



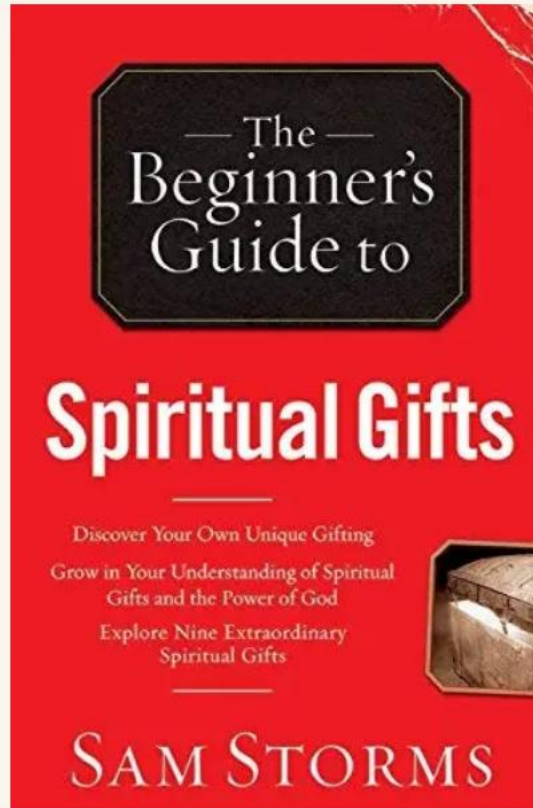
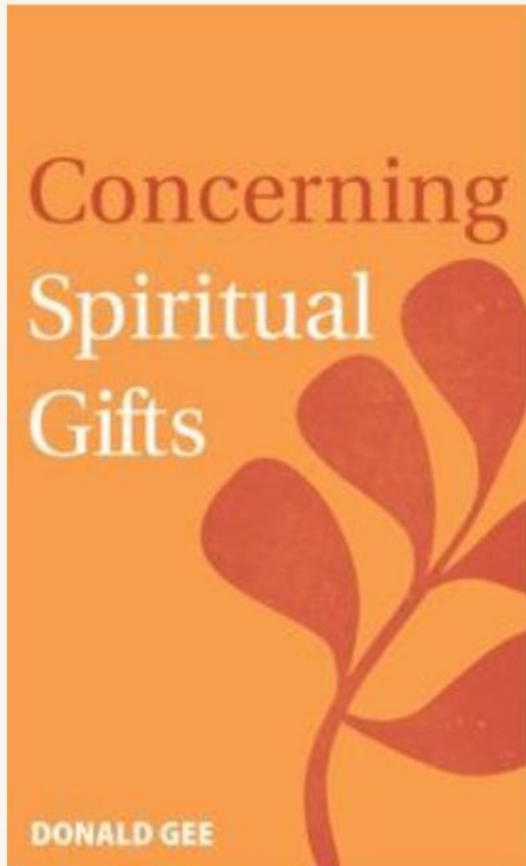
Spiritual Gifts

God At Work



Concerning Spiritual Gifts
by Donald Gee

The Beginner's Guide to Spiritual
Gifts
by Sam Storms





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Word-Based Gifts

Wisdom
Knowledge
Prophecy
Discernment
Tongues
Interpretation

Power Gifts

Faith
Healing
Miracles



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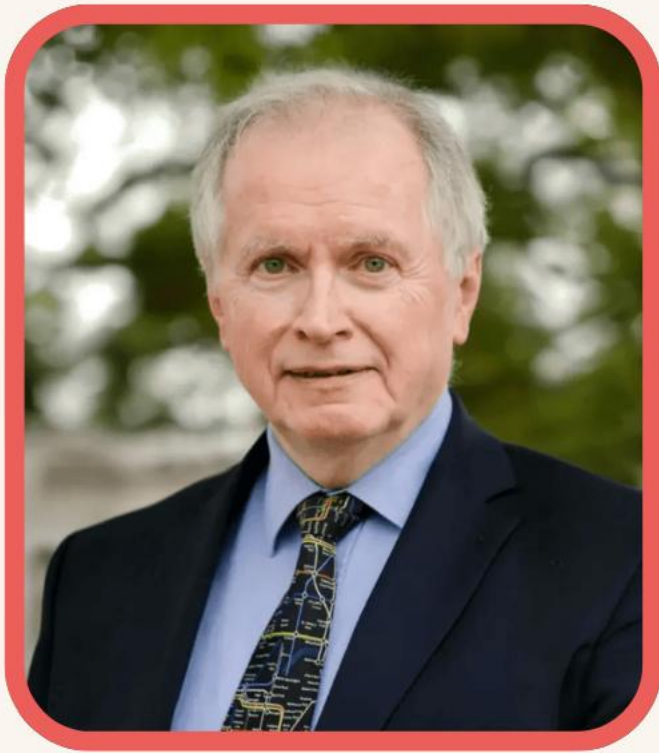
- 1) Conversion Faith
- 2) Continuing Faith
- 3) Charismatic Faith



The Gift of faith seems to come upon certain of God's servants in times of special crisis or opportunity in such mighty power that they are lifted right out of the realm of even natural and ordinary faith in god – and have a divine certainty put within their souls that triumph over everything.

Donald Gee





D. A. Carson

This is a special faith that “enables a believer to trust God to bring about certain things for which he or she cannot claim some divine promise recorded in Scripture, or some state of affairs grounded in the very structure of the gospel.” In other words, it is the “God-given ability, without fakery or platitudinous exhortations, to believe what you do not really believe, to trust God for a certain blessing not promised in Scripture.”



Acts 3:16

“Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus’ name has healed him before your very eyes.”





Sam Storms

The gift of faith is that mysterious surge of confidence that rises within a person in a particular situation of need or challenge and which gives an extraordinary certainty and assurance that God is about to act through a word or an action.



Matthew 17:19-20

Afterward the disciples asked Jesus privately, "Why couldn't we cast out that demon?"

20 "You don't have enough faith," Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible."



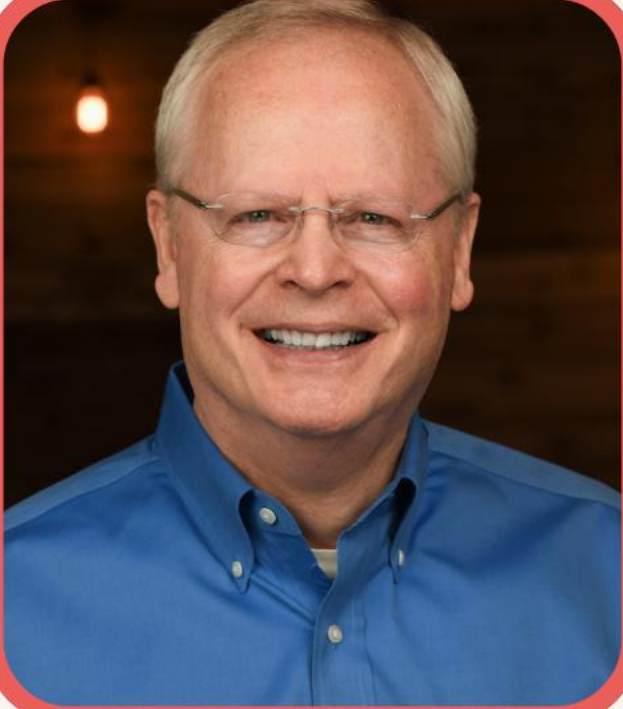


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“Although certain members of the early churches undoubtedly possessed the power to supernaturally heal, there are no indications that they therefore went around healing everybody without exception, or that they were even permitted to heal all that were sick within the church. Then, as now, there were some healings.”



1 Corinthians 12:9 ...and to someone else the one Spirit gives the 'gifts of healings...'



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Evidently, Paul did not envision that a person would be endowed with one healing gift operative at all times for all diseases. His language suggest either many different gifts or powers of healing, each appropriate to and effective for its related illness, or each occurrence of healing constituting a distinct gift in its own right.



Acts 8:6-7

Crowds listened intently to Philip because they were eager to hear his message and see the miraculous signs he did. Many evil spirits were cast out, screaming as they left their victims. And many who had been paralyzed or lame were healed.



Acts 28:8-10

As it happened, Publius's father was ill with fever and dysentery. Paul went in and prayed for him, and laying his hands on him, he healed him. Then all the other sick people on the island came and were healed. As a result we were showered with honors, and when the time came to sail, people supplied us with everything we would need for the trip.



Encouragement to pray for the sick



1. Scripture always portrays healing and health as the blessing of God.
2. Whereas all sickness is suffering, not all suffering is sickness.
3. Sickness and disease, in and of themselves, do not glorify God. Our unwavering faith and loyalty and love for God in spite of sickness and diseases DO glorify God.

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4. Leave room the mystery of God's ways - some things will always remain unexplained.

5. God's heart is for healing, not hurting

6. We must be willing to bear the stigma of perceived failure. We have succeeded when we have obeyed the Scriptures to pray for the sick. Whether or not they are healed rests with God.



Miracles:

Greek: *Dunamis* - "operations of works of power."

This is the power of God, operating by the Spirit of God in and through the Church of God.

John 14:12

"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father."



Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



Acts 19:11-12

God gave Paul the power to perform unusual miracles. 12 When handkerchiefs or aprons that had merely touched his skin were placed on sick people, they were healed of their diseases, and evil spirits were expelled.



Acts 5:15

As a result of the apostles' work, sick people were brought out into the streets on beds and mats so that Peter's shadow might fall across some of them as he went by.





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