

# SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Spiritual gifts are essential to the church. They are God's ordained means for the church to carry out its ministry. Without them we will have a form of godliness that lacks the power of God. The active presence and power of the Holy Spirit in and among us is one of the distinguishing marks of Christianity.

## MANIFESTATION GIFTS

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

These gifts are manifestations of the Spirit that can be given to a believer at any time to meet the need of the moment.

## MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS

Romans 12:6-8

These gifts are inherent abilities that God places within different people which they exercise by virtue of their very personalities. These are not need-based manifestations of the Spirit, but in-built abilities that the Lord places within us.

## MINISTRY GIFTS

Ephesians 4:7-13

These five gifts are leadership gifts. They are prominent ministries that the Lord places within the body of Christ to equip God's people for ministry. They are also called "Ascension" gifts.

### VOCAL

Prophecy  
Speaking in tongues  
Interpreting tongues

### POWER

Faith  
Healings  
Miracles

### REVELATION

Word of wisdom  
Word of knowledge  
Discerning of spirits

Prophecy  
Serving  
Teaching  
Encouraging  
Giving  
Leadership  
Mercy

The apostle **governs**.  
The prophet **guides**.  
The evangelist **gathers**.  
The pastor **guards**.  
The teacher **grounds**.

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## Gift Principles

The apostle Paul devotes three chapters (1 Corinthians 12-14) to discussing the value and proper functioning of spiritual gifts in the life of the local church. A thorough study of these chapters reveals several basic principles about the use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit

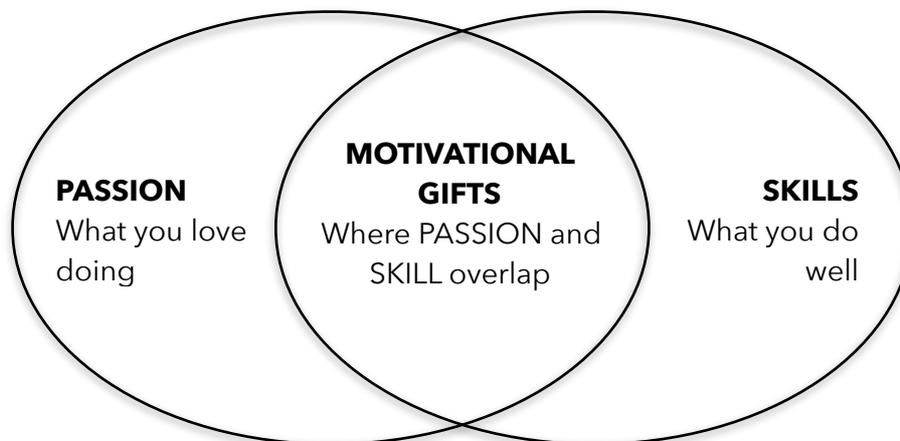
- The gifts of the Spirit operate in a ministry context.
- The gifts of the Spirit belong to the Holy Spirit.
- The gifts of the Spirit are for edification.
- The gifts of the Spirit operate in an orderly manner.
- The gifts of the Spirit are received through desire and faith.
- The gifts of the Spirit are tested before they are accepted.

## What are Manifestation gifts?

The gifts of the Holy Spirit equip the Church to express the fullness of God's love to the world. Manifestation gifts are one "category" of spiritual gifts that are given to the Church to benefit both believers and unbelievers. These gifts represent the work God does through the life of a believer in a given situation to demonstrate His supernatural power.

## What are Motivational gifts?

Motivational gifts are the special abilities that God put in each of us when He created us. Basically, your motivational gifts are a combination of your passions (what you love doing) and your skills (what you do well). We refer to them as motivational gifts because they are expressions of our own personalities. They represent areas in which we are motivated to serve because we enjoy it and we do it well.



## What are Ministry gifts?

The ministry gifts are the five equipping gifts that are usually referred to as the five-fold ministry. Not every believer has a ministry gift. The fact that Christ has given us the ministry of an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher does not automatically grant them authority in a local church. So the ministry gift should be viewed primarily as a function.