

## EAGERLY DESIRE THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

*“You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all of Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8 NKJV).*

*“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.....All [spiritual gifts] are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines”*

(1 Cor. 12:7,11 NIV).

The Holy Spirit is the ultimate gift giver.

- A. **Not all gifts are given at the moment of conversion.**
- B. **Spiritual gifts are exactly that, gifts.**
- C. **Spiritual gifts are not an index of spiritual maturity.**
- D. **Natural talents and spiritual gifts are not always identical.**
- E. **Spiritual gifts exist to exalt Christ, edify the church, and bless the needy.**
- F. **The discerning gifts:** *“To one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge...to another discerning of spirits” (vs. 8,10 NKJV).*
  - a. word of wisdom
  - b. word of knowledge
  - c. the discerning of spirits.
- G. **The dynamic gifts:** *“To another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles” (1 Cor.12:9-10 NIV).*
  - a. gift of faith
  - b. Gifts of healing
  - c. working of miracles.
- H. **The declarative gifts.** *“To another prophecy...to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues” (1 Cor. 12:10 NIV).*
  - a. Prophecy
  - b. Speaking in tongues and interpretation of tongues

*“One who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, he utters mysteries in the Spirit” (1 Cor.14:2 ESV).*

*“The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit” (John 3:8 ESV)*