

4. Some observations from the New Testament gift lists

There is overlap (e.g. “speaking” and “exhorting”)

There is omission

EVERYTHING could be used for the service of God

Supernatural vs natural?

All gifts are either WORD or DEED

We do NOT know now what some gifts were back then

The Spirit’s gifts are given to serve others

The gifts of the Holy Spirit – part 1

1. Key points to remember as we approach this topic...

The greatest gift of the Spirit is not his gifts... but HIMSELF

Ephesians 1:13, “In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit...”

The greatest work of the Spirit is bring JESUS to us

John 14:15-18, “... another helper... I will come to you”
See also Romans 8:9-10

In order to have the Spirit, you must have CHRIST

1 Corinthians 15:45, “Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.”

2. Our plan...

Today = look at the New Testament gift lists:

- What did they mean back then?
- What conclusions can we draw?

Next week = the Spirit’s gifts in the church today.

3. The gifts of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament

1 Corinthians 12:4-10, 28-31, “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues... ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?” ³¹But eagerly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.”

- See also 1 Corinthians 7:7, gifts of marriage and singleness.
- And 2 Cor. 8:6-7, 9:12-13, giving is a “grace” & a “service”, like 1 Cor. 12:3.

Romans 12:6-8, “Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”

Ephesians 4:11-12, “And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,”

1 Peter 4:10-11, “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Word of wisdom

Word of knowledge

Faith

Healings

Deeds of power

Prophecy

Discerning spirits

Tongues & interpretation

Helping

Administrating

Giving

Leading

Apostles, Prophets

Evangelists

Pastor-teachers

Speaking

Serving