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THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

There are nine specific gifts given by the Holy spirit to be used by those who have received the baptism of the Holy spirit. These gifts are generally not found to be used by those who have never received that infilling of power nor spoken in tongues. You need to have been fully submitted and immersed in Holy ghost power for any of these gifts to become operative.

Even so, there are “spirit-filled” or “Spirit-baptized” believers who do not demonstrate any of these nine gifts in their life or works. The gifts are given to the believers to enable them to more effectively do the works that Jesus did, and even greater works than He did. (John 14:12)

Every believer has the opportunity to do His works as long as they are “born again.” (John 3:3) Any believer who stands in faith and asks in Jesus name (John 14:13-14) can see it done; this does not happen nearly as often as it ought as most Christians have little or no understanding (due to lack of teaching) of their authority in Christ.

Those who have been “Spirit baptized” have a greater grasp on their authority to access Jesus’ power in His name. It comes through the Holy Spirit’s anointing of “Pentecostal power.” This power was dramatically demonstrated through Peter and others immediately following the “upper room” outpouring of the Spirit upon the 120 on Pentecost.

The nine gifts of the Holy Spirit give great enhancement of ministry to the body of Christ to benefit believers and also as a sign to unbelievers. The gifts listed in order as given in I Corinthians 12:8-10 are:

1. The word of wisdom
2. The word of knowledge
3. Faith
4. The gifts of healing
5. The working of miracles
6. Prophecy
7. Discerning of spirits
8. Different kinds of tongues
9. Interpretation of tongues.

These gifts are usually classified into three categories each with three gifts with similar characteristics. One group I would call the speaking gifts because they bring instruction or encouragement to the body of Christ, or a witness to unbelievers. The three gifts in this group are:

1. Prophecy
2. Diverse kinds of tongues
3. Interpretation of tongues.

We will begin tomorrow with this group as we proceed through the study of the nine gifts.

A second group may be referred to as the “power gifts” or the “demonstration gifts” because they demonstrate the power of God in such a way that the results can be clearly observed.

These are:

1. The gift of faith
2. The gifts of healing
3. The working of miracles.

A third group could be categorized as “gifts of supernatural understanding.” They are often referred to as “the wisdom gifts,” but that is not entirely accurate. These three are:

1. The word of wisdom
2. The word of knowledge
3. The discerning of spirits

Stay tuned and learn as we look at each of these nine special giftings.