

Real Church Supernatural: Gifts of the Spirit—The Manifestation Gifts, Part 2

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“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good...Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all it’s many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink...The body is not made up of one part but of many...The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you! And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you.”... You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

1 Cor. 12:7,12-31

Unity and Diversity of the Body

- We are one: The body of Christ, the bride of Christ, the Church
- We are many: The parts of the body, the family of God
- We are equal in value but different in function. No gift is more valuable than another.

Gifts for the Benefit of Others

- You can’t be a follower of Christ and not be a part of His body.
- Each one is a gift to the others.
- If you do not give yourself to the others, both you and the family are incomplete.

How the gifts work

- The gifts come from the same Holy Spirit.
- Each person will have a mix of gifts that are dominant.
- At any time, a person may function in any of the gifts, according to God’s will.

How do I learn what my spiritual giftings are?

Aptitude questions

- What am I naturally good at?
- What do others say I’m good at?
- Where is the need in the church that my gifting could help?
- Giftstest.com

Supernatural questions

- What am I sensing from God in prayer and in my Bible reading?
- What is God doing around me that I want to be a part of?
- What gifts in the lives of Bible characters or current people inspire me?
- What gifts do I want? Am I willing to pray for God to use me that way?

Next Steps

- Pray and say to God, “I am yours, Lord, I want your gifts so you can use me in any way you want to.”
- Begin serving where the need is.
- Pay attention to what you find purpose and fulfillment in. It may not be the easiest or most enjoyable