
Ephesians 4:4-6 (NKJV)

⁴ ***There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;***

⁵ ***one Lord, one faith, one baptism;*** ⁶ ***one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.***

INTRODUCTION

All Spiritual gifts are given for the benefit of the church at large. These gifts are not for edification, gratification, financial gain, fame, or notoriety for the person who is gifted. The individual is just the vessel God chooses to manifest the gift through. It is not up to us (the body) to critic the person given a spiritual gift as to their worthiness or spiritual strength or even their level of faith. If we attempt do so may mean we are covetous for another's gift or that we are attempting to do what only God is able to do. You will also notice Paul repeats the phrase, *by the same Spirit*. The Holy Spirit is the ONLY one Who unites the body of Christ through the efforts of individuals.

1 Corinthians 12:7-13 (NKJV)

⁷ 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.

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Manifestation is the clear cut evidence of something not revealed before; things that can be known by using one of more of the five senses (seeing, hearing, touching, smelling, tasting) God gave us. However, what good is the gift if the person it's given to doesn't use the gift? It profits the church nothing!

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Proverbs 4:7 says:

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

Godly wisdom allows us to apply solutions to difficult or even worldly situations and it is a gift we can ask God for that He will give us liberally and without reproof (James 1:5).

Knowledge is different from wisdom. God can give you knowledge of a situation and you not know how to properly apply the solution. This is the gift that the devil tries to emulate most through fake palm and tarot card readers.

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The gift of faith is not saving faith but an unusual reliance on God and His word. (Heb. 11) The gift of healings is a person who is gifted to heal the members of the body of Christ physically, emotionally and spiritually.

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There were many examples of miracles performed through the saints of the Old Testament and New Testament. As a nation, we don't see as many miracles by God as He once performed. There have been some recorded miracles such as: weather pattern changes in Florida and a man was raised from the dead in South Africa.

Prophecy is the ability to speak on the behalf of God, which may or may not include what will happen in the future (Acts 11:27-28, 21:10-11).

Discerning of spirits is the ability to determine whether someone's words and or actions are motivated by genuine desire to please God or by selfish interests or even demonic influences. In some ways we should all be doing that (1st John 4:1).

The gift of tongues and the interpretation of tongues speak for themselves. No, just kidding. We need to understand that the gift of tongues and their interpretation of tongues are languages spoken or understood by someone who hasn't been taught the language spoken or directly translated. These people are using the power of the "Corner Stone" not "Rosetta Stone"! The best example in the Bible for this gift was the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11)

¹¹ **But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.** Some theologians believe that gifts of healings, miracles and tongues are no longer in affect for the church today. However the activity or inactivity of these gifts in the body of Christ is not for theologians or any other human to decide, and it never was. The empowerment and use of these gifts is totally left up to God.