The Spiritual Gift of the Working of Miracles

1 Corinthians 12:10

- **The more we learn and understand about the Holy Spirit and His Gifts the more effective we can become in these last days.**
- **There are different spiritual gifts that have been distributed by the Holy Spirit to each member of the Body of Christ.**

1. **Apostle Paul list Nine Spiritual Gifts in (1 Corinthians 12:7-10)**
2. **Apostle Paul list Seven more Spiritual Gifts in (Romans 12:3-8)**

- **Purpose: To teach us the importance of each spiritual gift and how the Holy Spirit uses each of them to benefit the Body of Christ as a whole.**
- **Goal: To mature us in our understanding of spiritual gifts so that our lives can be useful for the Kingdom of God.**
- **Spiritual Principles: Authority, Agreement, Stewardship, Obedience, Faith, Grace, Prayer**
- **Review Spiritual gifts in the (1st) Category: (1 Corinthians 12:7-10, Colossians 2:1-4)**

1. **Revelation Gifts – "To Know." (1Corinthians 12:8, 10)**

- **The Word of Wisdom**
- **The Word of Knowledge**
- **The Discerning of spirits**

- **The Understanding of the Gift of Discerning of Spirits. (1 Corinthians 12:10)**
- **The Gift of Discerning of spirits is the supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit that gives a believer insight and ability to see or hear into the spirit realm or spirit world through the inner work of the Holy Spirit.**
- **The words "discern or discerning" means to distinguish or to perceive.**
- **The Gift of discerning of spirits allows a believer to discern, distinguish or perceive both good and evil spirits. (Hebrews 5:12-14, 1John 4:1-6)**
- **The Process of spiritual growth – "Grow from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity." (Ephesians 4:11-16)**
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- **God has given us a Helper called the Holy Spirit. He will help you to discern what is of God and what is not of God. (John 10:10, 16:13)**

- **Today we will continue discussing and examining the Spiritual Gifts in the (2nd) Category: (1 Corinthians 12:7-10, Romans 12:6-8)**

2. **Demonstration Gifts or Power Gifts** – "To Do." (1 Corinthians 12:8-10)

- **The Gift of Faith**
- **The Gifts of Healings**
- **The Gift of Miracles**

- **Statements About the Gift of Miracles or Working of Miracles. (1 Corinthians 12:10)**

1. **The Spiritual Gift of Faith will work closely together with the gifts of healings and the gift of miracles or working of miracles.**
2. **The Greek translation of the word "miracles" is "dunamis" which means power or acts of power.**
3. **The word "miracles" mean an extraordinary event, sign or wonder that will transcend natural or scientific laws due to the supernatural power of God. (Exodus 14:3-31, Matthew 14:22-33)**
4. **The "working of miracles" is the acts of the Holy Spirit supernatural power, mighty force, or wonderful works divinely operating and manifesting through a believer life.**
5. **The Gift of Miracles is the supernatural manifestation of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit divinely intervening the laws or course of nature.**
6. **The Gift of Miracles is the authority and power of God divinely operating in the earth. God is not limited or bound by the natural laws in the earth.**
7. **The Gifts of Miracles operates divinely or supernaturally as the Holy Spirit wills.**
8. **The "source" of every spiritual gift is God. (James 1:17)**

- **The word "source" means an origin, originator, creator, author, beginning, the true essence of a thing, root of thing and why a thing exist.**

- **None of these spiritual gifts will work effectively and serve it's intended purpose here in the without these (6) things:**

1) **Without God.**
2) **Without the Holy Spirit (grace and power)**
3) **Without God's Word.**
4) **Without Faith and belief in Jesus name.**
5) **Without Prayer.**
6) **Without a willing and obedient servant of God.**

9. **The Gifts of Healings and Miracles is never dependent upon you as a believer but upon the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit.**

- **You are not the healer or miracle worker. It is God and God alone that is working in you and through you by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

- **What Purpose Do Miracles serve and reveal to about God?**

1. **Miracles demonstrate God's authority over all creation (Genesis 1-2, Psalm 24:1-2). God worked a miracle when He spoke the earth and all within into existence.**
2. **Miracles reveals God's redemptive plan for all humanity. (Matthew 1:18-25)**
3. **Miracles has proven throughout the history of mankind that there is none greater and more powerful than our God (1 Kings 18:17-40).**

- **Elijah's victory over the prophets of Baal and prophets of Asherah. (1 Kings 18:17-40)**

4. **God uses miracles to display or demonstrate His power and glory among the people. (Psalm 77:11-15, 145:1-13)**

- **God is the miracle worker. He wants to demonstrate His glorious power and strength in and through the life of the believer (Psalm 77:11-14)**

1) **Remember the works of the Lord and His wonders of old. (vs. 11)**

- **The word "remember" means to be mindful, mention, recognize, call upon, think on, and put to remembrance.**

- **The word "works" can be translated as signs and wonders which refers to a miracle, something that is beyond human ability, defies all human logic or knowledge, and is divinely dependent upon the supernatural power of God.**
- **The believer should always trust and have faith in the character and nature of God.**

2) Meditate on all Your works and talk of Your deeds. (vs. 12)

- **The word "meditate" means to deeply ponder, mutter, murmur, speak over, reflect and focus your attention upon.**
- **The believer should daily "meditate" upon the Greatness of God and His Word to work effectively in and through our lives in these last days (Psalm 19:14, Isaiah 55:11, 2 Timothy 1:7).**

3) Your way, O God is in the sanctuary and no one is greater than You. (vs. 13)

- **The word "sanctuary" means a dwelling place that is sacred, holy, consecrated, and dedicated for the presence and power of God.**
- **God is holy and righteous all by Himself. God is the sovereign ruler and creator over all that exist in the earth and universe. (Acts 7:44-50, 17:22-28)**
- **God gives life and breath to all creation. God sustain everything in the earth and universe by the power of His Word. (Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:15-18)**
- **No one is greater or be compared to our God. He chose to dwell in us that His presence, His miraculous power and His grace can be supernaturally manifested in our lives. (1 Corinthians 3:16-17)**

4) God still works wonders or miraculous miracles and He declared His strength among the people. (vs. 14)

- **The word "declared" means to make known, proclaim, or publicly announce.**
- **God is still actively demonstrating His power and strength among the people in these last days. (Acts 2:14-21)**
- **God is still working miracles. Miracles did not end when the last Apostle died.**

5. **God uses miracles to exalt or magnify the name of Jesus and promote His Kingdom message of salvation and redemption throughout the world. (Mark 16:14-20)**

1) **There was no excuse for the disciples' unbelief and hardness of heart. (vs. 14)**

- **They witnessed the power of God working through Jesus life and ministry. They had seen many healed, delivered, and many signs and wonders demonstrated before them.**
- **Jesus shared with them that He would suffer many things, be rejected by the elders, chief priest and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. (Luke 9:22)**

2) **The gospel must be preached. (vs. 15)**

- **The gospel must be carried into all the world. The Great Commission is a command and not an option for the believer. (Matthew 28:19-20, John 20:21, Acts 1:8, 2 Timothy 2:2, 1 Peter 3:15)**
- **We are not to preach (proclaim) our thoughts, humanistic ideas, world religions and philosophies.**
- **We are to preach (proclaim) the good news. The good news about Jesus Christ death, burial and resurrection, which is the greatest message that every person in the world needs to hear.**
- **The gospel must be carried into all the world.**

3) **The person that believes in the name of Jesus Christ and is baptized will be saved. Those who reject Jesus Christ will be condemned (face eternal damnation, judgment). (vs. 16)**

- **All mankind can be saved regardless of their age, gender, race, or ethnicity.**
- **They no longer have walk aimlessly throughout life without an identity, fulfillment or purpose.**
- **They have been set free from power of sin, death and the grave.**
- **They can now be saved and live eternally forever with God.**

4) **The believer now has supernatural power to fulfill God's will. (vs. 17-18)**

- **To go and fulfill the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ in the world.**

- **To preach or proclaim the gospel and witness to the lost sinner in the world.**
- **To witness miraculous signs and wonders among those who believe and preach the gospel in the name of Jesus Christ.**
- **The believer is given supernatural power to cast out demons (Acts 16:18); speak with new tongues (Acts 2:4); if they drink anything deadly (poison) it will not harm them; they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover (Acts 28:7-8, James 5:13-15)**