-22) Sometimes a person prophesying begins in the Holy Spirit, but oversteps his "measure of faith" (Rom 12:6).
6. Even if prophecy contains correct predictions or supernatural revelations, it is not from God if its effect is to promote disobedience against God and the scriptures. Look at Deut. 13:1-5; Acts 16:16-18.
7. True prophecy, given by the Holy Spirit, produces liberty, not bondage. Rom 8:15 "bondage". (1 Cor.14:33 "confusion"; 2Tm1:7 "fear" - True prophecy never promotes spiritual dictatorship.
8. True prophecy, given by the Holy Spirit, will always inject fresh life into a meeting, and harmonize with the overall purposes of God. (2 Cor. 3:6)
9. True prophecy, given by the Holy Spirit, is attested by the Holy Spirit within each believer who hears it. (1 Jn. 2:27)



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The Five Ministry Gifts

The Ministry Gifts – a Divine Call Given unto Men!

Eph.4:8-12

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⁷ But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. ⁸ Wherefore he says, When **he** ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, **and gave gifts unto men.** ⁹ (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ **And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;**

¹² **For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ¹³ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: (KJV)**

- A person who is called into full-time ministry by God.
- We see that Paul tells us **why v.12** and for **how long** the gifts were given unto me **v.13**
- The **anointing** of the Holy Spirit goes **with all 5 offices.**

Three Reasons why the ministry gifts were given to the Church:

1. For the perfecting of the saints (born again believers).
2. For the work of the ministry.
3. For the edifying or spiritual building up of the Body of Christ.

Full-time ministry as to Part-time ministry:

- There is an anointing upon each ministry-gift — the full-time minister — that is not on the layman (part time).
- No part time person can take the place of these ministry gifts that God has given.
- Every person is called to be in ministry to build the kingdom of God.
- Unless we have the ministry gifts in the Church, the saints will not mature, nor be equipped as they should to do the work of the ministry.

Eph.4:11

¹¹ **And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; (KJV)**

1 Cor. 12:28

²⁸ **And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. (KJV)**

- Notice something else about the ministry gifts. In Ephesians 4:11, it says that **Jesus gave these ministry gifts** unto men. In First Corinthians 12:28, it says **that God set the ministry gifts into the Church. God gave ministry gifts to man, and God set them in the Church — not man. There is a vast difference.**
- You do not enter any phase of the ministry just because you want to, because someone told you to, or because someone prophesied to you. **No man calls you to the ministry; it is a divine call. God alone sets men and women into ministry gift offices.**



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Whom God calls - God equips:

- Those whom God calls to the ministry, He equips for the ministry. **God anoints those called to the ministry and gives them the spiritual ability to stand in what- ever office** He calls them to.
- We need a ministry **equipped with supernatural** gifts — supernatural equipment.
- The **ministry consists not in name, but in the power** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, bestows upon a person to stand in a ministry office
- You can't **intrude into a ministry office that you are not called to by God**. It is dangerous to do so. It could cost you your life.
- **No one can “put” anyone else in a ministry office**. God alone sets people into these offices. Other people may **recognize and acknowledge such a calling, but it is God who calls and sets these ministry gifts** in the Church.
- If **you don't know whether or not you are called** to the ministry, you probably are not. You see, **if you have the preach or teach in you**, it's going to come out.
- It does not qualify a person to stand in one of these ministry offices. **To enter a ministry office requires a divine call. God gives the divine call to the ministry;** He bestows the spiritual equipment for the ministry; and He requires certain qualifications of those in the ministry.
- The particular method by which God calls one to the ministry is unimportant. What is important is a person's obedience to the call of God.

Jesus is Lord!