

About Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:1–2 (NIV84®)

¹ Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, **I do not want you to be ignorant.** ² You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols.

I. Def. —*ignorance*; noun

A. Lack of Knowledge

Acts 17:29–30 (NIV84®)

²⁹ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man’s design and skill. ³⁰ **In the past God overlooked such ignorance**, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

B. Spiritual Blindness

Acts 3:15, 17 (NIV84®)

¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. . . . ¹⁷ “Now, brothers, **I know that you acted in ignorance**, as did your leaders.

C. Sometimes Inexcusable

Ephesians 4:18–19 (NIV84®)

¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because **of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.** ¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.

II. Spiritual (*Gifts*), (*Service*), (*Working*), (*Manifestations*)

1 Corinthians 12:1–7 (NIV84®)

¹ Now about spiritual *gifts*, brothers, **I do not want you to be ignorant.** ² You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. ³ Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are different kinds of **gifts (charisma)**, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are different kinds of **service**, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of **working**, but the same God works all of them in all men. ⁷ Now to each one **the manifestation of the Spirit** is given for the common good.

A. Spiritual Gifts

B. Fruit of the Spirit

C. Ministry Gifts (Empowered by the Spirit for the benefit of God’s people)

D. Spiritual Armor

E. Spiritual Weapons

F. Spiritual Forces of Wickedness

G. Spiritual Authority

III. Let’s Get Started

A. Spiritual Gifts (Manifestations)

1 Corinthians 12:7–11 (NIV84®)

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous

powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

Romans 12:6–8 (NIV84®)

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷ If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸ if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

1 Peter 4:10–11 (NIV84®)

¹⁰ Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

B. Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:16, 22–25 (NIV84®)

¹⁶ So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. . . . ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. ²⁵ **Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

C. Ministry Gifts (Empowered by the Spirit)

Ephesians 4:11–13 (NIV84®)

¹¹ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

IV. For Example

Acts 2:14–21 (NIV84®)

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ may give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that we may know You better. We pray that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which You have called us, the riches of Your glorious inheritance in the saints, and Your incomparably great power for us who believe. A power which You exerted in Christ when You raised Him from the dead and seated Him at Your right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come, amen. (adopted from Ephesians 1:17–21)