The Nine Gifts Of The Holy Spirit - Volume 1: Gifts Of Revelation And Power

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Explanation Of Greek Word *Charisma* 3001

I. Introduction

- **A.** Charis = grace: "The free, unmerited favor of God towards the undeserving and ill-deserving"
 - 1. Grace has only one channel: Jesus Christ (John 1:17)
 - 2. Grace is offered to only one kind of person: the humble (James 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5)
 - **3.** Grace is appropriated by only one means: faith (Eph. 2:8)
 - **4.** Grace has only one administrator: the Holy Spirit (Heb. 10:29)
- **B.** Charisma = Grace made specific, effective, manifest
- C. Charisma occurs 17 times in New Testament:
 - **1.** Rom. 1:11—Some *spiritual* GIFT
 - **2.** Rom. 5:15—FREE GIFT: *Righteousness*
 - **3.** Rom. 5:16—FREE GIFT: *Righteousness*
 - 4. Rom. 6:23—The GIFT of God: eternal life (compare Rom. 8:10)
 - **5.** Rom. 11:29—The GIFTS and the calling of God
 - **6.** Rom. 12:6—GIFTS differing according to the grace
 - 7. 1 Cor. 1:7—Come behind in no gift
 - **8.** 1 Cor. 7:7—Every man hath his proper GIFT: *celibacy*
 - 9. 1 Cor. 12:4—Diversities of GIFTS
 - **10.** 1 Cor. 12:9—GIFTS of healings
 - **11.** 1 Cor. 12:28—GIFTS of *healings*
 - **12.** 1 Cor. 12:30—GIFTS of healings
 - 13. 1 Cor. 12:31—Covet the best GIFTS
 - 14. 2 Cor. 1:11—The GIFT bestowed upon us: miraculous intervention
 - **15.** 1 Tim. 4:14—Neglect not the GIFT
 - **16.** 2 Tim. 1:6—Stir up the GIFT
 - 17. 1 Pet. 4:10—As every man hath received a GIFT
- **D.** Applied to the following specific things:
 - 1. Rom. 5:15–16—Righteousness

- **2.** Rom. 6:23—Eternal life
- **3.** Rom. 12:6–8—Prophecy, ministering (serving), teaching, exhorting, giving (sharing), showing mercy (7 in all)
- **4.** 1 Cor. 7:7—Celibacy
- **5.** 1 Cor. 12:9, 28, 30—Healings
- **6.** 1 Cor. 12:31—(refers to 1 Cor. 12:28) Apostles, prophets, teachers, miracles, healings, helps, governments (steerings), tongues (8 in all)
- 7. 2 Cor. 1:11—Miraculous intervention
- **E.** By inference, the following are included:

1.	Rom. 5:15–16 Righteousness	1
2.	Rom. 6:23 Eternal life	1
3.	1 Cor. 12:8–10 Nine spiritual gifts	9
4.	Eph. 4:11 Five main ministry gifts	5
5.	Rom. 12:6–8 (Prophecy), serving, (teaching),	
	exhorting, giving, ruling, showing mercy	5
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- **6.** 1 Cor. 7:7 Celibacy
- 7. 1 Cor. 12:28 (Apostles, prophets, teachers) (miracles, healings) helps, governments, (diversities of tongues)
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 8. 2 Cor. 1:11 Miraculous intervention 1

 Total: 25

Charisma: Genus And Species 3002

I. Introduction

- **A.** Thus *charisma* is a *genus*, of which the spiritual gifts of 1 Cor. 12:8–10 represent a *species*. The distinguishing feature of this species is "manifestation" (1 Cor. 12:7). The Holy Spirit Himself is *invisible*. His presence within a believer is *manifested* through the operation of these particular gifts. Compare:
 - 1. Acts 2:33—This, which ye now see and hear
 - 2. 1 Cor. 2:4—The demonstration of the Spirit
- **B.** Distinguish between:
 - **1.** Eph. 4:11—Five main *ministry* gifts (apostle, prophet, evangelist, shepherd, teacher)
 - 2. 1 Cor. 12:8–10—Nine *spiritual* gifts

Ministry

The believer himself is the gift (given by Christ to His Church)

Every aspect of the total ministry makes up the gift

Character is involved

Example: A "prophet" is a ministry

Spiritual

The gift is given to and through the believer

The gift is a brief supernatural manifestation

Character is not involved

Example: "Prophecy" is the act of prophesying

II. Believers "Have" Spiritual Gifts

- **A.** 1 Cor. 12:7—To each is regularly given
 - 1. The Holy Spirit can give any manifestation through any believer at any time.
 - 2. Consider Balaam's ass (Num. 22:28; 2 Pet. 2:16).
- **B.** But "gifts" are regularly manifested. Note the following:
 - 1. Rom. 12:6—Having then gifts . . .
 - 2. 1 Cor. 7:7—Every man hath his proper gift . . .
 - **3.** 1 Cor. 12:30—*Have* all the gifts of healing?
 - **4.** 1 Cor. 12:31—*Covet* the best gifts . . .
 - **5.** 1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6—The gift that is *in thee* . . .
 - **6.** 1 Pet. 4:10—As every man *hath received* a gift . . .

III. The End Purpose Is God's Glory

- **A.** Eph. 1:6, 12—That we should be to the praise of the *glory of His grace*, which has made us *graciously favored* in the Beloved (compare Luke 1:28).
- **B.** Eph. 3:10—That now unto the principalities and powers in the heavenlies might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God. Through these gifts the church glorifies God by showing forth His manifold grace and wisdom.
- C. 1 Cor. 1:7—Therefore it is not the will of God for the church to be lacking in any of these gifts right up to the end of the age.

Gifts Of Revelation: A Word Of Wisdom 3003

I. Review

- **A.** *Charisma* = Grace made specific, effective, manifest. 25 examples of *charisma* in the New Testament:
 - 1. Righteousness
 - 2. Eternal life
 - **3.** Five ministry gifts (Eph. 4:11)
 - 4. Nine spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:8–10)
 - **5.** Practical service (deaconship)
 - **6.** Exhorting
 - 7. Giving
 - 8. Ruling
 - **9.** Showing mercy
 - 10. Helps
 - 11. Governments (steerings)
 - 12. Celibacy
 - **13.** Miraculous intervention
- **B.** Distinguishing feature of the nine spiritual gifts: they are manifestations of the Holy Spirit from within the believer.
 - 1. 1 Cor. 12:7, 12—To every man severally: i.e., to each believer individually.
 - 2. No believer should be without his own distinctive manifestation(s) of the Holy

- Spirit (compare 1 Pet. 4:10).
- **3.** *All* these gifts are *supernatural*.
- **C.** Literal translation:
 - **1.** A word of wisdom
 - **2.** A word of knowledge
 - 3. Faith
 - **4.** Gifts of healings
 - **5.** Workings of miracles
 - **6.** Prophecy
 - 7. Discernings of spirits
 - **8.** Kinds of tongues
 - **9.** Interpretation of tongues
- **D.** These nine gifts can be divided into *three groups of three*:
 - 1. Revelation: word of wisdom; word of knowledge; discerning of spirits
 - 2. Power: faith; gifts of healings; workings of miracles
 - **3.** *Vocal:* tongues; interpretation; prophecy

II. Gifts Of Revelation—A Word of Wisdom

- **A.** General: distinguish between wisdom and knowledge:
 - **1.** Wisdom is *directive*.
 - **2.** Knowledge is *informative*.
 - **3.** Eccl. 10:10—Wisdom is *profitable to direct*
 - **a.** Wisdom and knowledge are interdependent
 - **b.** Wisdom needs knowledge upon which to act
 - **c.** Knowledge must be directed by wisdom
 - **4.** Prov. 15:2—The tongue of the *wise useth knowledge aright*.
 - **a.** A word of wisdom = A tiny portion of God's total wisdom supernaturally imparted by the Holy Spirit.
 - **b.** Operated only *under God's control*. (Everyday practical wisdom is available to every believer through prayer (see James 1:5).
 - **5.** Luke 5:4–10—Where and when to fish. Result: *Conviction*.
 - **6.** Matt. 21:1–7—Where to find the ass and colt (based on knowledge of Scripture). See Zech. 9:9.
 - **7.** Acts 6:1–7—Need and method of appointing deacons. Result: *Unanimity* and *progress*.
 - **8.** Acts. 8:26–29—Philip directed to Gaza and to the eunuch. Result: *An open heart*.
 - **9.** Acts 10:9–16—Peter's vision of the sheet. Result: *an open door*.
 - **10.** Acts 15:13–29—Solution to problem of Gentile converts (based on knowledge of Scripture). Result: *Unanimity* and *progress*.
 - **11.** Acts 16:6–10—Paul and Silas directed to Macedonia. First the *negative*, then the *positive*. Result: *An open door*. Note the importance on *timing* (compare Eccl. 3:1–8).
- **B.** Summary:
 - 1. Associated with knowledge of Scripture
 - 2. Produces: conviction, unanimity, progress, open hearts, open doors.

A Word Of Knowledge And Discernings Of Spirits 3004

III.Gifts of Revelation—A Word Of Knowledge

- **A.** A tiny portion of God's total knowledge supernaturally imparted by the Holy Spirit. Operated only *under God's control*.
 - 1. John 1:47–49—Nathanael under the fig tree. Result: *Conviction*.
 - 2. John 4:16–19—The Samaritan woman's five husbands. Result: *Conviction*.
 - **3.** Acts 5:1–11—Peter's knowledge of Ananias and Sapphira. Result: *Extreme conviction* (compare Acts 5:13–14).
 - **4.** Acts 9:11–12—Ananias' knowledge of Saul (followed by directive word of wisdom). Result: *An open heart*.
 - **5.** Acts 10:19–20—Peter informed of the messengers from Cornelius. Result: *Confirmation*.
 - **6.** Acts 20:22–23; 21:10–11—Warnings given to Paul of what awaited him in Jerusalem. Result: *Preparation* ("forewarned is forearmed").
- **B.** Summary: Produces conviction, confirmation, preparation.

IV. Gifts of Revelation—Discernings Of Spirits

- **A.** To "discern" = to recognize and distinguish between
- **B.** "Discernment" is a form of direct *perception*, whereas "knowledge" is the impartation of a *fact*.
 - 1. Heb. 5:14—Discernment can be cultivated by the exercise of spiritual senses. It may come as a "vision," e.g. seeing spirits in the form of animal creation: the Holy Spirit as a *dove* (John 1:32); unclean spirits as *frogs* (Rev. 16:13).
 - **2.** Sometimes it takes the form of seeing people as they are "spiritually"—crooked, unclean, with features of Satan, etc. More often it is a *spiritual interpretation* of what the normal senses show.
- **C.** Various classes of spirits:
 - 1. The Holy Spirit
 - 2. Good angels
 - 3. Fallen angels
 - 4. Demons, or evil spirits
 - 5. Human spirits
- **D.** Discernings (plural): i.e., each act of discerning is a manifestation of the gift. Operated only *under God's control*.
- **E.** Discerning of the Holy Spirit:
 - 1. John 1:32–33—John the Baptist discerns the Holy Spirit upon Jesus as a *dove*.
 - **2.** Acts 2:3—The believers in the upper room discern the Holy Spirit as *tongues* of fire. There is a general need to discern the Holy Spirit, as He operates through gifts and ministries in the church.
- **F.** Discerning of angels:
 - 1. Luke 22:43—An angel appears to Jesus in the garden
 - 2. John 20:11–13—Mary sees two angels in the sepulcher
 - 3. Acts 27:23–24—An angel appears to Paul on the ship
- **G.** Discerning of human spirits:
 - 1. John 1:47—Jesus discerns a guileless spirit in Nathanael (compare John 2:24–

25)

- 2. Acts 8:20–24—Peter discerns the wrong motives of Simon
- **3.** Acts 14:8–10—Paul discerns a "spirit of faith" in a lame man (compare 2 Cor. 4:13)
- **H.** Discerning of evil spirits:
 - **1.** Matt. 9:32–34—A dumb spirit
 - 2. Matt. 12:22–24—Spirit of blindness and dumbness
 - **3.** Mark 9:17–27—A dumb and deaf spirit (causing epileptic seizures)
 - **4.** Luke 13:11–17—A spirit of infirmity (causing spinal curvature)
 - 5. Acts 16:16–18—A spirit of divination ("Python")

Gifts Of Power: The Gift Of Faith 3005

V. Gifts of Power—Faith

- A. General: three different kinds of "faith" referred to in New Testament:
 - 1. Rom. 10:17—The faith that comes by hearing God's Word (or the preaching of Christ)
 - **a.** Eph. 2:8—This faith is *essential for salvation* (compare Rom. 4:5; Heb. 11:6)
 - **b.** Rom. 12:3—God has dealt to each believer a measure of this kind of faith
 - **2.** Gal. 5:22—The faith that is a *fruit* of the Holy Spirit.
 - **a.** May be defined either as "continuing quiet trust" or as "faithfulness, dependability." Possibly combines both.
 - **b.** Distinguish between *fruit* and *gift*. Fruit comes forth gradually, being cultivated by care and labor (compare 2 Tim. 2:6). A gift is received by a momentary act of appropriation. Contrast an *apple* tree and a *Christmas* tree.
 - 3. 1 Cor. 12:9—Miraculous faith that is a *gift* of the Holy Spirit.
 - **a.** This kind of faith resembles "a word of wisdom" or "a word of knowledge."
 - **b.** It is a tiny portion of God's total faith supernaturally imparted by the Holy Spirit. Operated only *under God's control*.
 - (1) Ps. 33:6, 9—God's faith brought the whole universe into being (compare Gen. 1:3; Heb. 11:3).
 - (2) Ezek. 12:25a—God's faith is expressed through the word that He speaks
 - (3) Mark 11:12–14, 20–24; Matt. 21:18–22—Jesus exhorted His disciples to "have the faith of God," and gave them authority to curse a fig tree or move a mountain.
 - (4) 1 Cor. 13:2—Faith is the "mountain moving" gift.
 - (5) Matt. 17:20; Luke 17:6—A "mustard seed" of this kind of faith is all that is needed. A word spoken with this kind of faith is as effective as if God Himself spoke it.
 - (6) Jer. 1:9–10; 15:16–19—God's Word through the mouth of Jeremiah has decided the destiny of nations for 2,500 years (compare Is. 55:11).

- (7) Job 22:21–28—This kind of faith is made available to every sinner who repents and seeks God.
- **B.** Two different ways of exercising this kind of faith:
 - 1. Words spoken to God on behalf of a person, or object, or situation:
 - **a.** 1 Kings 17:1—Fall of rain and dew controlled by *Elijah's word*
 - **b.** 1 Kings 18:41–45—Elijah *spoke to God* on behalf of the rain (compare James 5:16–18)
 - **2.** Words spoken to a person, or object, or situation on behalf of God: Josh. 10:12–14—Joshua *spoke to the sun and moon* on behalf of God:
- **C.** Examples from New Testament:
 - 1. Mark 4:39–41—Jesus calms the storm
 - 2. Luke 7:12–15—Jesus raises the widow's son
 - 3. Luke 8:54–55—Jesus raises the daughter of Jairus
 - **4.** John 11:43–44—Jesus calls Lazarus out of the tomb
 - **5.** Acts 9:40—Peter raises Dorcas
 - **6.** Acts 13:9–12—Paul's judgment on Elymas (word of knowledge)
 - 7. Acts 16:16–18—Paul commands a spirit of divination to leave

Gifts Of Healings And Workings Of Miracles 3006

VI. Gifts of Power

- A. Distinguish "healings" and "miracles"
 - 1. A healing relieves the body of disease; often imperceptible; may be gradual
 - **2.** A *miracle* produces a change that goes beyond healing (e.g. lengthens a leg; replaces a middle ear removed by surgery); usually *perceptible* and almost *instantaneous*
- **B.** An instantaneous, perceptible healing may be called a miracle

VII. Gifts of Power—Gifts Of Healings

- **A.** Both parts *plural*: each healing is a manifestation of the gift. Operated only *under God's control*.
 - 1. John 5:2–13—At the pool of Bethesda there was a great multitude of sick people. Jesus healed one man and went out.
 - **2.** John 5:19—Jesus performed only those works which the Father revealed to Him.
 - **3.** Rom. 8:11; 2 Cor. 4:10–12—The resurrection life of Christ made available to the believer's body through a specific operation of the Holy Spirit. Often through laying on of hands (compare Mark 16:18).
 - **4.** Mark 5:30; Luke 6:19; 8:46—At times this healing power flowed out from the body of Jesus through contact.
 - **5.** Luke 5:17—This healing power permeated a whole area.
 - **6.** Acts 5:15—This healing power associated with Peter's shadow.
- **B.** Individual healings:
 - 1. Luke 4:40—Jesus lays His hands on every one and heals them
 - 2. Matt. 8:1–3—Jesus touches and heals a leper
 - 3. Mark 7:32–35—Jesus heals a man of deafness and a speech impediment

- **4.** Mark 8:22–26—Jesus heals a man of blindness (in stages)
- 5. Acts 28:8—Paul heals the father of Publius

VIII. Gifts of Power—Workings Of Miracles

- **A.** Both parts *plural*; each miracle is a manifestation of the gift. Operated only *under God's control*.
- **B.** "Miracles": plural of Greek *dunamis*
 - 1. Literally "powers," i.e. acts demonstrating the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit.
 - 2. Translated in KJV: "miracles" 9 times; "mighty (wonderful) works (deeds)" 13 times
- **C.** Used in a general way:
 - 1. Matt. 13:54 (of Jesus)—This wisdom and these *mighty works* . . .
 - **2.** Acts 2:22—(Jesus) Approved by *miracles* and wonders and signs . . .
 - **3.** 2 Cor. 12:12—The signs of an apostle . . . in signs and wonders and *mighty deeds* . . .
 - **4.** Gal. 3:5—He that ministereth the Spirit and worketh miracles . . .
 - **5.** Heb. 2:4—Signs and wonders and diverse *miracles* and gifts (distributions) of the Holy Spirit . . .
- **D.** Specifically related to casting out evil spirits:
 - 1. Mark 9:38–39—Casting out *demons* . . . do a *miracle* in My name . . .
 - **2.** Acts 8:7, 13—Unclean spirits crying out with loud voice came out . . . many paralyzed and lame healed . . . beholding the signs and great miracles . . .
 - **3.** Acts 19:11–12—Special miracles by the hands of Paul... diseases departed ... evil spirits went out ...
- **E.** Other general examples:
 - 1. John 2:6–11—Jesus turns water into wine
 - 2. John 6:8–14—Jesus multiplies the loaves and fishes
 - 3. John 9:1–7—Jesus anoints a blind man's eyes with clay, restores his sight
 - **4.** Acts 3:2–8—Peter and John raise up the lame at the Beautiful Gate
 - 5. Acts 20:9–12—Paul restores Eutychus to life
- **F.** *Note:* A miracle is often "triggered" by a simple act of faith. On one side "miracles" merge into "healings," and on the other side into "faith." Compare: blue, green, yellow.
 - 1. 1 Cor. 12:28—In this list "miracles" are placed above "healings." Compare:
 - **2.** Mark 6:5—He could do no *mighty work*, save that He laid His hands on a few sick folk and *healed* them.