(1st Corinthians 12:7-11) Part #2
"Gifts Defined"

~ INTRO ~

ALRIGHT…
- We finally come to the long-awaited study on *spiritual gifts*.

ALONG THE ROUTE TO GET HERE…
- We've learned four key things…
  - ➢ That should change our attitude & understanding…
    - ○ About spiritual gifts:

1) God doesn't want us to be *ignorant concerning spiritual gifts* (12:1)
2) God has *distributed* a spiritual gift to every Christian (12:7)
3) God wants our gift to be used because it's *for the profit of all* (12:7)
4) God tells the church *health & growth* come as we use our gift (Eph 4:16)

~ STUDY ~

THEOLOGIANS…
- Have grouped these **nine gifts** into **three categories**…
  - ➢ To help us understand the manifestation of the gift.

I. **(3) Revelation Gift's**:
   1) *Word of wisdom*
   2) *Word of knowledge*
   3) *Discerning of spirits*

II. **(3) Power Gift's:**
   1) *Gift of faith*
   2) *Working of miracles*
   3) *Gifts of healings*

III. **(3) Spoken Gifts:**

   1) *Tongues* – goes up **to God** from men. (14:2)
   2) *Prophecy* – comes down from God **to men**. (14:3)
   3) *Interpretation of tongues* – should be about God.

IDEA #1 – MANIFESTATION GIFTS DEFINED

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A SPIRITUAL GIFT…

- Is a special God given **capacity for service**.
  - ➢ It's the Holy Spirit working thru a believer…
    - With a **supernatural ability** from God.

(v.8) **WORD OF WISDOM**

- God's **solution** to a **seemingly impossible problem**.
  - ➢ This is a gift for speaking with divine insight.
    - It shows up for solving difficult problems…
    - Defending the faith…
    - Resolving conflicts…
      - And for giving practical advice.

It's the Greek word *Sophia*…

- And it refers to the intimate understanding of God's Word.

In context…

- It means to speak to the life of an individual…
  - ➢ OR to a specific situation with understanding.

THE WORD OF WISDOM…

- Can come by **reading the scriptures**…

  - ➢ God may speak to **another Christian** to share with you…
  - ➢ The Holy Spirit can **impress** a solution **on your mind**…
  - ➢ Or it can come **as the word is being taught.**

I LOVE TO REMEMBER THIS

- (Jer. 32:17) NKJV

(v.8) **WORD OF KNOWLEDGE**

- It's **information** about something that could not…
  - ➢ Have been **naturally known**

Example: (Acts 5:1-4) NKJV

- ➢ The **Spirit will speak thru you** regarding an issue…
  - ➢ In someone else's life.

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(v.9) **FAITH:**

- There's **saving faith**…
  - ➢ Faith that **trusts the promises** of God…
  - ➢ And **faith to accomplish the extraordinary**!

(Acts 3:1-8) NKJV

(v.9) **GIFTS OF HEALINGS:**

- A gift for individual healing in…
  - ➢ Physical / emotional / or spiritual areas.

(James 5:14-15) NKJV

(Ps 103:1-5) NKJV

(v.10) **WORKING OF MIRACLES:**

- The *temporary suspension of Natural laws.*

- It's when God is operating according to laws…
  - ➢ That are higher than the laws of nature.
    - Examples:
      - Moses – Red Sea crossing…
      - Jesus – walking on water…
      - Or turning water into wine.

(v.10) **PROPHECY:**

- This is a word from God that results in…
  - ➢ Edification / Exhortation /Comfort.

- This is different than the O.T. **office of a prophet**.
  - ➢ We will look at this more in (chp #14).

(v.10) **DISCERNING OF SPIRITS:**

- Being able to recognize false teachings & false teachers.
  - ➢ (Truth from error)
    - It's being able to discern what's **from God**…
    - What's **from Satan**…
    - And what's from the **heart of man.**

~ IN CLOSING ~

WE WILL COVER…

- Different kinds of tongues…
  - ➢ And the interpretation of tongues in chapter 14.