



## Holy Spirit I Part 2

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### Big Idea

Spiritual gifts are God-given abilities gifted TO us not FOR us.

### Matthew 16:18

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

### I Corinthians 12:1-18

<sup>1</sup> Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don't want you to misunderstand this.

<sup>2</sup> You know that when you were still pagans, you were led astray and swept along in worshiping speechless idols.

<sup>3</sup> So I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.

<sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.

<sup>6</sup> God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

<sup>7</sup> A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

<sup>8</sup> To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge.

<sup>9</sup> The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing.

<sup>10</sup> He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said.

<sup>11</sup> It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

<sup>12</sup> The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ.

<sup>13</sup> Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part.

<sup>15</sup> If the foot says, “I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand,” that does not make it any less a part of the body.

<sup>16</sup> And if the ear says, “I am not part of the body because I am not an eye,” would that make it any less a part of the body?

<sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?

<sup>18</sup> But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it.

### **I Corinthians 12:27**

All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.

### **Key Principles of Spiritual Gifts:**

- GOD DECIDES. (I Corinthians 12:11)
- GIFTS ARE GIVEN TO BE GIVEN. (I Corinthians 12:7)
- WE NEED EACH OTHER. (I Corinthians 12:12-26)
- DIVINE DESIGN WITH A PURPOSE. (I Corinthians 12:18)

The gifts of the Spirit are unique skills and abilities given by the Holy Spirit to Jesus’ followers with the purpose of serving the church.

### **Response:**

- What unique skills and abilities have been given to you?
- How are you using the gifts God has given you to serve others?