

CLASS: SS1
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TOPIC: SPIRITUAL GIFTS
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SPIRITUAL GIFT **(1 Corinthians 12:4-6)**

Spiritual gift is a special endowment of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that dwells in humans that makes them to acknowledge Jesus as Lord. If the Holy Spirit is absent in a man's life, he cannot be purposeful in life and cannot acknowledge Jesus as Lord. Therefore, St. Paul said:

There are varieties of gift, but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God Who inspires them all in everyone.

TYPES OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

The Nine gifts of the Holy Spirit as enumerated by Paul are as follows:

1. The utterance of wisdom
2. The utterance of knowledge
3. Faith
4. Gift of Healing
5. The gift of working miracles
6. The gift of prophecy
7. The gift to distinguish between spirits (discernment)
8. The gift to speaking in tongue
9. The gift to interpret tongues

These gifts according to St. Paul are:

- A) Inspired by same spirit, but manifest in many ways.
- B) Given for common good (i.e the body of Christ or church)
- C) compare to human body with many parts, each part working for the whole body
- D) Honourable, and even the part (or gift) seen as less honourable or weaker are invested with greater honour.

- E) If one member suffers, all suffer together, if one member is honoured, all rejoice together.
- F) Given to all to use it to the glory of God and for the growth of the church.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SPIRITUAL GIFT

- i. Since the Human body is one, so are we who have been baptized by one spirit into the body of Christ, the Church should therefore act and behave as one united body of Christ.
- ii. In the Church, there should be no discrimination of people's talents or gifts.
- iii. No member should feel proud for his talent or contribution in the overall good of the church.
- iv. There should be no racial discrimination in the church; no black, no white no Yoruba, Hausa or Ibo, all the people should be seen as one in the body of Christ.

FUNCTIONS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

- i. They are meant for the good of the entire Church Community.
- ii. The gifts are to promote good relationship among Christians in the community of faith.
- iii. It helps to make the church remain united.
- iv. They are given to the church to glorify the name of the Lord.

FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Galatians 5:22-23)

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self-control

Assignment

Mention other two gifts of the Holy Ghost, not mentioned in your note, which can be seen today.