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## Summary

The author expounded on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, giving an overview of who the Holy Spirit is, His purpose in our lives, His works, and how to access Him. The author points out that the Holy Spirit is a person, and He is the one who empowers and dispenses the gifts (1Corinthians 12:7,11) The power to heal, speak in tongues, and perform miracles are all works of the Holy Spirit. The author quoted 1 Corinthians 14 where Paul taught the Corinthians that Spiritual Gifts are for the building up of the Church. Another main point raised by the author, is that every believer can be endowed with spiritual gifts and used by God. No one gift is more important than the other, they all should complement each other. According to the author spiritual gifts is still relevant and active in the life of the believer today. Each believer's spiritual gift can be identified by the leadership of the Church, according to the author. The writer also refers (1Timothy 4:14) to the fact that a person can neglect their spiritual gift and are encouraged to keep the gift alive.

## Interaction and Critique

My worldview and spiritual expectation are to experience the manifestation of spiritual gifts in my life and the lives of the believers in a greater dimension. According to the author, as believers we are the stewards of the gift of God 1 Peter 4:10 (Alliance perspectives, pg. 4). I have had many experiences of encountering the Holy Spirit and the manifestations of His gifts. But there is always that feeling that I have not arrived, there is so much more to acquire, my heart kept yearning for more of Him. The author stated that "there is a need for the spiritual gifts to become active in the Church". However, 1 Corinthians 14:1 was used, to show us how Paul encouraged the believers to have a passion and an eagerness to desire spiritual gifts. The gifts are

not for personal exaltation, but for the glorification of God’s Kingdom and the building up of the Church (Alliance Perspectives 2022, pg. 6).

I love the statement made by the author “Spiritual Gifts must be used in love” (Alliance Perspectives 2022, pg. 6). The fear is that the gifts can be abused and use to cause destruction of the lives of believers. “If they are not used in love they will be abused and caused trouble in the body, rather than blessings (1Corinthians 13:1-3)<sup>1</sup> (Alliance Perspectives 2022, pg.) I have seen this played out in one of our Churches, where the Prophet completely embarrassed a young woman publicly, from the pulpit about her prostitution lifestyle. His statement did not only drive her back into the streets but hindered other believers from receiving from God, because they felt condemned. When Jesus met with the crowd that awaited him, he was moved with compassion and healed their sick (Matthew 14:14).

The Holy Spirit is truly the engine that carries the spiritual gifts to every believer, and brings them alive. The article makes a clear connection between the Holy Spirit and the spiritual gifts. Going forward in my ministry I have a renewed desire to introduce the Holy Spirit to every believer. My desire is to help the believers to embrace Gods love and see the power of God made manifest in their lives, to make positive impacts in the lives of others.

With integrity, I have read this book (circle one)

Thoroughly and Entirely \_\_\_\_\_%

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#### Bibliography

Alliance Perspectives *Spiritual Gifts* March 28,2022 [Resources \(cmalliance.org\)](http://cmalliance.org)

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<sup>1</sup> “If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal,<sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of Prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have the faith that can move all mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.<sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing”. (1 Cor. 13:1-3) NIV