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Prologue	Spiritual Gifts are often abused, but sometimes even neglected in their existence. Learn in this very balanced study more about the Spiritual Gifts of Administration, Apostleship, Discernment of Spirits, Evangelism, Exhortation, Faith, Giving, Healing, Helps, Words of Knowledge, Leadership, Mercy, Miracles, Prophecy, Serving, Speaking in and Interpretation of Tongues, Teaching and Wisdom. Who is the source of all gifts, how are they being distributed, and what is their purpose and effective use through us?	
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Origin of Spiritual Gifts	Source	THEOS, through the HOLY SPIRIT , is the owner and distributor of the gifts.	<i>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same SPIRIT, and there are varieties of ministries, and the same KYRIOS, and there are varieties of activities, but the same THEOS, who works all things in all people.</i>	<u>1Cor. 12:4-6</u>
	Distribution	THEOS' gifts differ in nature, power and effectiveness according to His wisdom and graciousness, not necessarily according to our faith. The HOLY SPIRIT is absolutely so-vereign and gives the gifts to whomever He pleases, in whatever degree He pleases. Everyone has one or some of the gifts, but nobody has all the gifts.	<i>... to each THEOS did deal a measure of faith, for as in one body we have many members, and all the members have not the same office, so we, the many, one body are in CHRISTOS, and members each one of one another. And having gifts, different according to the grace that was given to us; whether prophecy - 'According to the proportion of faith!'</i>	<u>Rom. 12:3-6</u>
			<i>But to each one is given the manifestation of the SPIRIT for what is beneficial to all. For to one is given a word of wisdom through the SPIRIT, and to another a word of knowledge by the same SPIRIT, to another faith by the same SPIRIT, to another gifts of healing by the one SPIRIT, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing of spirits, to another kinds of tongues, to another interpretation of tongues. But in all these things one and the same SPIRIT is at work, distributingto each one individually just as He wishes.</i>	<u>1Cor. 12:7-12</u>
			<i>But each has his own special gift from THEOS, one of one kind and one of another.</i>	<u>1Cor. 7:7</u>
			<i>Not all are apostles, are they? Not all are prophets, are they? Not all are teachers, are they? Not all are workers of miracles, are they? Not all have gifts of healing, do they? Not all speak with tongues, do they? Not all interpret, do they?</i>	<u>1Cor. 12:29-30</u>
			<i>... THEOS was testifying at the same time by signs and wonders and various miracles and distributions of the HOLY SPIRIT according to His will.</i>	<u>Heb. 2:4</u>

Benefits	Purpose	The spiritual gifts given to a person are special abilities that are to be used to minister to the needs of the body of believers.	<i>But to each one is given the manifestation of the SPIRIT for what is beneficial to all.</i>	<u>1Cor. 12:7</u>
	Effective Use	Do not only receive a gift, but make good use of it and use it wholeheartedly, not holding back anything from THEOS' service.	<i>If [your gift is] service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.</i>	<u>Rom. 12:7-9</u>
			<i>Just as each one has received a gift, use it for serving one another, as good stewards of the varied grace of THEOS.</i>	<u>1Pet. 4:10</u>



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Abuse of Spiritual Gifts	Jealousy	Never covet Spiritual Gifts, but be thankful for people whose gifts are completely different from yours. Let your strengths balance their weaknesses, and be grateful that their abilities given by THEOS make up for your 'deficiencies'. Together we build the church. And do not forget that a special calling does not negate the ordinary mandate. Just because some are gifted with a special portion of discernment, mercy, wisdom or give very generously, this does not mean that our mandate for the same diminishes. Tasks such as evangelism need always to be done, no matter how much more others may be gifted in a certain area.	So a boy ran and told Moses and said, “ Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from time of his youth, answered, “Moses, my KYRIOS, stop them.” But Moses said to him, “ Are you jealous for my sake? Would that he give all KYRIOS' people prophets, that KYRIOS put His spirit on them!” <u>Num 11:27-29</u>
	Misuse	But by much more the members of the body which are thought to be weaker are necessary, and the parts of the body which we think to be less honorable , these we clothe with more abundant honor , and our unpresentable parts come to have more abundant presentability, but our presentable parts do not have need of this. Yet THEOS composed the body by giving more abundant honor to the part which lacked it , in order that there not be a division in the body, but the members would have the same concern for one another.	<u>1Cor 12:22-25</u>
		And I ... did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom [...] I came to you in weakness and in fear and with much trembling [...] with a demonstration of the SPIRIT and power , in order that your faith would not be in the wisdom of men, but in the power of THEOS.	<u>1Cor 2:1-5</u>
		... neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but THEOS who is causing it to grow.	<u>1Cor 3:7-8</u>
	Removal	It is often debated if THEOS would take Spiritual Gifts away, once assigned to a person. But Numbers 11:25 clearly affirms the possibility of one-time occurrences. This example occurred in the Old Covenant, but the type of prophecy in this situation had been exactly the same as the one available for New Covenant believers.	<u>Num 11:25</u>
		But I discipline my body and subjugate it, lest somehow after preaching to others, I myself should become disqualified [for the application of the gift of teaching]. ... take the talant [money] from him and give it to the one who has the ten talants [...] And throw the worthless slave into the outer darkness – in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth!	<u>1Cor 9:27</u> <u>Mat 25:14-30</u>



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Spiritual Gifts Rom 12 1Cor 12-14 Eph 4 1Pet 4	Truly, truly I say to you, the one who believes in me, the works that I am doing he will do also , and he will do greater [probably meaning more] works than these because I am going to the FATHER .		Joh 14:12	
	Now you are the body of CHRISTOS, and members of it individually, and whom THEOS has appointed in the church : first, apostles , second, prophets , third, teachers , then miracles , then gifts of healing, helps, administrations , kinds of tongues .		1Cor 12:27-28	
	And He Himself gave some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints , for the work of the ministry , for building up the body of CHRISTOS, until we all reach the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of THEOS, to a mature man, to a measure of the maturity of the fullness of CHRISTOS ...		Eph 4:11-13	
	Administration	The THEOS–given capacity to organize, direct , and implement plans to lead others in the various ministries of the Church.	So, brothers, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the SPIRIT and wisdom, whom we will put in charge of this need . But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the WORD.”	Act 6:3-4
			... THEOS has appointed in the church: ... administrations ...	1Cor 12:28
	Apostleship (Not Apostle)	The word ‘apostolos’ refers to a ‘messenger’ / ‘delegate’ and means ‘one who is sent.’	Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger [G652 ΑΠΟCΤΟΛΟC; apostolos] greater than the one who sent Him.	Joh 13:16 G652
		In classical Greek, apostolos referred to a person of merit sent as an envoy or on behalf of a master in an administrative role. John uses the term in a similar way, applying it to a messenger, independently of the idea of an office.		
		The highest Apostle is IESOUS CHRISTOS , sent by His father.	Therefore, holy brothers, sharers in a heavenly calling, consider IESOUS, the apostle and high priest of our confession ...	Heb 3:1
		The 12 disciples had a very specific and unique position (or ‘office’ as many call it in extra- biblical terms). They reflected the relationship of a Rabbi and his disciples whom He sent (= ‘apostello’) into the world. Most importantly, they were direct eyewitnesses of the Evangelium.	And having called His twelve disciples [here still called ‘disciples’], He bestowed to them authority over unclean spirits, so as to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every weakness . Now the names of the twelve apostles [disciples + sent forth with the authority over demons and diseases = apostles; this is the first mention of the term] are these ...	Mat 10:1-4
		We ought to imitate today a similar principle, to make disciples of CHRISTOS and send them into the world.	... He summoned His disciples and chose from them twelve, whom He also named apostles : ...	Luk 6:13
		But we should definitely not use the term ‘apostles’ for a stationary pastor who rarely leaves his church building. Such a person is simply being called, but not being sent.		
		The 11 Apostles elected a replacement for Judas Iscariot.	... the lot fell on Matthias, and he was added to serve with the eleven apostles .	Act 1:26
		The very same title of an ‘ Apostle ’ was also held by the following Bible characters (and probably others not mentioned by name): 1. The 72 apostles (Luk 10:1 and 1Cor 15:5-9), 2. Barnabas (Act 14:14), 3. Epaphroditu (Php 2:25) and 4. Paul (Act 14:14, 1Cor 9:2, Eph 1:1).	But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard about it, they tore their clothing ...	Act 14:14
			If to others I [Paul] am not an apostle, yet indeed I am to you, for you are my seal of apostle-ship in KYRIOS .	1Cor 9:2
		This list does –not– include Andronicus and Junia, who were only known to the Apostles, but not Apostles themselves (see Rom 16:7 – always chose a good Bible translation such as the YLT).	... and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve . Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles [this cannot be identical with ‘the twelve’ already mentioned in verse 5; most probably referring to the 72 from Luk 10:1 or an even bigger circle of apostles]. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I [Paul] am the least of the apostles , unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of THEOS.	1Cor 15:5-9
			Paul, an apostle of CHRISTOS IESOUS by the will of THEOS , to the saints who are in Ephesus and faithful in CHRISTOS IESOUS .	Eph 1:1
	Paul is also a good example that a Spiritual Gift can be very burdensome, contrary to the common notion today, it being a super-privilege and super-blessing. Sadly we see especially the Gift of Apostleship being abused in Africa and South America, in order to impress people and to ‘achieve’ a certain status.	I think that THEOS did set forth us the apostles last – as appointed to death, because a spectacle we became to the world , and messengers, and men; we [are] fools because of CHRISTOS , and you wise in CHRISTOS; we [are] ailing , and you strong; you glorious, and we dishonoured ; unto the present hour we both hunger, and thirst , and are naked , and are buffeted , and wander about, and labour, working with [our] own hands ; being reviled , we bless; being persecuted , we suffer; being spoken evil of, we entreat; as filth of the world we became – of all things an offscouring – till now.	1Cor 4:9-13	
	It is also clear that the work of an Apostle was closely associated with signs and wonders .	Indeed, the signs of an apostle have been done among you with all patient endurance, both signs and wonders and deeds of power .	2Cor 12:12	
	Today we have to be very careful if those signs and wonders come from THEOS or from the spirit of anti-Christ, which is already in our midst.	... the lawless one will be revealed [...] whose coming is in accordance with the working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders ...	2The 2:9	
	The foundation of Apostles and Prophets was set until IESOUS’ time on earth.	So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of THEOS, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, CHRISTOS IESOUS Himself being the Cornerstone in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a Holy Temple in KYRIOS.	Eph 2:19-21	
	In the same way the ‘office’ of a Prophet continues today rather as a gift of prophecy, so the ‘office’ of an Apostle as described in the Evangelia rather continues today as ...			
	... the Spiritual Gift of Apostleship carried by believers selected by the HOLY SPIRIT.	... THEOS has appointed in the church: first, apostles , second, prophets ...	1Cor 12:28	
	The mission is to have authority over unclean spirits and healing (Mat 10:1-2), and further to encourage and strengthen other churches , to plant new ministries and churches, go into places where the Evangelium is not being preached (missionaries, ‘apostello’), raise up and develop leaders, and call out and lead pastors.	And He Himself gave some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists ...	Eph 4:11	
... you put to the test those who call themselves apostles [people different from IESOUS’ apostles] and are not [probably implies that there are true apostles], and you found them to be false.		Rev 2:2		
Discernment of Spirits (Distinguishing of Spirits)	To clearly recognize and distinguish between the influence of THEOS , or of Satan, the world, and the flesh in a given situation.	For to one is given a word of wisdom through the SPIRIT [...] to another distinguishing of spirits , to another kinds of tongues ...	1Cor 12:10	
	This includes	Let two or three prophets speak, and the others evaluate .	1Cor 14:29	
	A) utterances (good vs. evil) and also B) spirits (good vs. evil).	But Peter said , “Ananias, for what reason has satan filled your heart, that you lied to the HOLY SPIRIT and kept back for yourself some of the proceeds of the piece of land?	Act 5:3-6	
		Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to determine if they are from THEOS, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.	1Joh 4:1	



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Spiritual Gifts	Exhortation (Encouragement)	To strengthen and encourage those who are wavering in their faith. Those with the gift of exhortation can uplift and motivate others as well as challenge, correct and rebuke them in order to foster spiritual growth, patient endurance, brotherly love, and good works.	... that is, to be encouraged together with you through our mutual faith, both yours and mine.	Rom 1:12
			For the grace of THEOS has appeared, bringing salvation to all people, training us in order that, denying impiety and worldly desires, we may live self-controlled and righteously and piously in the present age, looking forward to the blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our great THEOS and SAVIOR IESOUS CHRISTOS, who gave Himself for us, in order that He might redeem us from all lawlessness and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. Speak these things and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.	Tit 2:11-15
			... he encouraged them all to remain true to KYRIOS with devoted hearts.	Act 11:23
			... exhort ye one another every day, while the To-day is called, that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of the sin, for partakers we have become of CHRISTOS ...	Heb 3:13-14
	Evangelism	All Christians are called to evangelize and reach out to the lost with the Gospel, but some are given an extra measure of faith and effectiveness in this area. Evangelists are given the unique ability to clearly and effectively communicate the Evangelium ('Good Message') to others. They are burdened in their hearts for the lost and are able to overcome the normal fear of rejection.	Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations ...	Mat 28:19
			"Truly abundant is the harvest, but few the workers. Petition therefore KYRIOS of the Harvest, that He might bring workers into His harvest."	Mat 9:37-38
			And after these things, KYRIOS also appointed seventy-two others and sent them out two by two before him into every town and place where he was about to go.	Luk 10:1
			But Philip [...] proclaimed the Evangelium to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.	Act 8:40
	Faith	All Christians have to varying degrees faith. Some, however, have the spiritual gift of faith, which is an extra- ordinary measure of trust in the power of THEOS, a special faith which moves mountains, casts out devils, and faces the most cruel martyrdom without flinching. It is distinguished from the 'saving' and 'normal' Christian faith.	Then the disciples having approached IESOUS in private, said: "For what reason were we not able to cast him out?" And He said to them: "Because of your little faith! ...	Mat 17:19-20
			And answering, IESOUS spoke to them: "Truly I tell you, if you would have faith and should not be intimidated, you will not only do that of the fig tree. Indeed, even if you should say to this mountain: 'Be removed and cast into the sea', it will be accomplished. So everything, whatever you might ask in prayer, - believing - you will receive."	Mat 21:21-22
			By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered Isaac, and the one who received the promises was ready to offer his one and only son ... [several examples in verses 1-40]	Heb 11:17
	Giving	While all Christians should be givers, those possessing this gift will go beyond this normal giving. They will share their own possessions with others with extraordinary generosity, sincerity and without pretense or hypocrisy.	I testify that they gave according to their ability, and beyond their ability, by their own choice, requesting of us with much exhortation the favor and the fellowship of the ministry to the saints, and not just as we had hoped, but they gave themselves first to kKYRIOS and then to us, by the will of THEOS.	2Cor 8:3-5
			For there was not even anyone needy among them, because all those who were owners of plots of land or houses were selling them and bringing the proceeds of the things that were sold and placing them at the feet of the apostles. And it was being distributed to each as anyone had need.	Act 4:34-35
	Healing	The supernatural providence to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases THEOS, to cure illness and restore health apart from the use of medical care and natural means. This gift is differentiated from people who are 'simply' compassionate toward the sick and pray regularly over them. Nevertheless, those people do a great work. They have great faith and trust that THEOS can and will heal some and are not deterred when He chooses not to. They are motivated knowing that THEOS' revealed power will draw people to faith in CHRISTOS IESOUS.	But Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not possess, but what I have, this I give to you - in the name of IESOUS CHRISTOS the Nazarene, walk!"	Act 3:6
			But Paul went down and threw himself on him, and putting his arms around him, said, "Do not be distressed, for his life is in him."	Act 20:10
			Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the elders of the church and they should pray over him, anointing him with olive oil in the name of the KYRIOS.	1am 5:14
	Helps	The possessor of this gift has a spiritual burden and a THEOS-given love for the needy and afflicted, for the sick and the poor.	He who lends to KYRIOS is he who is kind to the poor, and his benefits He will repay to him.	Pro 19:17
			... serving KYRIOS, rejoicing in hope, enduring in affliction, being devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, pursuing hospitality.	Rom 12:13
			Let a widow be put on the list if she is not less than sixty years old, the wife of one husband, being well-attested by good works, if she has brought up children, if she has shown hospitality, if she has washed the feet of the saints, if she has helped those who are oppressed, if she has devoted herself to every good work.	1Tim 5:10
	Knowledge (Words of Knowledge)	This gift enables spontaneous, human reports of divine revelation -similar to prophecy- not by speaking to the church, but rather to an individual. It can either include issues to be dealt with, words of encouragement or situational insight.	Fear of KYRIOS [is] a beginning of knowledge, Wisdom and instruction fools have despised!	Pro 1:7
			... if I have the gift of prophecy and I know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so that I can remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.	1Cor 13:1-3
		Words of Knowledge can possibly also refer to the person that is well-versed in Scripture and often has much committed to memory. It then allows a believer to relate Scripture to all aspects of life in this world. Knowledge combined with the correct perspective, understanding and humility leads to human wisdom.	... to THEOS thanks, who at all times is leading us in triumph in the CHRISTOS, and the fragrance of His knowledge He is manifesting through us in every place, because of CHRISTOS a sweet fragrance we are to THEOS, in those being saved ...	2Cor 2:14
			... so that their hearts may be encouraged, united in love and into all the wealth of the full assurance of insight into the knowledge of the mystery of THEOS, CHRISTOS, in whom all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden.	Col 2:1-3
	Leadership	Leaders care for THEOS' people and lead them into deeper relationships with CHRISTOS and each other. They base their success on how well they help others succeed and grow in their spiritual walk with IESOUS.	And some, indeed, did THEOS set in the assembly, first apostles ..., governings, divers kinds of tongues ...	1Cor 12:28
			The well-leading elders of double honour let them be counted worthy, especially those labouring in word and teaching ...	1Tim 5:17
			For this cause left I thee in Crete, that the things lacking thou mayest arrange, and mayest set down in every city elders, as I did appoint to thee ...	Tit 1:4-5



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Spiritual Gifts	Mercy	Those with this gift have great empathy for others in their trials and sufferings. They are able to come alongside people over extended periods of time and see them through their healing process. They are truly and literally the hands and feet of THEOS to the afflicted.	But a certain Samaritan who was traveling came up to him and, when he saw him, had compassion . And he came up and bandaged his wounds, pouring on olive oil and wine, and he put him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him .	<u>Luk 10:30-37</u>
			... we who are many are one body in CHRISTOS [...] having different gifts according to the grace given to us: [...] one who shows mercy, with cheerfulness .	<u>Rom 12:4-8</u>
			Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep .	<u>Rom 12:15</u>
	Miracles	Miracles are powerful acts that alter the ordinary course of nature. This gift was given to the church to reveal the presence and glory of THEOS among His people, to create holy fear and to create a sense of awe and wonder. IESOUS performed many miracles in His earthly ministry. The Apostles regularly performed miracles of all kinds including casting out demons, healings , ... and more. Those with this gift can still do similar miracles today (although rejected by many teachers, but the widespread abuse should not dictate our position!), but do not claim power themselves and always give credit and glory to THEOS for His mighty works.	And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will expel demons , they will speak in new tongues, they will pick up snakes. And if they drink any deadly poison it will never hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick and they will get well .”	<u>Mar 16:17</u>
			And now, KYRIOS, concern yourself with their threats and grant your slaves to speak your message with all boldness, as you extend your hand to heal and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant IESOUS.	<u>Act 4:29-30</u>
			And Stephen, full of faith and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people ...	<u>Act 6:8</u>
			Have you suffered so many things for nothing – if indeed also it was for nothing? Therefore does the One who gives you the SPIRIT and who works miracles among you do so by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?	<u>Gal 3:5</u>
	Pastor (‘Shepherds’ / Elders / Overseers; see also separate study ‘Church Structure’)	Pastors are first and foremost servants of THEOS and servants of His bride, the church. They are given a mixture of abilities by grace that allows them to serve the needs of an entire community. The goal of the pastor is to reveal the glory of THEOS and to lead in the mission that THEOS has for His church, the Great Commission . The primary way the pastor will do this is by teaching the Word of THEOS to the church.	Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart and they will feed you knowledge and insight .	<u>Jer 3:15</u>
			Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock among which the HOLY SPIRIT has appointed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of THEOS which he obtained through the blood of His own SON.	<u>Act 20:28</u>
			Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and rule over you in KYRIOS and admonish you , and to esteem them beyond all measure in love, because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.	<u>1The 5:12-13</u>
			For it is necessary for the overseer to be blameless as THEOS’ steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not violent, not greedy for dishonest gain, but hospitable, loving what is good, prudent, just, devout, self-controlled, holding fast to the faithful message according to the teaching, in order that he may be able both to exhort with sound instruction and to reprove those who speak against it .	<u>Tit 1:7-9</u>
	Prophecy	The main purpose of prophecy is to call to repentance, strengthen/edify other believers, encourage and comfort them, and to communicate THEOS’ message, providing insight, warning, correction and/or prediction of present and future events. Prophecy is a SPIRIT-inspired message which is orally delivered in the congregation – a human report of a divine revelation.	And he said, “Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I KYRIOS make myself known to him in a vision ; I speak with him in a dream. Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house. With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles , and he beholds the form of KYRIOS.	<u>Num 12:6-8</u>
			But the one who prophesies speaks to people edification and encouragement and consolation .	<u>1Cor 14:3-4</u>
			And prophets – let two or three speak, and let the others discern ...	<u>1Cor 14:29</u>
			Do not despise prophecies , but examine all things; hold fast to what is good.	<u>1The 5:20-21</u>
			... no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men carried along by the HOLY SPIRIT spoke from THEOS.	<u>2Pet 1:18-21</u>
		A) Edification of the church.	And when Paul laid hands on them, the HOLY SPIRIT came upon them and they began to speak in tongues and to prophesy.	<u>Act 19:6</u>
			The one who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but the one who prophesies edifies the church .	<u>1Cor 14:4</u>
			... prophecy is not for unbelievers, but for those who believe ...	<u>1Cor 14:22</u>
			For you are all able to prophesy in turn, in order that all may learn and all may be encouraged ...	<u>1Cor 14:31</u>
		B) Conviction of unbelievers who walk into an ongoing church service.	But if all prophesy, and some unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is judged by all, the secret things of his heart become evident, and so, falling on his face, he will worship THEOS, proclaiming, “THEOS is truly among you!”	<u>1Cor 14:24-25</u>
		The office of a Prophet has rather ceased (although I would not exclude that a true prophet could appear in our times). Even in biblical times, sometimes hundreds of years went by without any prophet being active. To see today suddenly tens of thousands of self-declared ‘prophets’, often in institutions such as Bethel Church in the US, is simply religious fraud and has little to do with biblical Prophets who had been carefully selected and instructed by THEOS Himself.	... The word of KYRIOS was rare in those days; visions were not widespread . [...] Then KYRIOS called out to Samuel and He said, “Here I am!” And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, because you called me.” [...] And KYRIOS called Samuel again [...] Now Samuel did not yet know KYRIOS, and the word of KYRIOS had not yet been revealed to him . Again KYRIOS called Samuel a third time [...] Then Eli realized that KYRIOS was calling the boy . [...] And KYRIOS appeared again in Shiloh, for KYRIOS revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh through the Word of KYRIOS .	<u>1Sam 3:1-21</u>
			We do not see our signs, and there is no longer a prophet . No one with us knows how long.	<u>Psa 74:9</u>



	Point	Comment	Scripture	
Spiritual Gifts	Serving (in Ministry)	It refers to any act of service done in genuine love for the edification of the community. The goal is to energize the church and free up others to use their gifts to the fullest. The result is the continued edification of the church and the added ability to see beyond its own needs and reach out into the community. Those with this gift are content to serve in the background knowing that their contribution will bless the church, display the love of CHRISTOS to the world, and bring glory to THEOS.	<i>And the greatest among you will be your servant.</i>	<i>Mat 23:11</i>
			<i>For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.</i>	<i>Mar 10:45</i>
			<i>And it happened that while he was serving as priest before THEOS in the order of his division, according to the custom of the priesthood he was chosen by lot to enter into the temple of KYRIOS to burn incense.</i>	<i>Luk 1:8-9</i>
			<i>And I entreat you, brethren, ye have known the household of Stephanas, that it is the first-fruit of Achaia, and to the ministration to the saints they did set themselves – that ye also be subject to such, and to every one who is working with [us] and labouring ...</i>	<i>1Cor 16:15-16</i>
			<i>‘I know your works, and your love, and faith, and service, and patient endurance – and your last works are greater than the first.</i>	<i>Rev 2:19</i>
	Speaking in Tongues	Speaking in tongues is the utterance of prayer or of a message glorifying THEOS, in a ecstatic / heavenly language that is unknown to the one speaking it . The only example for earthly languages is Pentecost.	<i>If I speak with the tongues of men [earthly] and of angels [heavenly], but do not have love, I have become a ringing brass gong or a clashing cymbal.</i>	<i>1Cor 13:1</i>
		A) Communication with / Impression of unbelievers.	<i>... suddenly a sound like a violent rushing wind came from heaven [...] they were all filled with the HOLY SPIRIT and began to speak in other languages as the SPIRIT gave them ability to speak out. [...] how do we hear, each one of us, in our own native language? ...</i>	<i>Act 2:1-15</i>
			<i>... if you praise in your spirit, how will the one who fills the place of the outsider say the “amen” [...] because he does not know what you are saying?</i>	<i>1Cor 14:16</i>
			<i>So then, tongues are for a sign not to those who believe, but to unbelievers, but prophecy is not for unbelievers, but for those who believe.</i>	<i>1Cor 14:22</i>
		B) Edification of the church.	<i>... The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks with tongues, unless he interprets, in order that the church may receive edification. [...] how do I benefit you, unless I speak to you either with a revelation or with knowledge or with a prophecy or with a teaching?</i>	<i>1Cor 14:5-6</i>
			<i>... seek for the edification of the church, in order that you may abound.</i>	<i>1Cor 14:12</i>
		C) Edification of yourself.	<i>The one who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but the one who prophesies edifies the church.</i>	<i>1Cor 14:4</i>
			<i>... if there is no interpreter, he must be silent in the church, but let him speak to himself and to THEOS.</i>	<i>1Cor 14:27-28</i>
		Interpretation of Tongues. When heavenly tongues are being used for the impression of unbelievers or the edification of the church, an interpreter must be present. Interpretation of Tongues is a revelatory gift, meaning that THEOS ' reveals' the meaning of the words or message being spoken and allows the interpreter to communicate its meaning to those who need to hear it.	<i>For to one is given a word of wisdom through the SPIRIT [...] to another kinds of tongues, to another interpretation of tongues.</i>	<i>1Cor 12:10</i>
<i>For the one who speaks in a [heavenly] tongue does not speak to people but to THEOS, because no one understands [-heavenly], but by the SPIRIT he speaks mysteries.</i>	<i>1Cor 14:2</i>			
<i>... if I do not know the meaning of the language [...] the one who is speaking will be a barbarian [-nonsense] in my judgment.</i>	<i>1Cor 14:11</i>			
<i>Therefore the one who speaks in a tongue must pray that he may interpret.</i>	<i>1Cor 14:13</i>			
<i>If anyone speaks in a tongue, it must be on one occasion two or at most three, and one after the other, and one must interpret. But if there is no interpreter, he must be silent in the church ...</i>	<i>1Cor 14:27-28</i>			
Those who do not speak in tongues ought not seek the gift as a sign of salvation or of special closeness with THEOS, for it is neither. It is a gift of THEOS, given only to whomever THEOS choses.				
Teaching	Teachers have been entrusted with the task of effectively communicating what the Bible says , what it means, and how we as followers of IESOUS CHRISTOS are to apply it to our lives here and now. They consume the Scriptures as food for their hearts, souls and minds with the expressed purpose of making Him known to others. Without this gift, the church would quickly fall into error and sin.	<i>For Ezra had set his heart to seek the law of KYRIOS, to do it, and to teach the regulations and judgments in Israel [today those of the New Covenant].</i>	<i>Ezr 7:10</i>	
		<i>The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, in order to avoid the snares of death.</i>	<i>Pro 13:14</i>	
		<i>Speak these things and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.</i>	<i>Tit 2:15</i>	
		<i>Not many should become teachers, my brothers, because you know that we will receive a greater judgment.</i>	<i>Jam 3:1</i>	
Wisdom (Words of Wisdom)	The purpose of this gift is to speak to the life of an individual or to a specific situation with great understanding and a righteous perspective , with the goal of guiding others toward a life of holiness and worship.	<i>Take my teaching and not silver; may you choose knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than jewels, and all desires shall not compare with her.</i>	<i>Pro 8:10-11</i>	
		<i>But from him you are in CHRISTOS IESOUS, who became wisdom to us from THEOS, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption ...</i>	<i>1Cor 1:30</i>	
	This wisdom can either be temporary through a divine revelation or also refer to an intimate understanding of THEOS' Word and its perfect application which results in holy and upright living. Human wisdom means far more than simply knowing a lot.	<i>Because of this also we, from the day we heard about it, did not cease praying for you, and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual insight, so that you may live in a manner worthy of KYRIOS, to please him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good deed and increasing in the knowledge of THEOS ...</i>	<i>Col 1:9-10</i>	
		<i>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, obedient, full of mercy and good fruits, nonjudgmental, without hypocrisy, And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace among those who make peace.</i>	<i>Jam 3:17-18</i>	
Epilogue	<i>If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a ringing brass gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and I know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so that I can remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I parcel out all my possessions, and if I hand over my body in order that I will be burned, but do not have love, it benefits me nothing.</i>		<i>1Cor 13:1-3</i>	
	<i>Love never ends. But if there are prophecies, they will pass away. If there are tongues, they will cease. If there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but whenever the perfect comes [CHRISTOS' Second Coming], the partial will pass away.</i>		<i>1Cor 13:8-10</i>	
	<i>Therefore what should you do, brothers? Whenever you come together, each one of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. All things must be done for edification.</i>		<i>1Cor 14:26</i>	

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