



Spiritual Gifts

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Word-Based Gifts

- Wisdom
- Knowledge
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- Tongues
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Power Gifts

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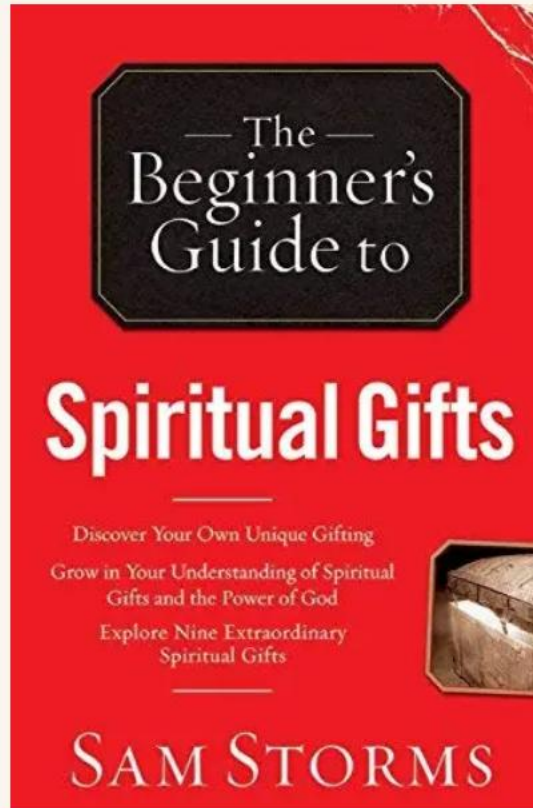
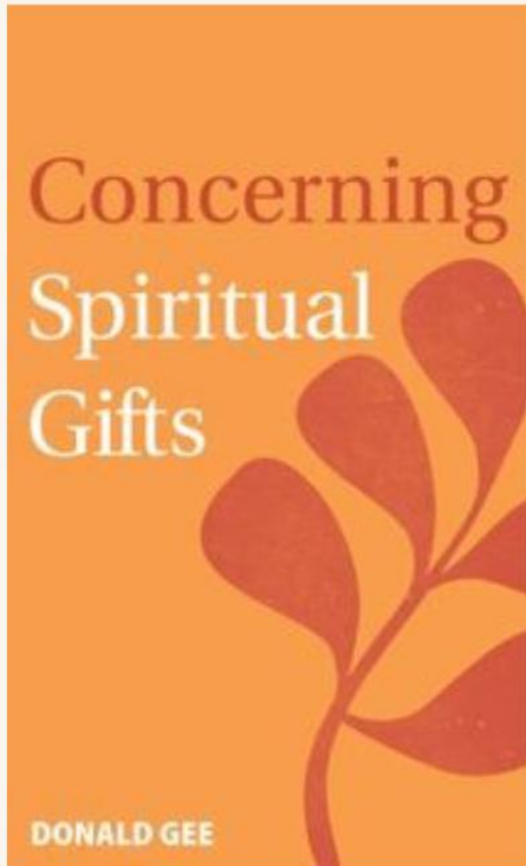
Recap:



- The Spirit gives gifts
- The Spirit gives gifts according to His will
- The purpose of the gifts is to continue the mission Jesus began
- Everyone has a spiritual gift to contribute
- all of the gifts are valuable and necessary
- Love must be the primary motivator for the gifts, they most operate within love

Concerning Spiritual Gifts
by Donald Gee

The Beginner's Guide to Spiritual
Gifts
by Sam Storms





1 Corinthians 12:7-11

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The Spiritual Gift of Wisdom is more than being wise, it is supernatural and comes from the Spirit.





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There is a serious temptation, however, for believers to resort to purely carnal principles of wisdom and worldly expediency rather than to the wisdom that cometh from above. We must never forget that the Church is a spiritual body and that even its most practical problems, are always spiritual at heart. Therefore the wisdom the assemblies need for their government and guidance in all things is spiritual wisdom. [People] filled with the Holy Ghost and wisdom are far more necessary than [people] who may have proved successful in business or brilliant in a profession.





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3) In emergencies and under persecution -

Luke 12:12 - The Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what needs to be said.

Luke 21:15 - I will give you the right words and such wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to reply or refute you!





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- 1) Knowing/understanding the things of God
- 2) Holy Spirit reveals information about someone we otherwise wouldn't know





Prophecy



The human report of a divine revelation
“an inspired utterance”



1 Corinthians 14:1-5

Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives—especially the ability to prophesy. For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious. But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them. A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire church.

I wish you could all speak in tongues, but even more I wish you could all prophesy. For prophecy is greater than speaking in tongues, unless someone interprets what you are saying so that the whole church will be strengthened.



Sam Storms

Prophetic utterances will edify, exhort, and console. When people are suddenly confronted with the inescapable reality that God truly knows their hearts and has heard their prayers and is intimately acquainted with all their ways, they are encouraged to press on and to persevere.





1 Corinthians 14:24-25

But if all of you are prophesying, and unbelievers or people who don't understand these things come into your meeting, they will be convicted of sin and judged by what you say. As they listen, their secret thoughts will be exposed, and they will fall to their knees and worship God, declaring, "God is truly here among you."



Prophecy



1) Requires discernment

2) Subject to God's written Word and is not used to create doctrine



3) Does not set behaviour standards on secondary issues

4) Is not used to disclose negative or excessively critical information in public



5) Does not have governmental authority in the church

6) Is not to be abused in daily life





It can be affirmed that there is not one single instance of the gift of prophecy being deliberately resorted to for guidance in the New Testament. This is very significant, and marks with sufficient clearness a big difference in the scope of the gift in this dispensation compared with the old.

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Acts 8:20-23 - But Peter replied, "May your money be destroyed with you for thinking God's gift can be bought! You can have no part in this, for your heart is not right with God. Repent of your wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive your evil thoughts, for I can see that you are full of bitter jealousy and are held captive by sin."





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Acts 14:8-10 - While they were at Lystra, Paul and Barnabas came upon a man with crippled feet. He had been that way from birth, so he had never walked. He was sitting and listening as Paul preached. Looking straight at him, Paul realized he had faith to be healed. So Paul called to him in a loud voice, "Stand up!" And the man jumped to his feet and started walking.





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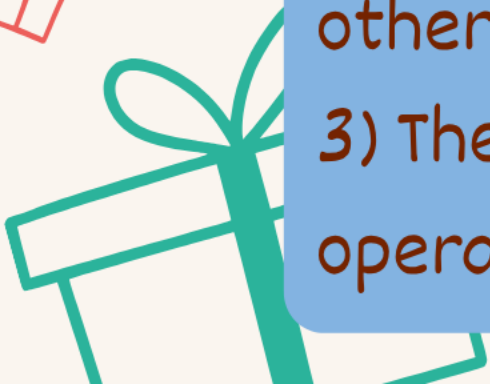


To help clarify:

1) All believers receive the Holy Spirit at salvation

2) There is a second, subsequent work that follows salvation which we call Spirit Baptism. The sign this has occurred is speaking in other tongues

3) There is a charismatic/manifestation gift of tongues which operates by the sovereign will of the Spirit, & is similar to prophecy





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1 Corinthians 14:26-28

Well, my brothers and sisters, let's summarize. When you meet together, one will sing, another will teach, another will tell some special revelation God has given, one will speak in tongues, and another will interpret what is said. But everything that is done must strengthen all of you.

No more than two or three should speak in tongues. They must speak one at a time, and someone must interpret what they say. But if no one is present who can interpret, they must be silent in your church meeting and speak in tongues to God privately.



1 Corinthians 14:29-33

Let two or three people prophesy, and let the others evaluate what is said. But if someone is prophesying and another person receives a revelation from the Lord, the one who is speaking must stop. In this way, all who prophesy will have a turn to speak, one after the other, so that everyone will learn and be encouraged. Remember that people who prophesy are in control of their spirit and can take turns. For God is not a God of disorder but of peace, as in all the meetings of God's holy people.



1 Corinthians 14:39-40

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and don't forbid speaking in tongues. But be sure that everything is done properly and in order.



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