

# Gifts, Fruit, Ministries, and the Holy Spirit

**Manifestation Gifts of the Spirit** -- [1 Corinthians 12:7-11](#) (BSB) -- Now to each one the manifestation **of the Spirit** is **given for the common good**. To one there is **given through the Spirit** the message of **wisdom**, to another the message of **knowledge** by the same Spirit, to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another gifts of **healing** by that one Spirit, to another the working of **miracles**, to another prophecy, to another **distinguishing between spirits**, to another **speaking in various tongues**, and to still another the **interpretation of tongues**. All these are **the work of one and the same Spirit**, who apportions them to each one **as He determines**.

**Ministry Gifts** -- [1 Corinthians 12:27-31](#) (BSB) -- Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a member of it. And in the church **God has appointed** first of all **apostles**, second **prophets**, third **teachers**, then **workers of miracles**, and those with **gifts of healing, helping, administration, and various tongues**. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have **gifts** of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But eagerly desire the greater **gifts**. And now I will show you a way that is beyond comparison.

**Five-Fold Ministry** -- [Ephesians 4:11-14](#) (BSB) -- And it was **He [Christ] who gave** some to be **apostles**, some to be **prophets**, some to be **evangelists**, and some to be **pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for works of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God**, as we mature to the full measure of the stature of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed about by the waves and carried around by every wind of teaching and by the clever cunning of men in their deceitful scheming.

**Motivational Gifts** -- [Romans 12:6-8](#) (BSB) -- We have different **gifts** according to the **grace** given us. If one's **gift** is **prophecy**, let him use it in proportion to his faith; if it is **servicing**, let him serve; if it is **teaching**, let him teach; if it is **encouraging [or exhorting]<sup>1</sup>**, let him encourage; if it is **giving**, let him give generously; if it is **leading**, let him lead with diligence; if it is showing **mercy**, let him do it cheerfully.

**Administration Gifts** -- [1 Peter 4:10-11](#) (BSB) -- As good **stewards** of the manifold **grace** of God, each of you should use whatever **gift** he has **received to serve one another**. If anyone **speaks**, he should speak as one conveying the words of God. If anyone **serves**, he should serve with the strength God provides, **so that in all things God may be glorified** through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

**Fruit of the Spirit** -- [Galatians 5:22-23](#) (BSB) -- But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control**. Against such things there is no law.

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<sup>1</sup> The Greek word is the same root as the word for the Holy Spirit: paracletos, so here it could also mean **helps / encourages / advocates / comforts / counsels**

“Note that Jesus referred to the Spirit as ‘he’ rather than it. This is striking, given that the Greek word *pneuma* (translated *spirit*) is a neuter noun. **Jesus wanted us to understand clearly that the Holy Spirit is a person, not an impersonal force. He possesses every characteristic of personality:** *knowledge* (1 Cor. 2:10-11), *will* (1 Cor. 2:10-11), and *feeling or emotion* (Rom. 15:30). He commits acts that only a person can perform: *he searches* (1 Cor. 2:10), *speaks* (Revelation 2:7), *cries* (Galatians 4:6, NASU), *prays* (Romans 8:26), *testifies* (John 15:26), *teaches* (John 14:26), and *leads* Christians (Acts 16:6-7). He is treated as only a person can be treated: *he can be grieved* and *rebelled against* (Isaiah 63:10), *insulted* (Hebrews 10:29), and *blasphemed* (Matt. 12:31, 32). ...

“**Most of all, he is God. He possesses each of the four distinctly divine attributes:** *eternity* (Hebrews 9:14), *omnipresence* (Psalm 139:7-10), *omniscience* (1 Cor. 2:10-11), and *omnipotence* (Luke 1:35). He participates in the three distinctly divine works: *creation* (Job 33:4 [and Genesis 1:1-2]), *impartation of life* (John 6:63), and *authorship of prophecy* (1 Peter 1:11). The name of the Spirit is coupled with that of God (1 Cor. 12:4-6; Matt. 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14). And *the Spirit is called God* (Acts 5:3, 4).”

-- Jim Denison's BGCT commentary on John

Note that [John 16:14-15](#) (NIV) shows the entire Trinity: “**He** will glorify **me** because it is from me that **he** will receive what **he** will make known to you. All that belongs to the **Father** is **mine**. That is why I said **the Spirit** will receive from **me** what **he** will make known to you.”

[1 Corinthians 3:16-17](#) (BSB) -- Do you not know that you yourselves are God's temple, and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

[1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#) (BSB) -- Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God with your body.

**The Full Armor of God** -- [Ephesians 6:10-18](#) (BSB) -- Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can make your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world's darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore take up the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you will be able to stand your ground, and having done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of **truth** buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of **righteousness** arrayed, and with your feet fitted with the readiness of the gospel of **peace**. In addition to all this, take up the shield of **faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of **salvation** and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the **word of God**. **Pray in the Spirit** at all times, with every kind of prayer and petition. To this end, stay alert with all perseverance in your prayers for all the saints.

See also: "The Romans Road"