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TO GIVE AND BE GIVEN – LESSON 16

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT – PART 2

There are nine gifts to “be given” to the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit. We call them “the gifts of the Holy Spirit,” They are available to believers who have been given special power from Jesus to do His works. Jesus imparts these gifts by the Holy Spirit to believers who, as in Acts 2:4, are “baptized in the Holy Ghost” with the initial physical manifestation of speaking in other tongues (unlearned languages).

Each of these nine gifts are given by Holy Spirit. In I Corinthians 12:11 it says, ***“The Spirit dividing to every (chosen person) severally as He wills.”*** It is not as **we** will, however in I Corinthians 12:31 it says, ***“But covet (desire) earnestly the best gifts.”*** This gives us the right to ask to “be given” one or more of these gifts.

If we earnestly desire them and pursue them, the Holy Spirit may choose to impart and use us in one or more of the gifts. Most people do not operate in these gifts, but many others do minister in them.

Tomorrow we will delve into the twelfth chapter of I Corinthians to identify and briefly discuss each of these gifts which may “be given” by Holy Spirit to whomever He chooses. We will look at the “message” gifts first which are like oracles from God.