

Giver of Gifts

Series: Holy Spirit

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What are the "gifts" of the Holy Spirit?

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are those spiritual abilities the Holy Spirit gives to believers for "the common good" of the church.

- The Crossroad Church believes that the Holy Spirit is the Giver of spiritual gifts.
- Life and development of the Crossroad Church depend on the complete use of spiritual gifts that the Holy Spirit has endowed in its members.
- To this end, we seek to identify the spiritual gifts of the members and to encourage them to use the gifts for the common good of the church.

Where are the gifts in Scripture?

- Rom 12:6-9: prophecy (*inspired disclosure of God's will*), service (*such as hospitality, maintenance, cleaning etc.*), teaching, encouraging, giving, leadership, and showing mercy
- 1 Cor 12:7-11: message of wisdom, message of knowledge, faith, healing, prophecy, speaking in *known* languages (*glossa*), interpretation/translation of languages
- Eph 4:11: apostles (*presently, the NT*), prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.

What can we observe from these passages?

- The gifts are given for the benefit of the entire church (Rom 12:5, 1 Cor 12:7; Eph 4:11)
- The gifts are not given to satisfy one's selfish desire or for personal sanctification
- The Holy Spirit bestows gifts according to His will, and believers do not demand it (1 Cor 12:11)
- Proper and consistent use of the gifts brings growth and maturity (cf. Eph 4:11)
- Fruit of the Spirit is different from the gifts of the Spirit (**Jerel, I will send you textual references tonight**)
 - a. Fruit happens when an individual or a local body yield consistently to the leadership of the Holy Spirit
 - b. Fruit points to one's depth in his/her walk with the Lord
 - c. One's spiritual gifts **need not** produce spiritual fruits
 - d. One can be spiritually gifted, but at the same time, be spiritually fruitless
 - e. One must guard against gift leading him/her to spiritual pride

How do we use our spiritual gifts?

As good stewards of God's possession

In complete conformity to the Scriptural guidelines and boundaries

Under the guidance and supervision of the elders of the local church

For the benefit of the common good

Today's Takeaway

- *Identify* your spiritual gift and *use* it for the life and ministry of the church.