



Part 1 (Lesson 12)

The Holy Spirit In Your Life (Part 2)

In our last lesson we saw how the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the doorway to the gifts or manifestations of the Spirit in I Corinthians 12. In this lesson, we will examine the scriptures which tell us about the manifestations of the Spirit. These manifestations are helpful to the body of Christ in many ways. Spiritual manifestations should not be considered a sign of holiness which is clearly indicated in the books of I and II Corinthians but should be seen as helpful and worthy of pursuing.

I. The Purpose and Place of the “Gifts” of the Holy Spirit

- A. 1 Corinthians 12:7 tells us that the gifts or manifestations of the Spirit are for **(the common good – the benefit of the body of Christ) (Edification)** (also see 1 Cor. 14:26)
- B. 1 Corinthians 14:1 says we should **(Pursue love and earnestly desire spiritual gifts, especially that we could prophecy) (Prophecy – To proclaim the Word of God by the power of the Holy Spirit)**
- C. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 shows us that the motive behind all manifestations of the Spirit should be **(Love – A genuine valuing and concern for others)**
- D. When we are truly being used by the Holy Spirit to minister to the body of Christ, what will be true? (1 Cor. 14:33, 40) **(It will be orderly and will not produce confusion.)**
- E. When will these things cease to be of value? (1 Cor. 13:8-12) **(When the perfect comes)** (Notice the phrase – “but then face to face” – We will not need gifts to help us function in the spiritual realm once we are in our glorified, spiritual bodies.)

II. The Gift of the Holy Spirit and the Manifestations of the Spirit

A. We often speak of the “gifts of the Spirit” because the word “gifts” was added in italics by Bible translators. In reality the Holy Spirit Himself is the gift given to believers. (Acts 2:38,39) He, the Holy Spirit, brings with Him many manifestations and abilities when He comes to live in the believer. We are told of special abilities and manifestations then available to the believer after yielding to the Holy Spirit and being baptized in the Holy Spirit. The believer who is yielded to the Holy Spirit can begin to be used in a number of ways which all serve to edify the body of Christ.

B. List the 9 manifestations or “gifts of the Spirit” listed in 1 Corinthians 12:8-11.

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| 1. (word of wisdom) | 4. (healing) | 7. (distinguishing of spirits) |
| 2. (word of knowledge) | 5. (miracles) | 8. (tongues) |
| 3. (faith) | 6. (prophecy) | 9. (interpretation of tongues) |

C. These nine can be categorized in 3 categories. See if you can place them in the right categories.

1. Revelatory **(words of wisdom, words of knowledge, distinguishing of spirits)**
2. Power **(faith, healing, miracles)**
3. Utterance **(prophecy, tongues, interpretation of tongues)**

D. Who distributes these as He wills? (1 Corinthians 12:11) **(The Holy Spirit)**

1. Remember that the Holy Spirit possesses all the manifestations and He may choose to use a person one way one time and another way another time. He distributes as He wills.

E. Does the believer have any choice if whether or not he is used by the Holy Spirit in one of these ways? (1 Corinthians 14:32-33) **(Yes, we are told that the spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet. Our will is involved in being used by the Holy Spirit.)**

F. Are the gifts or manifestations of the Spirit to be considered infallible in the body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 14:29,32) **(No, human beings are vessels that are involved)**

1. Any utterance given to the body of Christ that is of God will always be in conformity to the Word of God (the Bible).

G. Note the purpose of the manifestation of prophecy in 1 Corinthians 14:1-3.

1. **(Edification – To build up or strengthen)**
2. **(Exhortation – To encourage)**
3. **(Consolation – To comfort)**

Notice it is not for direction (except in confirming previous direction from God).

H. What should always accompany a message in tongues in church service?

(1 Corinthians 14:27-28; 1 Corinthians 14:5,13) **(An interpretation of the message)**

I. In all of this remember that faith is involved, just like every other part of the Christian life. To be used of God you must walk by faith!

III. Additional Information Related To This Lesson

A. List the ministerial gifts in Ephesians 4:10-13 **(Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors & Teachers)**

B. List the motivational gifts in Romans 12:6-8 **(Prophecy, Service, Teaching, Exhortation, Giving, Leadership (or Administration), Showing Mercy)**

(Note – God has given the “gifts of the Spirit” found in I Corinthians 12, the “ministry gifts” found in Ephesians 4, and the “motivational gifts” found in Romans 12 to assist the believer and the body of Christ in fulfilling God’s plans and works here in this world. As you look at these 3 lists of “gifts” prayerfully consider the gifts that the Lord has placed within you and seek to grow in your ability to be used by God, using these gifts He has given you.)

