



## Lesson Twelve

# “Discovering My Spiritual Gifts - Three”

**Objective:** *To discover our own spiritual gifts and provide a Scriptural understanding of these gifts and ministries set in the Body of Christ in order to have a productive and effective church.*

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**1 Cor 12:7-11** NKJV *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, **to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit**, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

The **gift of healing** is a **spiritual gift**. Spiritual gifts are powers, skills, abilities, or knowledge given by God through the Holy Spirit to Believers.

The spiritual **gift of healing** found in this Scripture is actually plural in the Greek and is literally translated “**gifts of healings.**” This spiritual gift is closely related to the **gifts of faith and miracles**. All spiritual gifts are to be exercised in faith, but gifts of healings involve a special measure of it. This gift is interesting in that there is no guarantee that a person will always be able to heal anyone he or she desires. It is subject to the sovereign will of God, as all spiritual gifts are.

The Disciples were given authority to heal and cast out demons, but they were not always successful. The Apostle Paul was not able to heal himself and was told that God’s grace was sufficient to carry him through his infirmity without removing it from him.

**2 Cor 12:7-10** NKJV *And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. 8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

This gift is given at various times and places to reveal the God of heaven to the **sick and tormented**. If healing is not granted, then we can conclude that God has greater plans for letting the person go through the illness or infirmity.

Those who have this gift are compassionate toward the sick and pray over them regularly. They have great faith and trust that God can and will heal some and are not deterred when He chooses not to. They are motivated knowing that God's revealed power will draw people to faith in Jesus. **Their ultimate concern is the spiritual well-being of those being healed and their relationship with Jesus.** They yearn for the day that there will be no more pain and suffering, and sin will no longer wreak havoc on the people of God. **Revelation 21:3-4**

**1. We should \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of healing.**

**1 Cor 12:28-31** NKJV *And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, **then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.** 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? 30 **Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?** 31 **But earnestly desire the best gifts.***

The gift of healing is a wonderful gift to operate in and we should desire to see others healed by the power of God. In our next series of lessons, "**Ministry Development,**" we will be raising you up as ministers and elders to DO THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY. You should be equipped and knowledgeable about how to pray for and heal the sick. Some of you will become prayer partners on Sunday mornings, using your faith to pray for others to be healed in many areas of life.

**James 5:14-16** NKJV *Is anyone among you sick? Let him **call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.** 15 **And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.***

God is the Healer. Your faith is the "pipe" through which He will send miracles of healing to others as you act on His behalf in faith. Remember, it is His reputation on the line. We have to be like Jesus, who made Himself of no reputation. Reading the Gospels, healing Scriptures and stories of others being healed will increase your faith for healings and miracles.

**2. Some sicknesses only respond to \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Matthew 17:14-21.**

**3. There is no \_\_\_\_\_, sickness or injury that God cannot heal.**

**Ps 103:2-5** NKJV *Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 **Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,** 4 **Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies...***

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**Rom 12:6-8** NKJV *Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; **he who gives, with liberality;***

People with the spiritual gift of giving have an innate ability (basic nature) to see the needs of others met and has or directs the resources to help them. Three areas most people think of when it comes to the spiritual gift of giving is the **providing of abilities, resources, or time**. Sometimes this gift is just described as the monetary gifts provided to the church or ministry, but it really means to give whatever you have to help someone else.

**1. The gift of giving includes doing good and helping the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Acts 9:36-37** NIV *In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor.*

**2. The gift of giving also includes giving to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Mark 12:41-44** NKJV *Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. 42 Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. 43 So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; 44 for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."*

**2 Cor 8:1-7** MSG *Now, friends, I want to report on the surprising and generous ways in which God is working in the churches in Macedonia province. 2 Fierce troubles came down on the people of those churches, pushing them to the very limit. The trial exposed their true colors: They were incredibly happy, though desperately poor. The pressure triggered something totally unexpected: an outpouring of pure and generous gifts. 3 I was there and saw it for myself. They gave offerings of whatever they could — far more than they could afford! — 4 pleading for the privilege of helping out in the relief of poor Christians. 5 This was totally spontaneous, entirely their own idea, and caught us completely off guard. What explains it was that they had first given themselves unreservedly to God and to us. The other giving simply flowed out of the purposes of God working in their lives. 6 That's what prompted us to ask Titus to bring the relief offering to your attention, so that what was so well begun could be finished up. 7 You do so well in so many things — you trust God, you're articulate, you're insightful, you're passionate, you love us — now, do your best in this, too.*

**3. God promises that the \_\_\_\_\_ giver will be blessed.**

**Prov 11:25** KJV *The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.*

**Eph 6:8** NKJV ...*knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord...*

The person with the gift of giving looks for any opportunity to be a blessing to others. They will sacrifice with joy to see that others are cared and provided for. They are usually very blessed people, because they give out of such a pure heart of giving that they are a magnet for blessings because God **“gives seed to the sower.”**

**2 Cor 9:10-11 & 13-15** *This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, 11 wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God.... **You show your gratitude through your generous offerings to your needy brothers and sisters, and really toward everyone. 14 Meanwhile, moved by the extravagance of God in your lives, they'll respond by praying for you in passionate intercession for whatever you need. 15 Thank God for this gift, his gift. No language can praise it enough!***

So finally, God says if your gift is giving, then do it liberally... extravagantly.

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**Rom 12:6 & 8** NKJV *Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: ... he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.*

**There are several distinct characteristics of a person with the gift of mercy.**

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_ – *Watchful, caring and supportive over those who are in need or have sorrow or trouble of any kind.*

**2.** \_\_\_\_\_ – *Aware of the needs in others, even without them saying anything. They have a heightened sense of discernment regarding emotion. They rarely have to ask, “How are you doing?” They intuitively sense how another person is doing emotionally. Those with a gift of mercy desire to see those who are hurting alleviated of their hurt.*

**3.** \_\_\_\_\_ – *Desiring impartiality and fairness. They often react harshly if their friends or family members are rejected or hurt in any way. They may respond in a defensive and even angry way if they sense that a person is doing something that may emotionally injure a person they love. They are very sensitive to criticism of others. **(that’s why the Scripture exhorts the mercy gift to show cheerfulness!)***

**4.** \_\_\_\_\_ – *Feeling the hurts of others as if they were their own. They have a special empathy and understanding of those who are under emotional stress and are actively attracted to those individuals. They have a great hope and desire to be able to help others by their presence and friendship.*

5. \_\_\_\_\_ – *Soft-spoken, tender, and caring.*

6. \_\_\_\_\_ – *Willing to give way to the desires and wishes of others so that harmony and peace might prevail in a person's heart.*

7. \_\_\_\_\_ – *Willing to suffer if it will help another person.*

The **gift of discernment** is also actively at work in a person with the gift of mercy, discerning the heart, needs, and feelings of others. **Our Bereavement ministry** would be a wonderful place to use your heart of compassion towards others in a time of hurt and sorrow. Your heart of compassion for alleviating the hurts and needs of others would make you a champion on the **mission field**. Your compassion is needed in the body of Christ where others may seem harsh, you come to the rescue with the compassionate care that is truly the heart and hand of Jesus extended. You are ready with a hug for anyone who seems hurt or going through a rough time.

**Luke 10:33-34** NKJV *But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, **he had compassion.** 34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.*

Like the story of the good Samaritan, your gift of mercy, will cause you to get involved where others walk by and hardly seem to notice people with hurts and needs. Jesus tells us all to go and do likewise, but for you it comes naturally.

Many times Jesus was **moved with compassion** before He did great works and the miraculous.

**Luke 7:12-15** NKJV *And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. 13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." 14 Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." 15 So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.*

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Also called the "**Word of Wisdom**," this is the gift and ability to discern the mind of Christ and apply Scriptural truth to a specific situation in order to make the right choices and help others to move in the right direction.

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A word of wisdom is a **right now revelation or wisdom** from God on how to accurately apply knowledge in order to maneuver through situations, decisions and things we do not know in the natural realm.

The “word” in this Scripture is translated from the Greek word “logos,” meaning “the word of God” – spoken or written...It literally means... “Something said.” When you receive the “Word of Wisdom,” **God is giving you a right now word of how to accurately apply Scriptural truth for life and situations** for yourself, the church, or others. Wisdom is applying knowledge or skill.

One way this gift can be used in ministering in the church is for planning how to execute vision for your department and others. When we commit our works to Him, He causes our thoughts to line up with His will and our plans will succeed. He gives us His wisdom.

**Proverbs 16:3** AMP *Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed.*

**1. We can always \_\_\_\_\_ for wisdom, and it will be given.**

**James 1:5-8** NIV *If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.*

**2. Wisdom is the \_\_\_\_\_ thing we need in our lives.**

**Principal:** *First in rank; beginning; supreme*

**Prov 4:7-8** NKJV *Wisdom is the **principal thing**; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. Exalt her, and she will promote you;*

**Prov 4:11-12** NIV *I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. 12 When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble.*

**Part of the five expectations of faith is Wisdom –**

**1. Wisdom 2. Plan of action 3. Favor of God 4. Miracle 5. Strength to endure**

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The gift or “**Word of Knowledge**” is the ability to hear from God to know something that would otherwise be unknown to you. It is knowledge received from the Holy Spirit to enable us to more effectively minister to the needs of people, to know and understand situations, circumstances and strategies of the enemy. It enables us to know how to speak in situations with a knowledge that can surprise, baffle, dis-arm, open up, bring answers, healing and understanding.

A word of knowledge when witnessing, can literally get someone's attention like nothing else! They realize God is real and they will listen and be moved to action.

**Read John 4:1-26** – The Woman at the well realized that she was in the presence of God, dropped her water pot and ran to evangelize an entire city!

All of the gifts of the Spirit are Spirit inspired and supernatural in nature, to help the Spirit-filled believer to bring the presence and reality of the Living Jesus into a situation, as well as to bring answers to others – individually and collectively.

**1 Cor 12:1** NKJV *Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:*

How do I function in this gift?

1. Have a strong desire to release the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
2. Be sensitive to God.
3. Pay attention and know when He is speaking to us about a certain person or matter.
4. Know the right timing to make known that certain information.
5. Know how to minister that word in an edifying way.
6. Be willing and prepared to accept any fine tuning, teaching and correction from those over us in the Lord.
7. Observe others who flow in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
8. Recognize that the human part of us can make mistakes!
9. Recognize that we are simply messengers and it's up to the person how they will receive the information.