Spiritual Gifts – The Believers' Service and Sacrifice to God



Romans 12:1-21

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.

Apostle Paul list Nine Spiritual Gifts in (1Corinthians 12:7-10), that we have studied and examined carefully.

1. The Word of Wisdom
2. The Word of Knowledge
3. The Discerning of Spirits
4. The Gift of Faith
5. The Gifts of Healings
6. The Gift of Miracles
7. The Gift of Prophecy
8. The Gift of Tongues
9. The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues.

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, Obedience, Faith, Grace, Prayer

Apostle Paul addresses these believers with an urgent message that every true believer of Jesus Christ must listen and follow carefully in these last days. (Romans 12:1-8)

Apostle Paul begins by strongly addressing four (4) important areas that will determine the believer service and sacrifice to God in these last days. (vs. 1-2)

1. **Devotion to God (vs. 1)** – The believer must totally devote their entire life to God (heart, soul, mind, strength) above all else in the world

(power, position, possession, popularity) without any excuse or hesitation. (Matthew 22:34-40, 1John 2:15-17)

(vs. 1) – "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God…"

- The words **"beseech you"** means to call near, to urge, invoke, implore and exhort.

- The word **"mercies"** means pity, compassion, mercy or merciful.

Paul strongly urge and exhort these believers to devote themselves completely to the One and True Living God, who has shown them love, mercy, and compassion through His Son Jesus Christ. (John 3:16-17, 10:10, Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-9)

2. **Dedicate your bodies to God (vs. 1)** – The believer must be ready at all times to present, offer and dedicate their entire body as a whole to God. (1Corinthians 6:12-20, 2 Corinthians 5:1-10)

(vs. 1) – "that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."

- The word **"present"** means to dedicate, yield, stand beside or bring before, to be near, at hand or ready to report, aid, actively give, offer, assist, exhibit, prove and provide.
- The words "**living sacrifice"** means to live a life (lifetime) as a constant, continuous sacrifice, sacrificial act or offering.
- The word **"holy"** means pure, blameless, consecrated, or set apart.

The word **"acceptable"** means fully agreeable, well pleasing, satisfying, and approved.

- The words "**reasonable service"** means rational, intelligent, logical, and thoughtful spiritual act of service, ministry or worship.

Paul clearly states that the believer's bodies is to be presented (dedicated) as a living sacrifice (living offering), holy (pure, consecrated, set apart), and acceptable (well pleasing, satisfying) to service and worship to God and God alone.

1) The believer dedicates their bodies to a continuous life of service and sacrifice to God.
2) The believer does not allow the sinful pleasures of the world to corrupt, dilute, contaminate or compromise any members of their body that is consecrated and set apart for God's use.
3) The believer chooses to commit their bodies (entire life) to following every command given to them by God and His Word at all times and in all places. That includes the home, church, community, job, school, grocery store, restaurant, anywhere in the country or out of the country.
4) The believer dedicates themselves to a life of prayer, studying, and meditation on the Word of God, so that their entire life (spirit, soul and body) will become a worship unto God.