**Introduction:**

The next several pages are pages that I may have distributed previously in our class sessions, but since a few of us have joined the sessions later, I wanted to be sure that all of us have seen this material.

The light print comes from a Spiritual Gifts Workshop developed by the Department of Home Missions in 1968. It is the last exegetical study of the Biblical presentation of Spiritual Gifts that I have seen in the Church of the Nazarene.

**The dark print comes from classes at Fuller Seminar developed by Dr. John Wimber, the founder of Vineyard. It is the only exegetical presentation I am aware of from the Charismatic movement.**

I wanted to present them “side by side” to see the various interpretations and Scriptures used by both groups of believers. There are five additional gifts that the vineyard recognizes separately: (Page two: martyrdom, celibacy, administration, and page five: hospitality, intercession)

The Spiritual gifts are organized as presented in the Workshop booklet, (page one) “Gifts essential to the operation of the local churches,” (page three) “Gifts for evangelism, church planting, kingdom expansion,” (page three) “Wisdom Gifts,” (page four) “Sign Gifts,” (page five) “Gifts essential to the operation of the church.”

**I have long thought that a spiritual gift was any use of the Holy Spirit in my life where a believer or a body of believers is edified by my action. It might be helpful for you to try and remember if there was a time when someone commented that they felt encouraged in the Lord or strengthened, or etc. by something you were doing. That may be the best clue in discovering your spiritual gift, or your many spiritual gifts.**

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**Possible Spiritual Gifts:**

Spiritual Gifts approved by the Church of the Nazarene (normal type) (Dept of Home Miss.1978)

**Spiritual Gifts taught at Fuller Theological Seminary by John Wimber (Vineyard)**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Gifts essential to the Operation of the Local Churches\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

Prophesy: “Interpreting the Divine Will and purpose.” (Prophateian)

Romans 12:6; I Corinthians 13:2; 14:6; 14:22; I Timothy 4:14; Revelation 11:6; 22:19

**Ephesians 4:11-14; Romans 12:6; Luke 7:27; Acts 15:32, 21:9-11.**

“The gift of prophesy is the ability to comprehend a message from God and transmit it to a particular audience with clarity and authority, through a communication channel such as preaching or writing.”

**“The gift of prophesy is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to receive and communicate an immediate message of God to His people through a divinely anointed utterance.”**

Helping: “A laying hold of…, an exchange of practical help.” (Antilampseis)

I Corinthians 12:28; Acts 9:36; James 1:27.

**Romans 16:1-2, Luke 8:2-3 with Mark 15:40-41.**

“The gift of helps is the ability to be of assistance to some other person in the performance of their particular assignment in the church.”

**“The gift of helps is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to invest the talents they have in the life and ministry of other members of the body, thus enabling those others to increase the effectiveness of their own spiritual gifts.”**

Teaching: “to teach.” (didaskon)

Romans 12:7; Matthew 4:23; Mark 1:21; I Corinthians 4:17; I Timothy 2:12, etc.

**I Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4w:11-14; Romans 12:7; Acts 18:24-28, 20:20-21.**

“The gift of teaching is the capacity to present information and concepts in such a way that people can remember the information and understand the concepts; in other words, they learn.”

**“The gift of teaching is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the body and its members in such a way that others will learn.”**

Encouraging: “to admonish, encourage, comfort—to cheer, exhort….” (parakalon)

Romans 12:8; Luke 3:18; II Timothy 4:12; II Cor. 1:6; Ephesians 6:22, Colossians 2:2.

**(Exhortation) I Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:25; Acts 14:22.**

“The gift of encouraging is the ability to minister to others by word or deed in such a way that they receive comfort, counsel, and courage for their tasks.”

**“The gift of exhortation is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to minister words of comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counsel to other members of the body in such a way that they feel helped and healed.”**

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Giving: “to give a share of, impart—give with or among” (metadidous)

Romans 12:8; Romans 1:11; I Thessalonians 2:8; Luke 3:11; Ephesians 4:28.

**II Corinthians 8:1-7; II Corinthians 9:2-8; Mark 12:41-44**

“The gift of giving includes both the ability to earn material resources and the willingness to let these resources be used for the maximum benefit to the kingdom of God.”

**“The gift of giving is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to contribute their material resources to the work of the Lord with liberality/joy.”**

Leadership: “to preside, rule, govern—to direct, maintain.” (proistamereos)

Romans 12:8; I Timothy 5:17; I Thessalonians 5:12; I Timothy 3:4-12; Titus 3:8-14.

**Acts 7:10; Acts 15:7-11; Romans 12:8; Hebrews 13:17; Luke 9:51.**

“Leadership is the ability to be ‘out in front” of a group, setting goals in accord with God’s will and enlisting the harmonious efforts of the group to achieve these goals.”

**“The gift of leadership is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to set goals in accordance with God’s purpose for the future and to communicate these goals to others that they harmoniously work together to accomplish those goals.”**

Mercy: “to have pity or mercy on, to show mercy.” (eleon)

Romans 12:8; Matthew 9:27, 15:22, 17:15, 18:33, 20:30-31; Philippians 2:27.

**Mark 9:41; Acts 11:28-30, 16:33-34; Luke 10:33-35; Matthew 20:29-34, 25:34-40.**

“The gift of mercy is the ability to sense the feelings of those who hurt, whether or not they are Christian, and, in a cheerful and effective manner, to help that person cope with their problem.”

**“The gift of mercy is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to feel genuine empathy and compassion for individuals who suffer distressing physical, mental, or emotional problems, and to translate that compassion into cheerfully- done deeds which reflect Christ’s love and alleviate the suffering.”**

Pastor: “a shepherd—metaphor of Christ.” (poimenas)

Ephesians 4:11-14; Matt. 9:36,25:32, 26:31; John 10:1-18; Hebrews 13:20, I Peter 2:25.

**I Timothy 3:1-7; I Peter 5:1-3**

The gift of pastor is the capacity to oversee/care for the spiritual wholeness of believers.”

**“The gift of pastor is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to assume a long-term personal responsibility for the spiritual welfare of believers.”**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Martyrdom:**

**I Corinthians 13:3, Acts 5:27-41, 7:54-60, 12:1-5; II Corinthians 11:21-30, 12:9-10.**

**“The gift of martyrdom is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to undergo suffering for the faith even to the point of death….”**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Celibacy I Corinthians 7:7-8; Matthew 19:10-12**

**“To be able to remain single and not suffer undue sexual temptations.”**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Administration I Cor. 12:28; Acts 6:1-7; Acts 27:11; Luke 14:28**

**“…understand long range goals and devise and execute plans for their accomplishments.”**

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**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Gifts for Evangelism, Church Planting, Kingdom Expansion\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

Apostle: “a messenger, one sent on a mission, an apostle of Christ” (apostoloi)

I Corinthians 12:28; John 13:16; II Cor. 8:23; Philippians 2:25; Matt.10:2; Ephesians 3:5

**II Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 4:11-14; Acts 15:1-2; Galatians 2:7-10.**

“The gift of apostle is the ability to assume and exercise leadership over churches with a special effectiveness in increasing the number of churches or in introducing the church in new cultures.”

**“The gift of apostle is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to assume and exercise general leadership over a number of churches with an extraordinary authority in spiritual matters which is spontaneously recognized and appreciated by those churches.”**

Missionary: “to preach to the nations” (euaggelissasthai tois ethnesin)

Ephesians 3:8-9

**I Corinthians 9:19-23; Acts 8:4; 13:2-3; 22:21; Romans 10:15.**

“The gift of a missionary is the ability to minister effectively in a second culture.”

**“The gift of missionary is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to minister whatever other spiritual gifts they have in a second culture.”**

Evangelist: “an evangelist…a preacher of the Word…. Writer of a gospel” (euaggelistas) Acts 21:8; II Timothy 4:5.

**Ephesians 4:11-14; Acts 8:5-6,26-40,14:21.**

“The gift of evangelist is the ability to share the gospel with unbelievers in such a way that they accept Christ and become believers. It includes spiritual sensitivity to discern the readiness of persons to respond and may be exercised by laymen and clergymen in individual or group encounters.”

**“The gift of evangelist is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to share the gospel with unbelievers in such a way that men and women become Jesus’ disciples and responsible members of the body of Christ.”**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Wisdom Gifts\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

Word of Wisdom: “skill, intelligence, wisdom in spiritual things.” (sophias)

I Corinthians 12:8; Ephesians 1:7; Luke 21:15; Acts 6:3; Colossians 1:28; II Peter 3:15.

**I Corinthians 2:1-13; Acts 5:1-11; Colossians 2:2-3; II Corinthians 11:6**

“The Word of Wisdom is a spiritual gift that involves the ability to take knowledge and make appropriate applications to problem situations. It is the ability to make proper choices in difficult situations based on sufficient information.”

**(Wisdom) “The gift of wisdom is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to know the mind of the Holy Spirit in such a way as to receive insight into how given knowledge may best be applied to specific needs arising in the body of Christ.”**

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Word of knowledge: “a seeking to know, inquiry, investigation.” (gnowsews)

I Corinthians 12:8; Luke 11:52; Romans 2:20; I Peter 3:7; Romans 11:33.

**I Corinthians 2:14; Acts 5:1-11; Colossians 2:2-3, II Corinthians 11:6**

“The gift of knowledge is the ability to discover, analyze, and remember information important to the growth and well-being of the body.”

**(Knowledge) “The gift of knowledge is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to discover, accumulate, analyze, and clarify information and ideas which are pertinent to the growth and well-being of the body.”**

Discernment of Spirits: “the act of judgment, discernment” (diakriseis)

I Corinthians 12:10; Romans 14:1; Hebrews 5:14.

**Acts 5:1-11; Acts 16:16-18; I John 4:1-6; Matthew 16:21-23.**

“The gift of discernment is the gift of being able to distinguish between the working of the human spirit and the divine Spirit or between the works of God and the works of Satan; the ability to recognize false teaching or to perceive divine truth in confusing situations; a God-guided instinct to know right from wrong.”

**“The gift of discerning of spirits is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to know with assurance whether certain behavior purported to be of God is in reality divine, human, or Satanic.”**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Sign Gifts\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

Healing: “a means of healing, remedy, of cures” (iamatwn)

I Corinthians 12:9, 28; II Chronicles 36:16; Ecclesiastes 10:4; I Corinthians 12:28-30.

**Acts 3:1-10; 5:12-16; 9:32-35; 28:7-10.**

“The gift of healing is the capacity whereby some individuals are uniquely used of God at certain times to be the intermediary through whom God’s healing power is applied to another person’s physical or emotional need.”

**“The gift of healing is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to cure illnesses and restore health apart from the use of natural means.”**

Miracles: “energy set into operation…potential power” (energamata dunamewn)

I Corinthians 12:10, 28; Acts 6:8; II Thess. 2:9; Matt.13:4; Mark 6:14; Galatians 3:5.

**Acts 9:36-42; 19:11-20; 20:7-12; Romans 15:18-19; II Corinthians 12:12.**

“The gift of miracles is the ability to exercise faith in such a way that others perceive that what has happened can have no other explanation than the intervention of God into the natural order of things.”

**“The gift of miracles is the special ability that God gives to members of the body of Christ to serve as human intermediaries through who it pleases God to perform powerful acts that are perceived by observers to have altered the ordinary course of nature.”**

Faith: “faith, belief, trust, confidence in God & Christ” (pistis)

I Corinthians 12:9; Matt. 8:10; Luke 5:20; Acts 14:9; Romans 1:8; I Cor. 2:5; II Cor. 1:24.

**Acts 11:22-24; 27:21-25; Hebrews 11; Romans 4:18-21.**

“Faith as a gift of the Holy Spirit refers to an extraordinary ability to discern the will and purpose of God for the future of His work and to act accordingly.”

**“The gift of faith is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to discern with extraordinary confidence the will/ the purpose of God for His work.**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Gifts Essential to the Operation of the Church\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

Serving: “the office and work of service, ministry…” (diakonian)

Romans 12:7; I Cor. 16:15; Eph. 4:12; Colossians. 4;17; I Tim. 1:12; Hebrews 1:14.

**II Timothy 1:16-18; Acts 6:1-7; Titus 3:14; Galatians 6:2-10.**

The gift of serving is the capacity to identify and perform countless small tasks that need to be done for the efficient operation of the body of Christ. While the gift of helps is centered on assisting another person to do their assigned task, the gift of service is centered on doing those small necessary tasks that may otherwise go undone and usually relates to the ‘group.”

**The gift of servicer is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to identify unmet needs involved in a task related to God’s work, and to make use of available resources to meet those needs and help accomplish the desired results.”**

Languages  **(Tongues)**

Acts 2:4

**I Corinthians 12:9,28; 14:13-19; Acts 2:1-13; 10:44-46;19:1-7; Mark 16:17.**

“The gift of languages is that of an increased ability to learn and comprehend a second language for the purpose of communicating the gospel.”

**“The gift of tongues is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ (a) to speak to God in a language they have never learned and/or (b) to receive and communicate an immediate message of God to his people through a divinely anointed utterance in a language they have never learned.”**

Interpretation of Languages **(Interpretation)**

**I Corinthians 12:10,30; I Corinthians 14:13; I Corinthians 14:26-28.**

“The gift of interpretation of languages is a heightening of the ability to understand the gospel in one language and express it without distortion in another language.”

**“The gift of interpretation is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to make know in the vernacular the message of one who speaks in tongues.”**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(Hospitality)**

**I Peter 4:9; Romans 12:9-13; 16:23; Acts 16:14-15; Hebrews 13:1-2.**

**“The gift of hospitality is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to provide an open house and a warm welcome to those in need of food/lodging.”**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Intercession) Jas. 5:14-16; I Tim.2:1-2; Col. 4:12-13; Luke 22:41-44.**