

## Gifts of The Spirit

### Class 4 - Gifts of Healings

**Hebrews 2:4 NLT** “And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose.”

**I Corinthians 14:1 NKJV** “Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.”

1. Pursue: to run swiftly in order to catch a person or thing
2. Desire: in a good sense, to be zealous in the pursuit of good

*Let's look at 1 Corinthians 14:1 in this context...*

Let love be your highest pursuit. Chase after it relentlessly, and don't stop pressing toward seeing the sweet fruit of love manifested in your life. At the same time, earnestly desire spiritual gifts. Let that desire be filled with zeal—a genuine hunger to see the manifestations of the Spirit operating for the benefit of others. These pursuits are not enemies of one another; love governs and gives purpose to our desire for spiritual gifts. Never allow your pursuit of love to wane, and never allow your desire for the manifestations of the Spirit to grow cold. Pursue love, earnestly desire spiritual gifts, and, as Paul particularly emphasizes, desire that you may prophesy so that the body of Christ may be edified, exhorted, and comforted.

*If we go back one chapter in 1 Corinthians we will notice further instruction concerning love and the gifts...*

**I Corinthians 13:1-3 NKJV** “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.”

1. Gifts mentioned, tongues, prophecy, and faith without love profits us nothing. The bible says these gifts are given for the profit of all.
2. The bible says that Godliness is profitable unto all things, but even the right thing done with the wrong motive is wrong.

**Acts 5:1-5 NKJV** “But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. 2 And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart

to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? 4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.” 5 Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things.”

1. Ananias’s motive for lying was influence, and position.
2. If our desire to use and partake in the gifts of the Spirit is wrong we will not be rewarded. But if our heart is right then operating in the gifts can be a blessing to both the giver and receiver.

## **Gifts of Healings**

**I Corinthians 12:9 NKJV** “to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,”

1. Gifts of Healings: The supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit’s power through a believer to bring healing to another person’s body.
2. Why is Gifts and healings in the plural? Scripture tells us that it is plural. The plurality helps explain why particular individuals might experience extraordinary effectiveness with particular conditions.

### **For example...**

**Kenneth Hagin** — *Growths, tumors, ruptures, and hernias: Hagin said these were areas where he experienced unusually consistent results. He reported that approximately 99 out of 100 people with these types of conditions eventually received healing under his ministry.*

**Unnamed minister** observed by Hagin — *Deafness: Hagin described a minister who had exceptional results ministering to the deaf, even though he did not experience the same level of success with other conditions.*

**Stephen Jeffreys** — *Rheumatoid/arthritis conditions: Sumrall presented Jeffreys as an example of a minister who saw unusual effectiveness with these conditions.*

**Fred Squire** — *Blindness: Sumrall associated Squire’s ministry particularly with the healing of blind eyes.*

**Clifton Erickson** — *Growths, goiters, and cancers: Sumrall described Erickson as having unusual results with these types of conditions.*

**Greg Mohr** — *Heart conditions: Mohr uses his own ministry as an example. He describes a manifestation of heat or tingling in his hands and says he has seen greater results with heart conditions than anything else when this manifestation occurs.*

**Gifts of healings are NOT the only way someone can receive healing**

**Healing through faith:** the sick person believes and acts upon God's Word.

**Gifts of healings:** the Spirit specially manifests healing through another person to the sick person.

*Let's look at an example of this from the word...*

### **Healing Through Faith**

**Acts 14:8-10 NKJV** "And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. 9 This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, 10 said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked."

1. The man heard something that allowed faith to come into his heart.
2. Paul perceived through the word of knowledge that he had faith and commanded the man to rise in proportion to his faith.

### **Healing Through the Gifts**

**Acts 3:2, 4-8 NKJV** "And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; 4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." 5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." 7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. 8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God."

1. Notice, there is no mention of the man's faith to be healed. He was expecting money not healing.

*Not everyone will operate in gifts of healings...*

**I Corinthians 12:28, 30-31 NKJV** "And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. 30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way."

1. But... All can be used to administer healing through faith!

**Mark 16:18 NKJV** "they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

*In reality the result is the same! If there is no special manifestation of the Spirit one can still get healed.*

*Now in regards to being open to the Spirit of God we can all potentially be used in this gift. The Holy Spirit initiates the manifestation.*

*The believer responds, yields, and acts in faith. You see, faith is still required, just not on the part of the recipient. We must in faith yield ourselves when the unction comes.*

**John 3:34 KJV** “For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.”

1. Jesus received the Spirit without measure. He embodied every ministry gift, and flowed perfectly in every gift of The Spirit.
2. If you look at the Body of Christ as a whole we embody every ministry gift, and every spiritual gift together. We are used individually as the Spirit wills.