

God does not give
fresh revelations
but He rivets the
old ones



1 Corinthians 12:1 (NASB95)

The Use of Spiritual Gifts

1 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware.

Gifts supernaturally bestowed on the early Christians, each having his own proper gift or gifts for the edification of the body of Christ. These were the result of the extraordinary operation of the Spirit, as on the day of Pentecost.

1 Corinthians 12:4 (NASB95)

4 Now there are varieties of *gifts*, but the same Spirit.

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1 Corinthians 12:5 (NASB95)

5 And there are varieties of *ministries*, and the same Lord.

Spirit empowered services guided by faith.

1 Corinthians 12:6 (NASB95)

6 There are varieties of *effects*, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*.

Energizing's [operations], focusing on the results of God's energy, [power] in people living in His faith.

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NASB95)

7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

The gifts had a unity in source and they also had a unity of purpose: not for personal enrichment but for common good of the body of Christ.

1 Peter 4:10 (NASB95)

10 As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good *stewards* of the manifold grace of God.

*Meaning a good guardian of the
lavished grace of God.*

1 Corinthians 12:8–11 (NASB95)

8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

1 Corinthians 12:8–11 (NASB95)

10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another *various* kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. *11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.*

1 Corinthians 12:8 (NASB95)

8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit.....

- *Knowledge is the accumulation of fact: wisdom is the proper application of the fact.*
- *Knowledge will tell you that the coiled creature is a snake: wisdom will tell you not to touch it!*

1 Corinthians 12:8 (NASB95)

8 and to another the word of knowledge
according to the same Spirit;

*Word of knowledge is information given
to us supernaturally, knowledge of
things that we could not know through
natural acquisition or study.*

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1 Corinthians 12:9 (NASB95)

9 to another faith by the same Spirit.....

Hebrews 11:1 (NASB95)

*I Now faith is the assurance of things
hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*

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1 Corinthians 12:9 (NASB95)

9 to another gifts of *healing* by the one Spirit,

- *Sozo: restoring soul, spirit & body.*
- *Therapeuo: therapeutic, to cure thru various ways.*
- *Iaomai: instantaneous miraculous healing, to be made whole.*

1 Corinthians 12:10 (NASB95)

10 and to another the effecting of miracles....

- *Miracle is something that is humanly impossible but divinely simple.*
- *Difficulty must be measured by the capacity of the agents doing the work.*
- *With man it is impossible but when God gets involved all things are possible.*

1 Corinthians 12:10 (NASB95)

10 and to another prophecy

The gift of prophecy is speaking forth the Word of God through the anointing of the Holy spirit. It is being a channel through which the Lord may speak.

1 Corinthians 12:10 (NASB95)

10 and to another the distinguishing of
spirits.....

*The Bible teaches, there are two
coexisting worlds. We are not conscious
of that other world, but it is conscious of
us. Bible calls it the world of spirits. This
spiritual world is real, has a tremendous
influence on our lives, either for good or
for evil.*

Hebrews 1:14 (NASB95)

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

Ephesians 6:12 (NASB95)

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2 Corinthians 11:14 (NASB95)

14 No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

Inability to discern

1 Corinthians 12:10 (NASB95)

10 to another *various* kinds of tongues

The Greek word tongue is glossa, speaking in a language that the speaker himself does not understand. It could be a known language as Paul said “I speak with the tongue of men”, or a dialect of heaven, as Paul said “though I speak with the tongues of angels.”

Isaiah 28:11 (NASB95)

11 Indeed, He will speak to this people
Through stammering lips and a foreign
tongue....

1 Corinthians 14:21 (NASB95)

21 In the Law it is written, “BY MEN OF STRANGE TONGUES AND BY THE LIPS OF STRANGERS I WILL SPEAK TO THIS PEOPLE, AND EVEN SO THEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO ME,” says the Lord.

1 Corinthians 12:10 (NASB95)

10 to another the interpretation of tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:13 (NASB95)

13 Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

1 Corinthians 14:14–16 (NASB95)

14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. 16 Otherwise if you bless in the spirit *only*, how will the one who fills the place of the ungifted say the “Amen” at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying?

1 Corinthians 12:30–31 (NASB95)

30 All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? 31 But earnestly desire the greater gifts. *Love!*

1 Corinthians 12:14 (NASB95)

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NASB95)

7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

The Holy Ghost does not reveal anything fresh, He brings old things to our remembrance, the cannon of revelation is closed, nothing to be added. God does not give fresh revelations but He rivets the old ones. When it had been forgotten, and lays in the dusty chambers of our memories, He fetches it out, dust it off, He does not paint a new one. There are no new doctrines, but old ones are often revived.

Charles Spurgeon

