



The Gifts
of the Holy Spirit
Part 4 - The Sign Gifts

The Purposes of the Gifts of the Spirit

- Some gifts were for *confirming* the message was from God (Heb. 2:4).
- Some gifts are for *equipping* believers to serve others (Eph. 4:12).
- Some gifts are for *building up* the community of Christ (Eph. 4:12, 16).
- All gifts are for *loving* others well (1 Cor. 13:1-13).

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¹⁶ And the Lord said to him, “But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man.” ¹⁷ And he said to him, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me.

Judges 6:16-17



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Hence, when God's Word was completed, those gifts were no longer needed.

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

1 Corinthians 13:8-10



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Speaking and Serving	Sign
Encouragement	Prophecy
Teaching	Discernment of spirits
Faith	Wisdom
Giving	Knowledge
Helping (serving)	Miracles
Hospitality	Healing
Leading (administration)	Tongues
Mercy	Interpretation of Tongues



Prophecy

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¹⁹ And we have something more sure, the **prophetic word**, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no **prophecy of Scripture** comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no **prophecy** was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:19-21



Distinguishing between spirits

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¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the **oracles of God**. You need milk, not solid food, ¹³ for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.

¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to **distinguish good from evil**.

Hebrews 5:12-14



Healing

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¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them **pray** over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the **prayer of faith** will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and **pray** for one another, that you may be **healed**. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

James 5:14-16



Tongues

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Our focus should be on the fruit of the Spirit more than the gifts of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).