



All You Need Is Love...

1 Corinthians 14:1 Let **love** be your highest goal, but also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives, especially the gift of prophecy.

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 worshipping 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.

1 Corinthians 13

1 If I could speak in any language in heaven or on earth but didn't **love** others, I would only be making meaningless noise like a loud gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I knew all the mysteries of the future and knew everything about everything, but didn't **love** others, what good would I be? And if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, without **love** I would be no good to anybody. **3** If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't **love** others, I would be of no value whatsoever. **4** **Love** is patient and kind. **Love** is not jealous or boastful or proud **5** or rude. **Love** does not demand its own way. **Love** is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. **6** It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. **7** **Love** never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. **8** **Love** will last forever, but prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will all disappear. **9** Now we know only a little, and even the gift of prophecy reveals little! **10** But when the end comes, these special gifts will all disappear.

11 It's like this: When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child does. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. **12** Now we see things imperfectly as in a poor mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God knows me now. **13** There are three things that will endure – faith, hope, and **love** – and the greatest of these is **love**.

Love; as an important foundation to this series it must be at the forefront of our minds that the gifts are without repentance. Meaning the gifts of God on our lives are tools God give each and every one of us. He gives us our unique gift mix. As we embark the foundation of this journey is always **love**. The gifts don't disappear just because we stop using them in the way they were intended. The Bible is clear that we can use the gifts but without **love** it's for nothing.

Love gives. Naturally out of a heart of love one gives back to others. When **love**, God's pure **love** is our foundation for working our gifts He is magnified. When our by our own desires and desire for recognition we use the gifts, we glorify ourselves and not Christ.

Loving God and **loving** others. Not for personal gain or glory, but for **Kingdom First**. God so **loved** the world he gave and the result was life; true, real, abundant, life.

THE GIFTS EXPLAINED

The Gift of Prophecy

New Testament Examples; Acts 11:27, 28; 13:1-3; 19:6,21:9-11; I Tim. 1:18, 4:14

An eternal message that invades space and time.

An inspired message from the Holy Spirit to man

Divine revelation or direction given to finite men.

How it operates:

Prophecy is released in worship. (Rev. 19:10)

Your mind must be focused. (Col. 3:2)

Recognize the promptings of the Spirit. (Ps. 39:3)

The Holy Spirit will put words or thoughts in your mind. (Job 32:18-20)

Prophecy will come as a “flow” of water. (Jn. 7:38)

The Word of Wisdom

Insight from the Holy Spirit on a situation.

Direction, correction or protection (warning) given by the Holy Spirit.

The Word of Knowledge

Revelation of unknown facts by the Holy Spirit.

Illumination of details not known naturally by the minister.

Different Kinds of Tongues

A Language unknown to the minister.

A Message given in an Earthly or Heavenly language for the purpose of supernatural confirmation of God's will.

Interpretation of Tongues

Supernatural ability to understand a language not learned by natural knowledge.

The Serving Gifts (see I Peter 4:10,11)

These gifts are given to demonstrate the power of God and minister to those in need.

The Gift of Faith

Supernatural ability to trust in invisible divine intervention or provision.

Supernatural insight into the spiritual purposes of God.

Gifts of Healing

Divine enablement to reverse the effects of disease, sickness or physical malady.

A variety of methods used in releasing divine virtue.

Working of Miracles

Divine power released to alter the course of nature.

Spiritual authority over natural things.

Discerning of Spirits

Divine ability to perceive the real issues behind a situation.

Spiritual sensitivity given for protection or illumination.

Supernatural enablement to expose the specific strategy of demonic spirits

THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFTS

To Edify the Church of Jesus Christ

Seek to edify (I Cor. 14:12)

Balance the gifts of the Spirit with the Fruit of the Spirit (II Tim 1:7)

Let the gifts be used for "edification, exhortation and comfort" (I Cor. 14:3)

Submit all expressions of the gifts to the Lordship of Christ. (I Cor 12:11,18)

The gifts must be tested by the revelation of the Word of God (Mark 16:20; I Cor. 14:29; II Tim. 3:16-4:3)

The gifts must be operated "decently and in order." (I Cor. 14:27,29,33,40)

The gifts are to be administered in humility and meekness. (Rom. 12:3; II Tim. 2:24)

Don't limit the expression of spiritual gifts to the congregational meetings (Book of Acts)

To accomplish the Mission of the Church in the earth

To demonstrate God's wisdom to principalities and powers. (Eph. 3:10)

To destroy the works of the devil (I Jn. 3:8)

To confirm God's Word with signs. (Mark 16:20)

To supernaturally anoint the witness of believers (Acts 1:8; Isaiah 61:1-3; Matt. 24:14, 28:18-20)