

Spiritual Gifts in the New Testament

Romans 12:3–8

Prophecy: Declaring and proclaiming God's truth boldly and accurately.

Ministry / Serving: Faithfully meeting practical needs in the church.

Teaching: Explaining and applying the Word of God clearly.

Exhortation: Encouraging believers toward obedience and faithfulness.

Giving: Supplying needs sacrificially with a right heart.

Ruling / Leadership: Guiding and overseeing others wisely in spiritual matters.

Mercy: Showing compassionate care toward the hurting or weak.

1 Corinthians 12:4–11; 27–31

Word of Wisdom: Applying biblical truth wisely in difficult situations.

Word of Knowledge: Understanding and communicating biblical truth.

Faith: Special confidence in God during difficult circumstances.

Gifts of Healing: Temporary apostolic sign gifts authenticating the early church message.

Working of Miracles: Temporary supernatural sign gifts demonstrating divine authority.

Prophecy: Declaring God's revealed truth before the New Testament was complete.

Discerning of Spirits: Recognizing truth from error and false spiritual influences.

Divers Kinds of Tongues: Temporary sign gift of speaking real human languages unknown to the speaker.

Interpretation of Tongues: Ability to translate tongues for church understanding.

Apostles: Men directly commissioned by Christ to establish the early church.

Helps: Assisting and strengthening others in practical ministry.

Governments / Administration: Organizing and directing ministry effectively.

Teachers: Instructing believers accurately in Scripture.

Ephesians 4:11

Apostles: Foundational men commissioned by Christ to establish the early church.

Prophets: Men used by God to deliver inspired revelation before Scripture was completed.

Evangelists: Preachers gifted to proclaim the gospel and win souls to Christ.

Pastors: Shepherds called to oversee, feed, and guide a local church.

Teachers: Believers gifted to explain and apply Scripture for spiritual maturity.

Important Note: Apostles, prophets, tongues, miracles, and healing sign gifts were foundational and temporary, authenticating the apostolic message before the completion of the New Testament canon (1 Corinthians 13:8–10; Ephesians 2:20; Hebrews 2:3–4).