

Message Series Program Notes: 1 Corinthians *Unity out of Division*
Spiritual Gifts Pt. 4
1 Corinthians 12:8-11, 12
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One Body – Many Members

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

#1 Everyone is IMPORTANT to the body (vs. 13)

#2 Not all gifts are EQUAL (vs. 14-17)

#3 God has CHOSEN your gift (vs. 18)

#4 Each gift is EQUALLY important (vs. 21-25)

Spiritual Gift Categories

1 Corinthians 12:8-11, 28

Teaching

Wisdom
Knowledge
Prophecy
Discernment
Tongues
Interpretation of Tongues

Signs

Faith
Gifts of Healing
Miracles

Leadership

Apostles
Prophets
Teachers
Miracle “Workers” (see vs. 29)
Healers (See vs. 30)
Helps
Administration
Tongue “Speakers” (see vs. 30)

#2 The Sign Gifts

Sign Gifts are manifestations of the Holy Spirit to authenticate the message of the gospel and its messenger.

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A. Faith

The Gift of Faith is the ability to trust God with extraordinary confidence (Hebrews 11).

Alternative View

Faith is not an operative gift in itself but a category describing the gifts of healing and miracles.
Paul uses a different adjective to modify “faith” ~ **ἐτέρω**: “to the other of two.”
He uses the adjective **ἄλλω**: “other or another” to modify the other gifts (exception vs. 10d).

The Greek Construction

8 ᾧ μὲν γὰρ διὰ τοῦ πνεύματος δίδεται λόγος σοφίας
to whom indeed for through the spirit is given word of wisdom

, **ἄλλω** δὲ λόγος γνώσεως κατὰ τὸ αὐτὸ πνεῦμα, **9 ἐτέρω**
to other but word of knowledge by the same spirit to other

πίστις ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ πνεύματι, **ἄλλω** δὲ χαρίσματα ἰαμάτων
trust in the same spirit to other but favor gifts of cures

ἐν τῷ ἐνὶ πνεύματι, **10 ἄλλω** δὲ ἐνεργήματα δυνάμεων
in the one spirit to other but operations of powers

, **ἄλλω** [δὲ] προφητεία, **ἄλλω** [δὲ] διακρίσεις πνευμάτων,
to other but speaking before to other but differentiations of spirits

ἐτέρω γένη γλωσσῶν, **ἄλλω** δὲ ἐρμηνεία γλωσσῶν
to other kinds of tongues to other but interpretation of tongues

B. Healing & Miracles

The Gift of Healing is the ability to cure organic diseases.

The Gift of Miracles is the ability to perform supernatural events which have no other explanation other than God.

Who Possesses These Gifts?

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