

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Lesson 1

The Manifestations Of The Spirit

- Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant . . .
⁷But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
⁸For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; ⁹To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; ¹⁰To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues: ¹¹But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.
1 Corinthians 12:1, 7-11

The subject of 1 Corinthians 12 is *pneuma*: spiritual things. The word “gifts” is in italics and so is not in the original Greek.

- Now there are diversities of gifts . . . ⁵And there are differences of administrations . . . ⁶and there are diversities of operations . . . ⁷But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
1 Corinthians 12:4-7

There are **four** categories of spiritual things described in this chapter:

1. Diversities of Gifts (grace gifts)- 1 Corinthians 12:4
 2. Differences of Administrations (service of an office)- 1 Corinthians 12:5
 3. Diversities of Operations (workings accomplished)- 1 Corinthians 12:6
 4. Manifestations of the Spirit (exhibition)- 1 Corinthians 12:7
- Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
1 Corinthians 12:4

This “diversity of gifts” does not refer to the “gifts of the Spirit,” but rather to the different endowments of abilities that God has given to us. These are abilities that we may excel in and are able to turn on and off as we choose. It is the Spirit of grace that endows us to do what we are good at. **Romans 12:6-8** and **1 Peter 4:9-11** give a limited list of grace gifts.

- For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office (*job*): . . . ⁶Having then gifts (*charisma*) differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; ⁷Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; ⁸Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.
Romans 12:4, 6-8

- Use **hospitality** one to another with **grudging**. ¹⁰As every man hath received the gift (*charisma*), even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifest grace of God. ¹¹If many **speak**, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man **minister**, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen 1 Peter 4:9-11

What is commonly called “the gifts of the Spirit” can more accurately or biblically be referred to as “the manifestations of the Spirit.” But we will use the two interchangeably.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GIFTS AND MANIFESTATIONS

“Gift” is *charisma*: a grace deposit; a grace endowment; a grace gift.

A grace gift (*charisma*) can be turned on or off as the recipient chooses. It is theirs to possess. They just have “it” about them. The “gifts of the Spirit” are not “grace deposits” (*charisma*) but are rather “manifestations.”

“Manifestation” is *phanerosis*: to reveal something otherwise hidden; to make manifest by words or by deeds; to act; an exhibit or exhibition.

These nine “gifts” of the Spirit are actions, manifestations, or exhibitions of the Spirit of God. These manifestations of the Spirit are the Holy Spirit manifesting as He wills. These actions are the Holy Spirit revealing Himself through words and actions.

Manifestations (*phanerosis*) are only present when God Himself chooses them. They manifest as He wills. In this regard, we can, to some degree, consider the Manifestations of the Spirit as sovereign moves of God. We cannot turn the Manifestations of the Spirit on/off as we will or desire. He shows off when He wants to, and when He doesn’t want to, He doesn’t show off. We cannot “drum” them up. However, some of the gifts can be faked.

NINE GIFTS. . . ER, MANIFESTATIONS

Just as there are nine Fruit of the Spirit, there are also nine manifestations of the Spirit. These nine manifestations can be thought of as Holy Spirit exhibitions. The Holy Spirit is wanting to show off or exhibit His abilities in our lives and our services. These are nine ways in which He will do it. True to the Greek word *phanerosis*, the nine manifestations of the Spirit are either words or deeds.

Theses nine manifestations can be broken up into three categories, each containing three manifestations. These are: **Vocal Gifts**, **Revelation Gifts**, and **Power Gifts**. Our next three lessons will cover these in detail.

- The Manifestations of the Spirit are given to “profit” us (**1 Corinthians 12:7**).
- The Manifestations of the Spirit are given to every man (**1 Corinthians 12:7, 11**).
- The Manifestations of the Spirit manifest deliberately as He wills, not as we will (**1 Corinthians 12:11**).



- We are to covet earnestly the best gifts (**1 Corinthians 12:31**).
- Each gift is *separate* and *distinct*.
- Each gift, except for tongues and interpretation of tongues, can be found manifesting in both Old and New Testaments.
- Tongues is strictly a New Testament gift.
- Jesus operated in all the Gifts of the Spirit except for tongues and interpretation of tongues.

WHAT IS TO BE OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT?

- We are not to be ignorant of spiritual things (**1 Corinthians 12:1**).
- We are not to be children (naïve) in our understanding of these things (**1 Corinthians 14:20**).
- We are to covet earnestly (*literally lust after*) the best gifts (**1 Corinthians 12:31**).
- Follow after love and desire (*again, literally lust after*) spiritual gifts (**1 Corinthians 14:1**).
- We are to be zealous of spiritual gifts and seek to excel to the edifying of the church (**1 Corinthians 14:12, 39**).
- We should desire that all speak with tongues and prophesy (**1 Corinthians 14:5; Numbers 11:29**).

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Lesson 2

The Vocal Gifts

The nine gifts of the Spirit can be divided into three categories: **Vocal Gifts**, **Revelation Gifts**, and **Power Gifts**. We will begin with the **Vocal Gifts**. These gifts are the Holy Spirit manifesting Himself through an utterance. The three vocal gifts are: Prophecy, Tongues, and Interpretation of Tongues. Prophecy is the greatest of the Vocal Gifts.

PROPHECY

Some caution should be taken when defining prophecy. New Testament prophecy differs from Old Testament prophecy.

Old Testament (OT) Prophecy

OT prophecy is a bit complex. The Hebrew word means *to bubble forth, like a fountain*, hence, “to speak under inspiration.” This was God “putting a word in the mouth” of His oracles (**Numbers 23:5**). OT prophecy was often used to foretell future events, including judgment and blessing, to give directions or instructions, or to reveal hidden things. Some examples of OT prophecy:

- Balaam prophesied about the LORD Jesus Christ, “**the Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel**” (**Numbers 24:15-19**).
- Samuel prophesied directions, instructions, and the location of lost livestock to young Saul (**1 Samuel 9:19-10:8**).
- Elijah prophesied that dogs would lick up King Ahab’s blood (**1 Kings 21:17-19**).
- Micaiah prophesied evil tidings and judgment over King Ahab. He even saw the LORD conspiring against King Ahab for his wickedness (**1 Kings 22:1-39**).
- Jehu prophesied that the wrath of God had come upon King Jehoshaphat for helping the ungodly and for loving those that hate God (**2 Chronicles 19:1-4**).
- Eliezer prophesied against King Jehoshaphat for joining himself with another wicked king of Israel, Ahaziah. God broke the works of Jehoshaphat (**2 Chronicles 20:35-37**).
- David prophesied about Jesus Christ many times.
 - That Christ would not be left in Hell (**Psalms 16:10; Acts 2:30-32**).
 - “**My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me**” (**Psalms 22:1; Matthew 27:46**).
 - They pierced his hands and feet (**Psalms 22:16**).
 - They cast lots for his clothing (**Psalms 22:18**).
- Isaiah prophesied about Christ bearing our sickness and disease and being whipped in order to heal us (**Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24**).
- Jeremiah prophesied judgment upon Israel (**Jeremiah 19:14-15**).
- OT prophecy contained elements of four of the gifts of the Spirit: prophecy, word of knowledge, word of wisdom, and discerning of spirits.

New Testament (NT) Prophecy

NT prophecy is quite different in purpose from OT prophecy. NT prophecy has been described as “the simple gift of prophecy.”

- **But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. ⁴. .he that prophesieth edifieth the church.**
1 Corinthians 14:3, 4b

The simple gift of prophecy is a divinely inspired utterance that speaks edification, exhortation, and comfort. NT prophecy does not predict anything. It does not curse or doom anything. It does not reveal any hidden facts. NT prophecy is spoken to believers and to the church to build up, improve, comfort, encourage, and console.

We are commanded to covet to prophesy (**1 Corinthians 14:1, 39**). The manifestation of prophecy in your life can help make you a great Christian (**1 Corinthians 14:5**).

Scriptures: **Acts 19:6, 21:9; 1 Corinthians 11:4-5**

DIVERS KINDS OF TONGUES

This is a divine utterance, whereby the Holy Spirit manifests upon a believer to deliver a message in a tongue unknown to the messenger, and generally unknown to most present. Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues are the only gifts of the Spirit that cannot be found manifesting anywhere in the Old Testament. It is strictly a Church-age gift, given only to those who have been born again. The gift of tongues was foretold by Isaiah the prophet.

- **In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.**
1 Corinthians 14:21
- **For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.**
¹²To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear. Isaiah 28:11-12

We understand that the gift of Tongues is different from the initial evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit by the precedent that the Book of Acts sets forth. Paul even makes a distinction between “praying” in tongues and “speaking” in tongues (**1 Corinthians 14:13-14**).

- Every reference to tongues in Acts is in reference to the initial infilling of the believer. No reference to tongues as used in a church service is made in the Book of Acts. (See *The Gift of Tongues* Course.)
- Tongues is always evident and demonstrated when a believer received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts.
- Never is an interpretation given, nor is there ever mention made to the presence of an interpreter.

GENERAL RULES FOR TONGUES IN A CHURCH SERVICE

- There are tongues of men and tongues of angels (**1 Corinthians 13:1**).
- There should be no more than three utterances in a service (**1 Corinthians 14:27**).
- If no one present is apt to interpret, you should remain silent (**1 Corinthians 14:28**).
- Your spirit is subject to you, so you don't have to manifest (**1 Corinthians 14:32**).
- All things should be done decently and in order (**1 Corinthians 14:33**).
- Tongues, without the interpretation, does not edify those present in a church service, though it will still edify you as an individual (**1 Corinthians 14:4-5**).
- Forbid not to speak with tongues (**1 Corinthians 14:39b**).

WHAT TONGUES (WITH INTERPRETATION) WILL BRING FORTH TO A SERVICE

- The Church will be edified (**1 Corinthians 14:5**).
- It can bring forth revelation (**1 Corinthians 14:6**).
- It can bring forth knowledge (**1 Corinthians 14:6**).
- It can be equal to prophecy (**1 Corinthians 14:6**).
- It can bring forth doctrine (**1 Corinthians 14:6**).

INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES

To interpret means *to explain in words or to expound upon*. With the interpretation of tongues, the resulting vocal message will be the equivalent of prophecy. The combination of tongues with interpretation of tongues will edify, exhort, and comfort. Pray that you may interpret.

- **But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.**
1 Corinthians 14:28

Tongues must be interpreted when the tongue given is intended to edify the church. There is a difference between tongues for the individual and tongues for the church. When there is no interpreter, we are commanded to keep silent in the church (order of service), yet we are still to speak to ourselves and to God (**1 Corinthians 14:2, 4**).

- **Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.**
1 Corinthians 14:13

Scriptures: **1 Corinthians 12:10; 14:13, 27-28**

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Lesson 3

The Revelation Gifts

The nine gifts of the Spirit can be divided into three categories: **Vocal Gifts**, **Revelation Gifts**, and **Power Gifts**. This lesson will look at the **Revelation Gifts**: the Word of Wisdom, the Word of Knowledge, and Discerning of Spirits.

The Revelation Gifts are manifestations that “reveal” something. These are manifestations of the Holy Spirit revealing some fact, or activity in the past, the present, the future, or even the spirit realm.

WORD OF WISDOM

This is not the gift of being really wise, rather a supernatural revelation of the mind and purpose and will of God. This can be a divine insight into future events as the purposes of God are generally regarded in future tense and can thusly be regarded as synonymous with “prediction” or “foretelling” (e.g. what God purposes to do in the affairs of man). A Word of Wisdom can see judgment or promotion coming. This can also be God revealing His plan or wisdom for your life. The Word of Wisdom is the best of the Revelation Gifts. It is listed first.

Examples Of The Word Of Wisdom:

- God revealed to Abram that he would have a son of his own bowels (**Genesis 15:4**).
- God revealed to Abram the details of the Egyptian captivity, its length, and the deliverance of Abraham’s seed (**Genesis 15:13-17**).
- The LORD revealed to Abraham His plan to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah (**Genesis 18:17-22**).
- The LORD revealed to Rebekah that there were two nations in her when she was pregnant (**Genesis 25:22-23**).
- God revealed to Joseph that his entire family would bow down to him (**Genesis 37:5-11**).
- God revealed to Moses His plan to deliver Israel from Pharaoh (**Exodus 3:7-10**).
- Moses got the blueprint for the Tabernacle by the Word of Wisdom (**Exodus 25-36**).
- God revealed to Samuel the prophet that he would meet a man on the following day that would rule over Israel (**1 Samuel 9:15-17**).
- God revealed to David how to fight many different battles by the Word of Wisdom (**2 Samuel 5:17-25**).
- David received the blueprint for the Temple by the Spirit of God (**1 Chronicles 28:11-12**).
- God revealed to Daniel the rise and fall of many empires to come (**Daniel 8:15-12:13**).
- Jesus operated in the Word of Wisdom.
 - **Upon this rock I will build my church . . . (Matthew 16:18).**

- With the woman at the well, **“But the hour cometh, and now is . . .”** (John 4:23).
- **Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified** (Matthew 26:2).
- **Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me** (Matthew 26:21).
- **But after I am risen again . . .** (Matthew 26:32).
- Most of **Matthew 24** is Jesus speaking by the Word of Wisdom about the End Times.

Many New Testament scriptures are in fact Words of Wisdom. They foretell of things to come. Many verses foretell what will happen in the very day that we now live in.

- **Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;**
1 Timothy 4:1
- **For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;**
2 Timothy 4:3
- **But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.**
2 Peter 2:1

Scriptures: **Jude 14; Acts 20:22-23, 21:4, 10-12; Psalms, Revelation**

WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

A supernatural revelation of a past or present situation, condition, or event, given to us for a specific purpose. It is not the revealing of everything God knows about the past or present. It is just a “word” of His knowledge. This gift is often used to reveal people’s hearts and reasonings.

Examples Of The Word Of Knowledge:

- A man of God had a Word of Knowledge for Eli the priest concerning his two sons: **“Why do you kick at my sacrifice and offering and honor your sons above me?”** (1 Samuel 2:27-30)
- Samuel the prophet knew the welfare of Saul’s lost donkeys (1 Samuel 9:19-20).
- Nathan the prophet knew about David’s affair and murder by the Word of Knowledge (2 Samuel 12:1-9).
- Elisha knew that Gehazi had visited Namaan the leper (2 Kings 5:25-27).
- Paul knew the intentions and motivations of a sorcerer by the Word of Knowledge (Acts 13:7-12).
- Paul perceived faith in a man’s heart to be healed (Acts 14:9).

- Jesus operated extensively in the Word of Knowledge:
 - He knew people's hearts and their reasonings (**Matthew 12:25, 16:8; Mark 2:8, 8:17; Luke 6:8**).
 - Jesus knew about the Samaritan woman's five husbands (**John 4:18**).
 - **Behold an Israelite in whom is no guile (John 1:47)!**

DISCERNING OF SPIRITS

The divine ability to see into the spirit-realm. When in operation, the believer will see angels, demon spirits, the Holy Spirit, the LORD Jesus, and even human spirits. (This is not the gift of discernment, for there is no such thing.) All visions and trances and even some dreams would be included in this gift for they are divine insights into the spirit realm.

Examples Of Discerning Of Spirits:

- Abraham saw the LORD and two angels and even fixed them a meal (**Genesis 18:1-33**).
- The LORD appeared unto Joshua outside of Jericho, and Joshua worshipped Him (**Joshua 5:13-15**).
- Elisha saw a chariot of fire, horses of fire, and a whirlwind when Elijah was received up into heaven (**2 Kings 2:11**).
- Isaiah saw the LORD in His temple with angels flying around Him calling, "**Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts**" (**Isaiah 6:1-13**).
- Nebuchadnezzar saw the Son of God in the fiery furnace walking with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (**Daniel 3:23-25**).
- The angel Gabriel appeared unto Daniel on several occasions (**Daniel 8:15-19, 9:20-23**).
- John the Baptist saw Heaven open up and the Holy Spirit descend upon the LORD Jesus like a dove (**Matthew 3:13-17**).
- Peter, James, and John saw the LORD Jesus transfigured, Moses and Elijah with Him, the glory cloud, and heard the voice of the Father from heaven (**Matthew 17:1-13**).
- Those that saw the LORD Jesus ascend into heaven saw a cloud receive Him and also two men in white apparel (**Acts 1:9-11**).
- The 120 at Pentecost saw "**cloven tongues like as of fire**" (**Acts 2:3**).
- Peter fell into a trance one day in prayer and argued with the LORD concerning unclean animals (**Acts 10:9-18**).
- An angel visited Peter in prison and a light shined in the prison. The angel punched Peter on the side (**Acts 12:5-10**).
- Paul saw a Macedonian man in a vision asking for help (**Acts 16:9-10**).
- John the Revelator saw the LORD Jesus, seven candlesticks, and seven stars (**Revelation 1:10-17**).

Scriptures: **Genesis 15:1-21; Numbers 22:31-33; Matthew 2:19, 28:1-8; Acts 7:55-57**

With Discerning of Spirits, one will not just see devils. They will also see angels, the glory cloud, and even the LORD Jesus. But this gift is not something we can turn on or off as we



will. It only manifests as He wills. Often this gift manifests without any warning and the recipient is left startled or puzzled as to what they are seeing. But a little understanding and knowledge will prepare the believer to fully cooperate with any and all of the Gifts of the Spirit.

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Lesson 4

The Power Gifts

The nine gifts of the Spirit can be divided into three categories: **Vocal Gifts, the Revelation Gifts, and Power Gifts.** This lesson will look at the **Power Gifts.**

The Power Gifts are manifestations of God's power (*dunamis*-explosive power). These are manifestations of the Holy Spirit performing, accomplishing, changing, or creating something. These are, to the natural eye, the most spectacular of the Gifts of the Spirit. These are the "miraculous" gifts. The Gift of Faith is the best of the Power Gifts; it is listed first.

FAITH OR SPECIAL FAITH

A supernatural endowment of faith, above and beyond the normal measure every Christian has been given which enables them to sustain an unwavering trust in God for their personal protection or provision. It has also been used biblically to pronounce blessings upon people. Special Faith **receives** a miracle and is different from Working of Miracles. Working of Miracles "works" a miracle. Faith or Special Faith allows God to work for us. Working of Miracles allows God to work through us. The Gift of Faith often requires an element or flavor of danger in order to cause it to operate. This gift will keep you calm in a time of danger. It may also be that the Gift of Faith in operation would allow for the ability to instantly deliver someone from demon possession. This would explain why the disciples were able to cast out some devils, and not others, and why Paul endured a demonic buffeting for several days before casting the devil out.

Examples Of The Gift Of Faith:

- Supernatural Provision
 - Elijah believed God to be provided for by ravens at the brook Cherinth (**1 Kings 17:1-7**).
 - The widow of Zarephath believed God at the prophet's word that her oil and meal would not run empty (**1 Kings 17:8-16**).
 - The prophet's widow believed the prophet Elisha's word and God supplied enough oil to pay off debt and live on (**2 Kings 4:1-7**).
- Supernatural Protection
 - Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego believed God for safety in the fiery furnace (**Daniel 3:13-25**).
 - Daniel believed God for protection in the lion's den (**Daniel 6:16-23**).
 - Jesus rested peacefully in the hold of the ship during a storm (**Mark 4:35-41**).
 - Paul believed the word of an angel concerning the safety of the ship on which he was a prisoner (**Acts 27:10-26**).
- Casting Out Devils
 - Jesus cast devils out with His word (**Matthew 8:16**).
 - Jesus cast a legion of devils out with one word, "Go" (**Matthew 8:32**).

- Paul endured demon advertisement for many days before casting the spirit of python out of a girl (**Acts 16:16-18**).
- Supernatural Blessings
 - Isaac pronounced the family blessing unknowingly upon Jacob and could not renounce it (**Genesis 27:6-39**).
 - Eli blessed Hannah and she bare Samuel (**1 Samuel 1:9-19**).
 - Melchizedek blessed Abraham (**Genesis 14:17-20**).

Scriptures: **Genesis 48:19-49:27**

GIFTS OF HEALING

This is the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the realm of sickness and disease with the sole purpose of eliminating the ailment. Healings reveal God's mercy towards mankind. This is separate and distinct from the working of miracles. It does not include any form of medical science. Heathen can operate in medical science, but the gifts of the Spirit are given to the Church. This gift is very prominent in the New Testament with only some sprinklings of it in the Old.

Examples Of The Gifts Of Healing:

- The Children of Israel were healed of snakebites when they looked upon the brazen serpent erected by Moses (**Numbers 21:4-9**).
- Isaiah healed King Hezekiah of boils with a lump of figs (**2 Kings 20:7**).
- Namaan the Leper was healed when he obeyed the word of the Prophet Elisha and washed in the River Jordan (**2 Kings 5:1-15**).
- Jesus operated in Gifts of Healing constantly.
 - **And Jesus went about all Galilee . . . healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people (Matthew 4:23).**
 - The deaf and speech-impaired man was healed when Jesus put his fingers in his ears, spit, and touched his tongue (**Mark 7:31-37**).
 - A blind man was healed after Jesus spit on his eyes and laid hands on him twice (**Mark 8:22-26**).
 - The man born blind was healed when Jesus made clay out of spit and dirt and anointed his eyes (**John 9:1-7**).
- The disciples operated in Gifts of Healing (**Matthew 10:1; Luke 9:1-2**).
- The lame man at the Gate Beautiful was healed when Peter manifested the gifts of healing (**Acts 3:1-10**).
- Stephen, a deacon, operated in the Gifts of Healings (**Acts 6:8**).
- Philip the evangelist manifested the Gifts of Healings in Samaria (**Acts 8:5-8**).
- Paul healed a crippled man by the Gifts of Healing (**Acts 14:8-11**).

The Gifts of Healing are different than the prayer of faith that saves the sick, the anointing with oil, the laying on of hands, or simply praying and petitioning for your own healing and deliverance, though these can work in conjunction with the Gifts of Healing.

Scriptures: **Acts 5:12-15, 19:11**

WORKING OF MIRACLES

A supernatural demonstration of the power of God whereby the laws of nature are altered, suspended or controlled. This gift “works” the miracle through us. This is different and distinct from Gifts of Healings. Healings are healings. Miracles are miracles. If they were the same, why would the Holy Spirit distinguish between the two of them? The Old Testament prophets operated extensively in this gift to establish their authority among the people. Miracles demonstrate the power of God.

Examples Of The Working Of Miracles:

- Moses wrought many miracles:
 - His rod became a snake and ate the sorcerers’ rods which had also become snakes (**Exodus 7:10-13**).
 - Parting the Red Sea (**Exodus 14:19-31**).
 - Healing the waters at Marah (**Exodus 15:23-26**).
- Samson slew the lion (**Judges 14:5-6**).
- Samson tore the city gates off their posts and carried them on his shoulders uphill to Hebron (a distance greater than 30 miles) (**Judges 16:1-3**).
- Joshua caused the earth to stop rotating after the battle of Gibeon (**Joshua 10:12-14**).
- Jeroboam’s altar split at the word of a prophet (**1 Kings 13:1-6**).
- Elijah commanded a drought and then prayed for rain (**1 Kings 17:1, 18:41-45**).
- Elijah called down fire from heaven onto an altar (**1 Kings 18:30-40**).
- Elijah outran a horse and chariot for about 30 miles (**1 Kings 18:41-46**).
- Elisha parted the Jordan with the slap of a coat (**2 Kings 2:14**).
- Elisha caused a lost axe head to swim in water (**2 Kings 6:1-7**).
- Isaiah caused the sun to go back as a sign that Hezekiah would be healed (**Isaiah 38:1-8**).
- Jesus fed the multitudes with only a small resource (**Mark 6:36-44**).
- Jesus rebuked a storm (**Mark 4:35-39**).
- Peter walked on water (**Matthew 14:25-33**).

Scriptures: **Exodus 8-10; Joshua 3:14-17; Judges 15:18-16:3; 2 Kings 2:19-22, 4:38-41; Matthew 17:27; Galatians 3:5**

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