

I. Foundational and Expanding Gifts Review

- A. The foundational gifts are spiritual gifts that lay healthy foundation in order for proper growth and maturity of love in the body. The expanding gifts function best in the framework of the foundational gifts but the foundational gifts are not necessary in order for the expanding gifts to be active in the corporate body.
- B. The gifts of the Spirit are given in a sequential order in 2 instances in scripture. This sequence is not to be taken as an order of importance, or authority structure. Rather, the sequence is a framework of how the gifts complement and build upon one another. The scriptures' present this idea as a building being built, or a healthy physical body. (1 Cor. 3:9; Eph. 2:19-22, 4:13-16; Heb. 3:3-4; Rev. 21:2, 14)
 - 1. For the sake of discussion and teaching dynamics, we have categorized these lists "foundational gifts" and "expanding gifts". We spent our teaching time together last week on the foundational gifts, today we will focus on the expanding gifts.

II. Expanding Gifts (1 Cor. 12:7-11)

- A. There are at least 5 places in scripture where there are clear lists of spiritual gifts (Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:6-8, 28; Eph. 4:11; 1 Pet. 4:11). Only 1 of the times there is a clear differentiation made between the foundational gifts and the expanding gifts. In all the other examples they are presented together. I believe what we are to take away from this is to endeavor to understand the unity and equality of the gifts. The scriptures are highly focused on the unity of the gifts rather than their diversity. (Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 10:17, 12:1-12; Eph. 1:23, 4:4, 12-16; Col. 2:19)
 - 1. As we study the diversity of gifts let us be more focused on how they work together through the same Holy Spirit to bring us to the same Lord. I read far to many books and teaching on the gifts of the Spirit that specialize in their diversity not on their unity and our mutual need for each other's gifts.
- B. **Word of Wisdom** - The manifestation of this gift is individuals who are empowered to know and speak the wisdom of God in matters of counseling and consulting concerning all sorts of matters of life. The best example we have of this gift is the wisdom given to Solomon to rule Israel. This gift of wisdom goes beyond mature life experience and into the arena of supernatural wisdom beyond our years or experience. (1 Kings 3:28, 4:29-34; Acts 15:13-22; Col. 3:16)

- C. **Word of Knowledge** – Words of knowledge and prophetic words many times are blurred together to mean the same thing in charismatic culture. Scripturally they are not the same, the word used for “prophecy” is used in the context of the knowledge of future events and circumstances and the word for “knowledge” is used in the context of current events and circumstances. Common examples of this are knowing that the Lord wants to minister to a certain topic or area in an individual or corporately. Its also common to know unknown details of individuals hearts and lives. (Acts 5:1-9)
- D. **Faith** – This gift of the Spirit is a filling of supernatural belief or confidence to stir up intercession or ministry. People who experience this gift absolutely know what God wants to do in a given situation. (Acts. 3:4,14:9; 1 Cor. 13:2)
- E. **Healings** – This gift is referenced three times in scripture and each time it is in the plural form. This speaks of the multiple method’s in which Jesus heals people through the hands of the individuals with this gift. Some of those methods include the various ways of laying on of hands, knowing various remedies, and discerning the cause of sickness. (Acts 5:16, 8:7, 28:8)

For they can neither confer sight on the blind, nor hearing on the deaf, nor chase away all sorts of demons — none, indeed, except those that are sent into others by themselves, if they can even do so much as this. Nor can they cure the weak, or the lame, or the paralytic, or those who are distressed in any other part of the body, as has often been done in regard to bodily infirmity. Nor can they furnish effective remedies for those external accidents which may occur. And so far are they from being able to raise the dead, as the Lord raised them, and the apostles did by means of prayer, and as has been frequently done in the brotherhood on account of some necessity — the entire Church in that particular locality entreating the boon with much fasting and prayer, the spirit of the dead man has returned, and he has been bestowed in answer to the prayers of the saints — that they do not even believe this can possibly be done.... - Irenaeus AD 182

- F. **Working Miracles** – This gift speaks of the empowerment to walk in unique miracles that outside of the common expressions of power that fill the scriptures such as healing through prayer and dismissal of demons. Examples of this include Jesus turning water into wine, Peter’s shadow healing people, Phillip’s translation, handkerchief healings, ext.(Mar. 16:20; Acts 5:12, 14:3, 15:12; Rom. 15:19; Heb. 2:4)
- G. **Discerning of Spirits** – Individuals who walk in this gift have are empowered with insight into both positive and negative aspects of individual or corporate attitudes, motivations, and influences of the Spirit realm. (Acts 8:17-23; 16:18)

H. **Varieties of tongues** – There are 3 different aspects of the gift of tongues seen in scripture.

1. The first is Individuals empowered to speak in a known language that they do not know for the sake of evangelism. (Acts 2:4-12; 10:46)
2. The second is speaking a prophetic utterance to edify the body in an unknown language. (1 Cor. 14:2-19)
3. The third is speaking an unknown language over your own spirit to build yourself up. (1 Cor. 14:4-5,15, 18; Eph. 5:19; Jde 1:20)

“Speaking in tongues has been the making of my entire ministry.” -John G. Lake

“I spend at least one hour every morning praying in tongues.” -Smith Wigglesworth

Could it be that the gift of tongues which has stirred up some of the greatest debate and division in the body of Christ is actually the greatest key to unlocking the power of God in the Church in these last days?” -Jeremiah Johnson

- I. **Interpretation of tongues** – This gift empowers an individual to supernaturally interpret an unknown language in order that the intended recipients can understand it and be edified. Sometimes the individuals that give the tongue are the same individuals empowered to interpret it, and sometimes it is another who interprets. (1 Cor. 14:3, 27-28)
- J. **Helps** – This gift is only mentioned one time in the scriptures but the original word translated helps means to give aid or to bring relief in the time of need. Therefore, this gift is not limited to helpful servant hearted individuals but extends into the realm walking in supernatural aid or relief in times of crisis. (1 Cor. 12:28)
- K. **Administration** – This gift is also only mentioned one time in the scriptures and it could also be translated “government” or “wise counsels”. These individuals carry a supernatural ability to bring order to chaos, and to direct and organize communication, people, and resources in the body to accomplish a goal or vision. (1 Cor. 12:28)

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Growing in the Gifts (Part 3)

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