

# Spiritual Gifts

## Questions:

- Are all the spiritual gifts for today?
- What are the spiritual gifts?
- How do we discover our own spiritual gift?

## The Disputed Gifts:

- Tongues
- Interpretation of tongues
- Healings
- Apostle
- Prophet
- Miracles

## Two Camps:

- Charismatic: believe all the spiritual gifts are in operation today.
- Cessationists: believe most of the spiritual gifts are in operation today.

## Cessationism:

- Gifts that have ceased:
  1. Foundational (Eph. 2:20)
  2. Confirmatory (Heb. 2:3-4)
  3. Revelatory (Jude 3)

Gifts for edification continue such as speaking and serving.

Dispensational teaching teaches that the miraculous sign gifts, including the gift of tongues (always the ability to speak in a previously unlearned, known language) along with the gift of healings were temporal gifts, given by the Holy Spirit solely to authenticate both the apostles and their message before the close of the canon of Scripture (1 Cori. 13:8-10). We do not believe that these are active as gifts today. However, we affirm that God is sovereign and may heal today.

## Scripture that Reveals the Gifts: 12/12/4/4

- Romans 12
- 1 Corinthians 12
- 1 Peter 4
- Ephesians 4

## Spiritual Gifts:

All Gifts fall into two categories: speaking and serving (Eph.4:11-12, 1 Pet. 4:11).

1. Prophecy: the ability to proclaim God's truth without compromise.
2. Teaching: the ability to explain clearly what God has already revealed (1 Cor. 12:28).
3. Pastor-Teacher: the ability to equip and mature the body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-16).
4. Evangelism: the ability to share the good news of Christ with unbelievers.
5. Exhortation: the ability to encourage others in the body of Christ.
6. Discernment: the ability to detect moral or doctrinal error (Rev. 2:2).
7. Administration: the ability to effectively run or manage a church program.
8. Leadership: the ability to cast an organizational vision and motivate others toward the fulfillment of that vision.
9. Knowledge: the ability to understand complex Biblical truths (1 Cor. 8:1).
10. Wisdom: the ability to find knowledge from the Scriptures and apply it to daily life (1 Cori. 2:6-7).
11. Service: the ability to minister to others.
12. Giving: the ability to give material goods and financial resources with joy so that the needs of the Lord's work are met.
13. Hospitality: the ability to make guests feel comfortable and at home (Rom. 12:13).
14. Mercy: the ability to devote energy toward helping those in difficult conditions.
15. Helps: the ability to free up others from certain responsibilities so that they can exercise their gifts more effectively (Acts 6:1-4).
16. Faith: the ability to trust God in the midst of life's difficulties.

### **How do I Find My Gift:**

1. Pray for God to reveal your gift.
2. Learn about the gifts.
3. Serve wherever possible.