

Gifts of The Spirit

Class 3 - Power Gifts Pt. 1

I Corinthians 12:1-11 NKJV

We will dive into the power gifts this week and next week starting with Faith, working of miracles, and gifts of healings.

Faith

1 Corinthians 12:9 AMPC “To another [**wonder-working**] faith by the same [Holy] Spirit, to another the extraordinary powers of healing by the one Spirit;”

1 Corinthians 12:9 WNT “to a third man, by means of the same Spirit, **special** faith; to another various gifts of healing, by means of the one Spirit;”

1 Corinthians 12:9 NLT “The same Spirit gives **great** faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing.”

Faith Defined: This type of faith in various translations is regarded as wonder working, special, and great. Through this gift, a person may possess supernatural certainty concerning something God will do, enabling them to believe, speak, or act without wavering concerning an otherwise impossible situation.

1. This type of faith is also exercised in the passing of blessings. It is supernatural, and brings real change in the life of the one who receives it.

Let's notice the gift of faith in action...

To Pronounce Blessing

Genesis 27:34-38 NLT “When Esau heard his father’s words, he let out a loud and bitter cry. “Oh my father, what about me? Bless me, too!” he begged. 35 But Isaac said, “Your brother was here, and he tricked me. He has taken away your blessing.” 36 Esau exclaimed, “No wonder his name is Jacob, for now he has cheated me twice. First he took my rights as the firstborn, and now he has stolen my blessing. Oh, haven’t you saved even one blessing for me?” 37 Isaac said to Esau, “**I have made Jacob your master and have declared that all his brothers will be his servants. I have guaranteed him an abundance of grain and wine—what is left for me to give you, my son?**” 38 Esau pleaded, “**But do you have only one blessing?** Oh my father, bless me, too!” Then Esau broke down and wept.”

1. This is the gift of faith in operation. The Spirit of God would come upon a person to declare something as if God himself were saying it. When Esau had asked Isaac if he had anything else to bless him with he could not.

To Bring Peace in The Midst of an extreme situation

Acts of the Apostles 12:5-9 NLT “But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him. 6 The night before Peter was to be placed on trial, he was asleep, fastened with two chains between two soldiers. Others stood guard at the prison gate. 7 Suddenly, there was a bright light in the cell, and an angel of the Lord stood before Peter. **The angel struck him on the side to awaken him and said, “Quick! Get up!” And the chains fell off his wrists.** 8 Then the angel told him, “Get dressed and put on your sandals.” And he did. “Now put on your coat and follow me,” the angel ordered. 9 So Peter left the cell, following the angel. But all the time he thought it was a vision. He didn’t realize it was actually happening.”

1. Peter was fast asleep before his public trial. The angel had to strike him to wake him up.
2. Daniel and the lions den would also reflect the gift of Faith in action.

To Raise the Dead

John 11:40-44 NLT “Jesus responded, “Didn’t I tell you that you would see God’s glory if you believe?” 41 So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. 42 You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me.” 43 Then Jesus shouted, “**Lazarus, come out!**” 44 And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!””

1. Faith receives a miracle. Jesus did nothing else but speak the command of Faith.

To Bring about Supernatural Provision

Numbers 20:7-12 NKJV “Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 8 “Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. **Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water: thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals.**” 9 So Moses took the rod from before the LORD as He commanded him. 10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, “Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?” 11 Then **Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.** 12 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, “**Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.**””

1. The Lord instructed Moses to Speak to the rock. After shrinking it God still being faithful provided but there were consequences. When God speaks, do what he says.
2. Remember the point we had made previously. Power does not prove character.

Now Gifts of Healings are next in the list but I’d like to give them their own class so lets focus on Miracles next.

Working of Miracles

I Corinthians 12:10 NKJV “to another the **working of miracles**, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.”

Working of Miracles Defined: It is the mighty power of God flowing through a person. The possessor participates in the omnipotence of God. The same power which was released in the creation of the world, he shares with man permitting and enabling him to work a miracle.

Generally speaking we call a lot of things miracles and because we understand the context it makes sense. For instance, we have miracle drugs, miracle detergents, the miracle of life, etc. In reality all of those things work within the limits of nature that God designed. Healing is miraculous but when speaking specifically it's not a miracle. A miracle by definition goes against the ordinary course of nature.

Let's compare the three power gifts. Special faith primarily receives the miraculous; the working of miracles actively produces a supernatural result through the power of God; and gifts of healings supernaturally bring healing and restoration to the body.

So if someone had cancer in their body, and the cancer cells became healthy again it would be a healing, if someone was missing a finger and one was replaced it goes against the natural laws of healing in our bodies. Bone and flesh would have to be created. Miracles typically are creative, they can make what isn't there, and replace what doesn't exist.

Examples

Jesus walking on Water (Matthew 14:25–29)

(A human being cannot naturally walk across the surface of deep water. Jesus—and, temporarily, Peter—did what the ordinary physical conditions would not permit.)

1. **Matthew 14:28-32 NKJV** “And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” 29 So He said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!” 31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.”

Water to Wine (John 2:1–11)

(Jesus superseded the normal natural process of creating wine in an instant.)

Multiplying the Loaves and Fishes (Matthew 14:13–21)

(Loaves and fishes were created to feed people)

Multiplication of oil to pay a creditor

II Kings 4:1-7 NKJV “A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves.” 2 So Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?” And she said, “Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil.” 3 Then he said, “Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors—empty vessels; do not gather just a few. 4 And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones.” 5 So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out. 6 Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel.” And he said to her, “There is not another vessel.” So the oil ceased. 7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest.””

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