



Read – Roman Ch 12 v 6 – 8, 1 Corinthians Ch 12 v 4 – 11 – 27 – 31

Discuss – what are the different gifts?

What do you think the gifts are for?

List of Gifts – Word of Wisdom – Word of Knowledge – Gift of Faith – Healing Gifts –
Miracle Working - Prophecy – Discerning Spirits – Speaking in Tongues
Interpretation of Tongues – Gift of Administration – Gift of Mercy –
Gift of Encouragement – Gift of sacrificial giving – Leadership –
Gift of Teaching.

How Do we receive the Gifts?

Discuss – What do you think stops people moving in the gifts of the Spirit?

How do you think you can receive a gift of the Spirit?

In the early church one of the most common ways that a person received a gift to use from God was by the laying on of hands. Throughout the New Testament we see how the Elders of a church would lay hands upon a person and prophecy a spiritual gift into their lives. This prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands and the prayer of faith released the gift within a person's life.

Read – Romans Ch 1 v 11 – 12, 1 Timothy 4 v 14 – 2 Timothy 1 v 6 - 1 Timothy 1 v 18

It is important to recognise that the gifts that are given to the individual within a church belong to the whole church. As a result of this even today the majority of gifts are still released in a believers life through the laying on of hands and prophetic utterance.

In other instances people have received spiritual gifts by seeking after God with all their hearts and allowing Him to give them what He wants.

Read – Matthew Ch 6 v 33 Matthew Ch 7 v 7 – 11 Jeremiah Ch 29 v 11 – 14 2 Chronicles Ch 7 v 14

Discuss – From these verses what sort of faith and commitment is God looking for if He is going to entrust you with His gifts?

In light of these verses why do you think many Christians in the church in this country are ineffective in the Spiritual realm?

There is no doubt that if you really want to move in the things of the Spirit then you have to cultivate a strong and sensitive walk with God. This takes hard work, perseverance and discipline. Most Christians do not have the radical commitment it takes to have a really anointed ministry in the gifts.

How do we deal with the disappointments of gift ministry?

Part of the gifts of the Spirit is that there are times when we misuse them or do not discern what God wants to do in a particular situation. Each time any of the gifts are used it takes a release of God's power and authority to see the gift released effectively. God will only use a bless a gift in line with His will. Therefore if we step outside of His will what we do will be ineffective.

Gifts are made up of two elements.

Supernatural Power – given by the Spirit

Anointing or authority - given by the Father.

To be used in a gift we must not only be a clean and open vessel to the Spirit, but we must be working in line with God's authority and will.

Discuss – What disappointments do you feel you will see when you use a gift?

How can you use these disappointments to make you more sensitive to God's will?