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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 gifts 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, Organization, Obedience, Faith, Grace, Unconditional Love, Prayer

Today we will be discussing and examining the final spiritual gifts in the (1st) Category:

(1 Corinthians 12:7-10, Colossians 2:1-4)

1. Revelation Gifts – “To Know.” (1 Corinthians 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)

1. 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.
2. The words “discern or discerning” means to distinguish or to perceive.
3. The gift of discerning of spirits allows a believer to discern, distinguish or perceive both good and evil spirits. (Hebrews 5:12-14)
 - The Holy Spirit gives a believer supernatural revelation to see and hear heavenly angels in the physical and spirit realm. (John 20:11-18, Acts 5:17-25)
4. It is a supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit that reveals or expose the kind of spirit or spirits that are in operation.
 - It is not called the discerning of people, but the discerning of spirits both good and evil.
5. The gift of discernment does not come from our natural mind, human intuitions, human imaginations, or human reasoning.
 - A believer should never rely on such measures which can be misleading and lead to someone being falsely accused of having a demonic spirit.

- There are different types of spirits that influence everything that a person both say and do.

1. The Holy Spirit. (John 16:7-13, Titus 3:4-5, Corinthians 2:12-13)

- The Holy Spirit who is actively involved in the life of a born-again believer. (Acts 1:8)

- He dwells in and with the believer. (John 14:12-17)
- He produces the fruit in the believer's life. (Galatians 5:22-23)

2. The Human spirit. (1 Corinthians 2:14)

- Remain in an unregenerate state or unsaved.
- Remain under the influence of sin or sin nature.
- It controls and influence a person mind, will and emotions.