



1 Corinthians 12:1-11 And now, dear brothers and sisters, I will write about the special abilities the Holy Spirit gives to each of us, for I must correct your misunderstandings about them. **2** You know that when you were still pagans you were led astray and swept along in worshiping speechless idols. **3** So I want you to know how to discern what is truly from God: No one speaking by the Spirit of God can curse Jesus, and no one is able to say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. **4** Now there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all. **5** There are different kinds of service in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving. **6** There are different ways God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work through all of us. **7** A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church. **8** To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another he gives the gift of special knowledge. **9** The Spirit gives special faith to another, and to someone else he gives the power to heal the sick. **10** He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and to another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to know whether it is really the Spirit of God or another spirit that is speaking. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, and another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. **11** It is the one and only Holy Spirit who distributes these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

Gift of Faith

The Gift of the Faith is the divinely anointed ability to believe for _____
in _____ or unlikely situations.

Scriptures:

1 Cor. 12:9; 1 Cor. 13:2; Luke 11:14, 22,23; Acts 28:5

Characteristics of The Gift of Faith:

- 1. The gift of faith is a strong spiritual sense that will arise in a person giving them confidence in divine intervention.*
- 2. The gift of faith operates from the heart of a person who has thoroughly saturated himself in the Scriptures.*
- 3. Faith always comes by the hearing of the word of God and grows in the same way.*
- 4. This gift will grow in proportion to the degree of obedience.*
- 5. A person with this gift sees nothing as an obstacle such as finances, resources, people, principalities and powers, etc.*
- 6. This gift stimulates a person to make bold statements of faith, pray with courage, encourage others in their faith and volunteer to be involved in challenging projects.*

Quotations:

Strong's Number: 4102

Greek Word: pistis

Usage Notes: primarily, "firm persuasion," a conviction based upon hearing (akin to peitho, "to persuade"), is used in the NT always of "faith in God or Christ, or things spiritual."

Dr. Kevin Conner:

Gift of Faith—Greek "pistis" = Special and supernatural faith given by the Spirit for the miraculous (I Corinthians 12:9)

Jack Taylor

Gift of Faith: The God-given ability to believe and cooperate with the fact that God is about to act through a word or an action.

Dr. David Yonggi Cho

Gift of Faith: Faith given as a gift is itself the direct and immediate work of the Holy Spirit, and it means that divine faith is deposited in the heart of the believer. This strong and keen faith, beyond human imagining, is produced so that great miracles may be performed by God.

Dr. Peter Wagner

Faith: 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 and purposes of God for the future of His work.

Gifts of Healings

The Gifts of the Healing are divinely anointed abilities to bring supernatural _____ to those who are sick, infirm, weak or oppressed by the devil.

Scriptures:

1 Cor. 12:9,28; Acts 10:38; Acts 3:1-10; Acts 5:15,16

Characteristics of the Gifts of Healing:

- 1. A person with a gift of healing will often be led to pray for people who are sick.*
- 2. The Holy Spirit will often lead people with this gift to know what kind of sicknesses to pray for.*
- 3. Many times these people will receive inside information as to what is specifically wrong with someone.*
- 4. This gift may operate in a variety of ways in order to bring healing to people.*
- 5. Believers operating in this gift find a high percentage of success in seeing people healed through the laying on of hands.*

Quotations:

Strong's Number: 2386

Greek Word: iama

Usage Notes: akin to A, No. 2, formerly signified "a means of healing;" in the NT, "a healing" (the result of the act), used in the plural, in 1Cor. 12:9, 28, 30, RV, "healings;" of Divinely imparted gifts in the churches in apostolic times.

Strong's Number: 2392

Greek Word: iasis

Usage Notes: akin to A, No. 2, stresses the process as reaching completion, Luke 13:32, "cures," of the acts of Christ in the days of His flesh; Acts 4:22, 30, "to heal," lit. 'unto healing.'

Dr. Kevin Conner:

Gifts of Healings—Greek ' 'charismata iama' ' = Those who have various gifts or a gift of healing by the Spirit, restoring health (Acts 4:22, 30; I Corinthians 12:9, 28, 30; Hebrews 12: 13)

Jack Taylor

Gifts of Healing: The God-given capacity to affect healing of diseases and infirmities without natural means.

Dr. Peter Wagner

Healing: 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 illness and restore health apart from the use of natural means.

Working of Miracles

The Gift of Miracles is the divinely anointed ability to perform specific, God directed _____ that are contrary to natural laws or human reasoning.

Scriptures:

1 Cor. 12:10,28,29; Acts 2:43; Acts 5:12; Acts 6:8; Acts 8:6; Acts 19:11,12

Characteristics of the Gift of Miracles:

- 1. A Person with this gift may also have the gift of faith in order to believe God for the miraculous.*
- 2. This gifting requires an immersion in the Scriptures to build faith and believe for supernatural intervention.*
- 3. A person with the gift of miracles will sometimes be seen as different from others.*
- 4. This kind of person is usually liberated from the fear of man.*
- 5. This gift is manifest through signs and wonders from God and unusual demonstrations of God's power.*
- 6. Miracles would include instantaneous healings, the raising of the dead, the casting out of demons and the defying of natural laws of nature.*

Quotations:

Strong's Number: 1753

Greek Word: energeia

Usage Notes: (Eng., "energy") is used (1) of the "power" of God,

Strong's Number: 1755

Greek Word: energema

Usage Notes: "what is wrought," the effect produced by No. 1, occurs in 1Cor. 12:6, RV, "working" (AV, "operations"); 1Cor. 12:10.

Strong's Number: 1411

Greek Word: dunamis

Usage Notes: "power, inherent ability," is used of works of a supernatural origin and character, such as could not be produced by natural agents and means. It is translated "miracles" in the RV and AV in Acts 8:13 (where variant readings give the words in different order); Acts 19:11; 1Cor. 12:10, 28, 29; Gal. 3:5; AV only, in Acts 2:22 (RV, "mighty works"); Heb. 2:4 (RV, "powers"). In Gal. 3:5, the word may be taken in its widest sense, to include "miracles" both physical and moral.

Dr. Kevin Conner

Worker of Miracles—Greek "dunamis" = Works of power, those who do or perform miracles (I Corinthians 12:28; 1 Thessalonians I :5; I Corinthians 4:19,20; 2:4; 11 Timothy I :7; Romans 1:16)

Dr. David Yonggi Cho

Gift of Miracles: The word *miracle* refers to a remarkable or surprising event that happens by the direct intervention of God, not following the generally known laws of nature. A miracle is the temporary suspension of the usual laws of nature and the intervention of supernatural and divine power.

"When the gift of the working of miracles works, the disease departs in a moment and the person immediately begins to recover health. When the gift of healing works, the cause of the disease is removed slowly and the effect of the treatment starts to work, leading to recovery."

Jack Taylor

Gift of Miracles: The God-given ability to carry out accomplishments beyond the normal range of the natural. A miracle is an earthly event with a heavenly explanation.

Dr. Peter Wagner

Miracles The gift of miracles 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 perform powerful acts that are perceived by observers to have altered the ordinary course of nature.

Discerning of Spirits

The Gift of Discerning of Spirits is the divinely anointed ability to detect the _____ of a spiritual _____ either in a person or a situation.

Scriptures: Acts (Paul troubled in spirit)

1 Cor. 12:10 ; 1 Cor. 2:14; Luke 9:55; John 11:33; John 13:21; Acts 5:9; Acts 16:18; Acts 17:16; Acts 18:5; Acts 19:15; 2 Tim. 1:7; 1 Tim. 4:1; Heb. 4:12; 1 John 4:1-6

Characteristics of the Discerning of Spirits:

- 1. A Person with this gift will often sense spiritual burdens and be easily troubled in spirit.*
- 2. This gift will bring with it special revelations through dreams, visions, warnings and burdens.*
- 3. A believer with the gift of discernment will be able to see into people's hearts and lives and must learn to both pray and refer these insights to those who can help.*
- 4. This gift can provide valuable insight into spiritual warfare for a church.*
- 5. A person with this gift is often used in deliverance ministry, setting people free from the control of evil spirits.*
- 6. A believer with this gift will be careful and walk in wisdom and the fear of God when dealing with evil spirits and forces of darkness.*
- 7. This gift can often accompany other gifts such as a word of knowledge or wisdom, in order to know what to do with the God-given insights.*

Quotations:

Strong's Number: 1252

Greek Word: diakrino

Usage Notes: signifies "to separate, discriminate;" then, "to learn by discriminating, to determine, decide." It is translated "discern" in Matt. 16:3, of discriminating between the varying conditions of the sky (see dokimazo, No. 3, below, in Luke 12:56), and in 1Cor. 11:29, with reference to partaking of the bread and the cup of the Lord's Supper unworthily, by not "discerning" or discriminating what they represent; in ver. 31, the RV has "discerned," for the AV, "would judge," of trying oneself, "discerning" one's condition, and so judging any evil before the Lord; in 1Cor. 14:29, regarding oral testimony in a gathering of believers, it is used of "discerning" what is of the Holy Spirit.

Strong's Number: 1253

Greek Word: diakrasis

Usage Notes: cp. A, No. 2, "a distinguishing, a clear discrimination, discerning, judging," is translated "discernings" in 1Cor. 12:10, of "discerning" spirits, judging by evidence whether they are evil or of God.

“spirits”

Strong's Number: 4151

Greek Word: pneuma

Usage Notes: primarily denotes "the wind" (akin to pneo, "to breathe, blow"); also "breath;" then, especially "the spirit," which, like the wind, is invisible, immaterial and powerful. The NT uses of the word may be analyzed approximately as follows:

"(a) the wind, John 3:8 (where marg. is, perhaps, to be preferred); Heb. 1:7; cp. Amos 4:13, Sept.; (b) the breath, 2Thess. 2:8; Rev. 11:11; Rev. 13:15; cp. Job 12:10, Sept.; the Holy Spirit, e.g., Matt. 4:1; Luke 4:18; (l) 'the inward man' (an expression used only of the believer, Rom. 7:22; 2Cor. 4:16; Eph. 3:16); the new life, Rom. 8:4-6, 10, 16; Heb. 12:9; cp. Psa. 51:10; unclean spirits, demons, Matt. 8:16; Luke 4:33; 1Pet. 3:19; cp. 1Sam. 18:10; angels, Heb. 1:14; cp. Acts 12:15;

Dr. Kevin Conner:

Discerning of spirits—Greek "diakrisis" = To recognize clearly what is the Spirit of God, spirit of error or the human spirit at work. Perception of error or truth.

Dr. David Yonggi Cho

Gift of Discerning of Spirits: The gift is exactly what it says: the gift that is able to discern spirits. To put it simply, in this universe there are spirits belonging to God and spirits belonging to the devil; then there are instances when words are spoken by the spirit of man which is distinguished from the Holy Spirit or the spirit of Satan.

Jack Taylor

Gift of Discerning of Spirits: The God-given capacity to differentiate between the various spirits at work in the world.

Dr. Peter Wagner

Discerning of spirits: 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.