

# Concerning the Gifts: Unwrapping the Gifts

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## I Introduction.

- A. Text: 1 Corinthians 12:11-31, Romans 12:3.
- B. To use spiritual gifts we must identify them and classify them.
- C. Much confusion about the gifts results from this.

## II. Apostles. (Luke 6:13)

- A. Qualifications for apostleship: having seen the risen Jesus and having been accredited by miracles. (2 Corinthians 9:1, Acts 1:21, Romans 15, Hebrews 2)
- B. Ministry: establish a church and organize its ministry.
- C. There are no apostles today because no one has seen Jesus today.

## III. Prophet. (1 Corinthians 14:3)

- A. The prophet speaks forth the message of God.
- B. Prophecy is for edification, exhortation and comfort.
- C. We do not need prophets today because we have the Word of Prophecy. (Ephesians 2:19)

## IV. Teacher. This is one who explains and applies the Word of God.

## V. Evangelists.

- A. These are those who spread the good news.
- B. Everyone has this mission, but some are especially gifted at it.

## VI. Miracles.

- A. Miracles could be misinterpreted.
- B. Miracles did not always win people over. (1 Corinthians 1)
- C. The Word of God changes the heart.

## VII. Helps.

- A. This is a great gift.
- B. This takes care of menial tasks.

## VIII. Governments.

- A. These people guide churches.
- B. There is a difference between natural ability and real gifts.

IX. Tongues.

X. A word of wisdom and a word of knowledge. This is spiritual wisdom, which is different than Bible knowledge.

XI. Faith.

- A. This is faith over and above saving faith, which we all must have.
- B. Some people's faith can move mountains. All our faith ought to grow.

XII. Discerning of spirits. (1 John 4)

XIII. Ministry.

XIV. Exhorting.

XV. Giving.

XVI. Paul wants us to classify the gifts so that we can seek the best ones.

- A. Speaking.
- B. Service.
- C. Signs.

**Application questions:**

1. Do apostles exist today? How would you defend your position?

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2. What is prophecy?

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3. Which gift do you think you have? How can one know?

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