

## THE IMPORTANCE OF LOVE IN EXERCISING THE GIFTS

Read *1Cor 13*. (N.B. Charity = Love). All the spiritual gifts lose their worth if they are not exercised in love. *1Cor 13:1-3*. From v 4-7 complete the following lists:

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| A. Love is always: | B. Love is never: |
| 1. _____           | 1. _____          |
| 2. _____           | 2. _____          |
| 3. _____           | 3. _____          |
| 4. _____           | 4. _____          |
| 5. _____           | 5. _____          |
| 6. _____           | 6. _____          |

### MORE ON “TONGUES”

*1Cor 14:2-19* shows us that the prayer language we have as a result of being baptised with the Spirit (study 6), is not the same as **the Gift of Tongues** in the church, *1Cor 12:28*. We have considered the “prayer language” aspect of tongues in study 8.

### THE GIFT WE SHOULD ESPECIALLY DESIRE *1Cor 14:1*

Read *1Cor 14:1-12* and answer the following questions: Has God made the gift of prophecy available to **all** His people? v1,5 \_\_\_\_\_

What is the value of prophecy? v 4 \_\_\_\_\_

What should we strive to do? v 12 \_\_\_\_\_

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### GROWING IN THE GIFTS

If we speak in tongues, what more should we ask God for?

*1Cor 14:13* \_\_\_\_\_

What value did the Apostle Paul put on speaking in tongues?

*1Cor 14:18* \_\_\_\_\_

Why did Paul value tongues in this way? *1Cor 14:4* \_\_\_\_\_

What must follow a message in tongues? v 27 \_\_\_\_\_

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## CHRISTIAN LIFE BIBLE COURSE

### Study Twenty-two: The Gifts of the Spirit

This study is a brief survey of the “**gifts**” of the Holy Spirit that are given to us that we might be equipped to do the works of the Lord Jesus Christ. *Jn 14:12*.

### LET’S BE INFORMED ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Read *1Cor 12:1-3* and answer the following questions:

Is it important for Christians to be informed about spiritual gifts?

v1 \_\_\_\_\_

What can we say and really mean, only by the power of the Spirit?

v3 \_\_\_\_\_

Should we desire spiritual gifts? *1Cor 14:1* \_\_\_\_\_

### GOD INSPIRES VARIETIES OF GIFTS

Read *1Cor 12:4-7* and answer the following questions:

What does the same Holy Spirit give? v4 \_\_\_\_\_

Why are we given the manifestation of the Spirit? v7 \_\_\_\_\_

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Who distributes the gifts of the Holy Spirit to the various believers in the Body of Christ? *1Cor 12:11* \_\_\_\_\_

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### THE GIFTS DEFINED

Read *1Cor 12:8-10* and meditate on the following notes. We are going to place the gifts in three categories: Revelation, Power and Utterance.

## Gifts of Revelation

1. **The Word of Wisdom** This is not a gift of natural wisdom, but a supernatural word of wise counsel or understanding given by the Spirit.  
**Bible Examples:**  
Jesus' reply in *Lk 20:19-25*.  
The woman taken in adultery, *Jn 8:3-11*.  
Who is my neighbour? *Lk 10:25-37*.
2. **The Word of Knowledge** This is not natural knowledge. It is a supernatural word of knowledge. God has all knowledge, past, present and future and sometimes reveals it to His children.  
**Bible Examples:**  
The woman at the well, *Jn 4:18*.  
Coin in the fish's mouth, *Mat 17:27*.  
Elisha discloses the king's counsel, *2K 6:8-12*.
3. **Discerning of Spirits** This is not a gift of criticism or discerning of persons but of **spirits**, and the spiritual source good or evil, *1Jn 4:1-3*.  
**Bible Examples:**  
Jesus often perceived hypocrisy in the Pharisees, *Mat 23:13*.  
Ananias and Sapphira, *Ac 5:3*. Spirit of divination, *Ac 16:16-18*.

## Gifts of Power

1. **The Gift of Faith** This is not "saving faith", or the faith that is the fruit of the Spirit – it is a supernatural impartation of positive faith in God for a situation.  
**Bible Examples:**  
Daniel amongst the lions, *Dan 6:16-23*.  
Joshua commands the sun to stand still, *Josh 10:12,13*.  
Peter and the lame man, *Ac 3:6*.

2. **Gifts of Healing** The supernatural healing of disease and infirmity, as opposite to natural means. N.B. It is plural – **gifts** – there are varieties of ways that healing can occur.  
**Bible Examples:**  
Jesus healed **all** who were oppressed by satan, *Ac 10:38*.  
Jesus healed **all manner** of sickness, *Mat 4:23,24; Lk 7:22*.  
Philip in Samaria, *Ac 8:5-8*.
3. **Working of Miracles** This is the special endowment of the Spirit of power over "natural laws" for a specific purpose in God's will.  
**Bible Examples:**  
Moses' miracles in Egypt, *Ex 9:8-10*.  
Jesus turning water into wine, *Jn 2:7-9*.  
Special miracles of Paul, *Ac 19:11,12*.

## Gifts of Utterance

1. **Prophecy** The Greek word means "to bring forth". It means "forthtelling" and at times may be "foretelling". Its purpose is for edification, exhortation and comfort, *1Cor 14:3*.  
**Bible Examples:**  
Prophecy of Zechariah, *Lk 1:67-79*.  
Prophecy of Agabus, *Ac 11:27-30*.
2. **Tongues** The speaking in a language that has never been learned by the speaker. This gift is not **explicitly** manifest in the Old Testament. In Church tongues must be accompanied by interpretation, *1Cor 14:27,28*.  
**Bible Examples:**  
On the day of Pentecost, *Ac 2:4*.  
In the house of Cornelius, *Ac 10:46*.
3. **Interpretation of Tongues** The supernatural showing forth of the meaning of a message in tongues. It is not necessarily a translation but it may be. Therefore it may differ in length to the original utterance.