

Spiritual Gifts
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In the article about *Spiritual Gifts*, it is clear and specific that Spiritual gifts are not innate, talents that individuals are born with. The article's emphasis is that Jesus' followers empowerment of the Holy Spirit is given to the believers in the church in order to build and strengthen its members. It is also stated that Spiritual gifts can be experienced at conversion or at any other moments as the person grows spiritually. I find it interesting how A.B. Simpson and A.W.Tozer recognized and affirmed that “When Jesus Christ was on the earth and performed different miracles, He did not use his Deity Divine nature on earth. Jesus used the strength and authority of his Spirit anointed-humanity”¹

Other points that I find relevant are that the Spiritual gifts were not given only for the apostles, but they were exercised by lay people as well. These gifts represent a free manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit blessing people with different gifts complementing each other. We should try to excel in the gifts that build the church of Jesus Christ. When I read the biblical references such as 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, Romans 12:4-8, Ephesians 4:11 and 1 Peter 4:1–11 I felt a fire in me and desired that more and more members would understand the importance of giving the Holy Spirit. The opportunity to be use in all these areas without restrictions and lack of love; but of course always being viligant that we would not fall into our emotions and personal sucesses. I also find the recommendation awesome of using love as our oil machine that would help our spiritual discernment to work well with different personalities.²

¹ C&MA Alliance Perspectives Spiritual Gifts p. 5

² C&MA Alliance Perspectives Spiritual Gifts p. 6

The article also indicates how Paul advises the importance of the gift of prophecy over the gift of speaking in tongues which I find productive, because if we want people to comprehend what the Spirit wants to communicate to the church we should all be able to understand its message and should not be against Scripture. In addition, Paul said to the believers in the Ephesus church to be “Filled with the Spirit” something that is repeatedly mentioned in the book of Acts as well.³

I also agree with the author in two important points: Tozer strongly notes, “no one ever received the Holy Spirit’s power without knowing it” (Keys to the Deeper Life . p. 57). We should expect that God will meet His people in a powerful way with evidence and conviction wherever He desires and free ourselves from human agendas or motives. Besides, we should always consider the evidence of a Spirit-filled person that is described in Galatians 5:22-23 as the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

The C & MA article also mentions that another strong evidence of being filled with the Holy spirit is fruitful-ministry, which is in regard to the fact that Jesus said in the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit gives power to be His witnesses. We should never forget that we need to focus on the source of power for our ministry -the Holy Spirit, who wants and desires to fill us for a holy life and effective service.⁴

This Theology is enriching my understanding of the amazing, infinite and marvelous power of the Holy Spirit. I have known in a limited way the Heavenly Father, the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit. There is so much that my Lord Jesus wants me to discover. The Holy Spirit’s power transforms lives and do wonders in the life of a person as we grow in wisdom and discernment.

³ C&MA Alliance Perspectives Spiritual gift p. 7- 8

⁴ C&MA Alliance Perspectives Spiritual gifts p. 8

Bibliography

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