

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. For the church age spiritual gifts are the Father's organized witness for the plan of salvation, Hebrews 2:4. Hebrews 2:4, you receive the spiritual gift apart from any human ability, talent or merit at salvation.
2. At the point of salvation you received a spiritual gift from the Holy Spirit, 1 Corinthians 12:11. You did nothing to earn it nor can you decide which gift you will receive.
3. At any point in the church age each spiritual gift is necessary for the function of the body of Christ, 1 Corinthians 12:27-31.
 - A. God knows where you are going to be at every moment of His plan.
 - B. So the gift you have will be used by God when He is ready for it to be used in witnessing, teaching, etc. God balances out the gifts in each area so they will function as per His plan.
4. All spiritual gifts function from the filling of the Holy Spirit, 1 Corinthians 13, Acts 2:4.
5. A proper mental attitude is recorded in Romans 12:3.
6. All spiritual gifts are given after the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, Ephesians 4:8.
7. There are two kinds of spiritual gifts: temporary and permanent.
 - A. Temporary – pre-canon period to 96 AD.
 - B. Permanent – post-canon period from 96 AD to present.
 - C. Some of the temporary gifts are : apostleship, tongues, interpretation of tongues, healing, faith, knowledge, miracles, prophesy, 1 Corinthians 13:8-10; Philippians 2:27; Acts 19:11-12.
 - D. Some of the permanent gifts we have today are: Pastor-teacher, instructor, evangelist, administration, counselor, exhortation, financier, helps for man, helps for woman, Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:31; Ephesians 4:11-12.

8. Communication gifts carry both authority and purpose, Ephesians 4:11-13; Hebrews 13:7, 17.
9. Apostasy and reversionism among church age believers causes them to perpetuate the temporary gifts beyond the time of the closing of the Canon of Scripture.
 - A. There are the emotional people who feed upon “feelings” and promote emotional experiences rather than what is clearly stated in the Word of God regarding the temporary spiritual gifts. 2 Peter 2.
 - B. Example: the healing, miracle, and tongues crowd still practice temporary gifts that God no longer blesses.