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Understanding Spiritual Gifts (Part 2)

The source of this study comes Lisle Flynn's book, *19 Gifts of the Spirit*. He suggests that a spiritual gift is a divine, supernatural ability given by God to enable a Christian to serve and to minister. It is a Spirit-given ability for Christian service.

Gifts are not fruit

(Gal.5:22-23) Gifts are "spiritual enablings"; fruit are "C_____ qualities."

Gifts are "plural"; fruit is "singular."

All gifts are not possessed by every believer. However, every V_____ of fruit should be in every believer.

Gifts are not offices

Many offices are mentioned in the New Testament (Eph.4:11; 1 Tim.3:1-13). The offices pertain more to the person, whereas gifts relate to the endowments given the person by the Spirit.

Gifts are not ministries

The specialty, sphere, or area in which a gift is E_____ constitutes a ministry. An example of this is in Titus 2:1-8.

Possession of gifts does not indicate G_____ of life (1 Cor.1:7)

All the gifts are important to the church (1 Cor.12:12-31)

The "gifts of the Spirit" must be distinguished from the "gift of the Spirit"

The **gifts of the Spirit** describes the S_____ abilities imparted by the Spirit for special ministries.

The **gift of the Spirit** refers to the I_____ of the Spirit to believers by the ascended and exalted Christ. (Acts 2:33)

How many gifts?

There are three main listings of spiritual gifts in scripture.

They are: Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-10,28-30; and Ephesians 4:11.

These lists are S_____ and not exhaustive.

Some people believe that **Celibacy** is a spiritual gift. (1 Cor.7:7)

Another possible gift is M_____. (1 Cor.13:3)

How are gifts classified?

There are three main classifications of spiritual gifts. They are: **Speaking Gifts, Serving Gifts, and Sign Gifts.** Here is how Leslie Flynn classified the gifts:¹

Speaking	Serving	Sign
Apostleship	Ministration (Helps)	Miracles
Prophecy	Hospitality	Healing
Evangelism	Giving	
Pastoring	Government (Ruling)	
Teaching	Showing mercy	
Exhorting	Faith	
Word of wisdom	Discernment	
Word of knowledge		
Tongues		
Interpretation		

The absence of gifts does not excuse disobedience to commands

There are some clear-cut commands in the scripture that all Christians are responsible for obeying whether one has a gift in that particular area.

e.g. All Christians are commanded to G_____.

The same is true with W—Acts 1:8; showing mercy—James 1:27; being hospitable, etc.