

E. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- a. The “charismatic movement” has greatly erred from the truth regarding Spiritual gifts and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
 - They have brought about confusion and have influenced many with their counterfeit spirit and unclean teachings.
- b. The “charismatic movement” bases their theology purely on experience and distorted truth.
 - They are experts in taking scripture out of context.
 - They DO NOT rightly divide the Word of truth.
- c. What does the “charismatic movement” believe regarding “the baptism of the Holy Spirit?”
 - They say that “speaking in tongues” is evidence of being baptised with the Holy Spirit.
 - They associate speaking in tongues with being filled with the Spirit.

➤ **Consider some quotes from Pentecostals and Charismatics:**

“The distinctive doctrine of the Pentecostal churches is that speaking with tongues is the ‘initial evidence’ of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. This article of belief is now incorporated in the official doctrinal schedules of practically all Pentecostal denominations” (Donald Gee, Now That You’ve Been Baptized in the Spirit, 1972, p.

“Speaking in tongues is not the baptism in the Holy Spirit, but it is what happens when and as you are baptized in the Spirit, and it becomes an important resource to help you continue...” (Dennis Bennett, The Holy Spirit and You, p. 71).

1. Bible Passages on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

a. John’s Review

Mark 1:8 *“I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.”*

- 1) John makes it very clear that **Jesus will baptise** the disciples with the Holy Ghost.

Mark 1:8 *“...but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.”*

- 2) The Holy Spirit does not baptise anyone. The disciples are not baptised “by” the Holy Spirit, but “with” Holy Spirit.

Mark 1:8 “...but he shall baptize you **with** the Holy Ghost.”

- 3) Thus, Jesus is the baptizer; the Holy Spirit is the medium of baptism.

John Baptised with Water

Jesus Baptises with the Holy Spirit

b. Jesus' Reinforcement

Acts 1:4 “*And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.*”

- 1) The Baptism with the Holy Ghost only occurred once at the day of Pentecost.

Acts 1:5 “*For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost **not many days hence.***”

- The Day of Pentecost in Acts chapter 2 was a Jewish feast day on which some significant events took place.
- The **believing Jews** were the first to be baptised with the Holy Spirit.

➤ Remember, what Jesus said to them:

Luke 24:49 “*And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*”

Some charismatics have “Tarrying meetings” which is taken from Luke 24:49.

Harry Ironside said, “*You are 10,000 miles too far away, and 1900 years too late.*”

- 2) The Baptism with the Holy Ghost continued to be propagated by the laying on of the hands.

- Next we see the Holy Spirit given to the **believing Samaritans.**

Acts 8:14-17 “*Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: (15) Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (16) (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) (17) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.*”

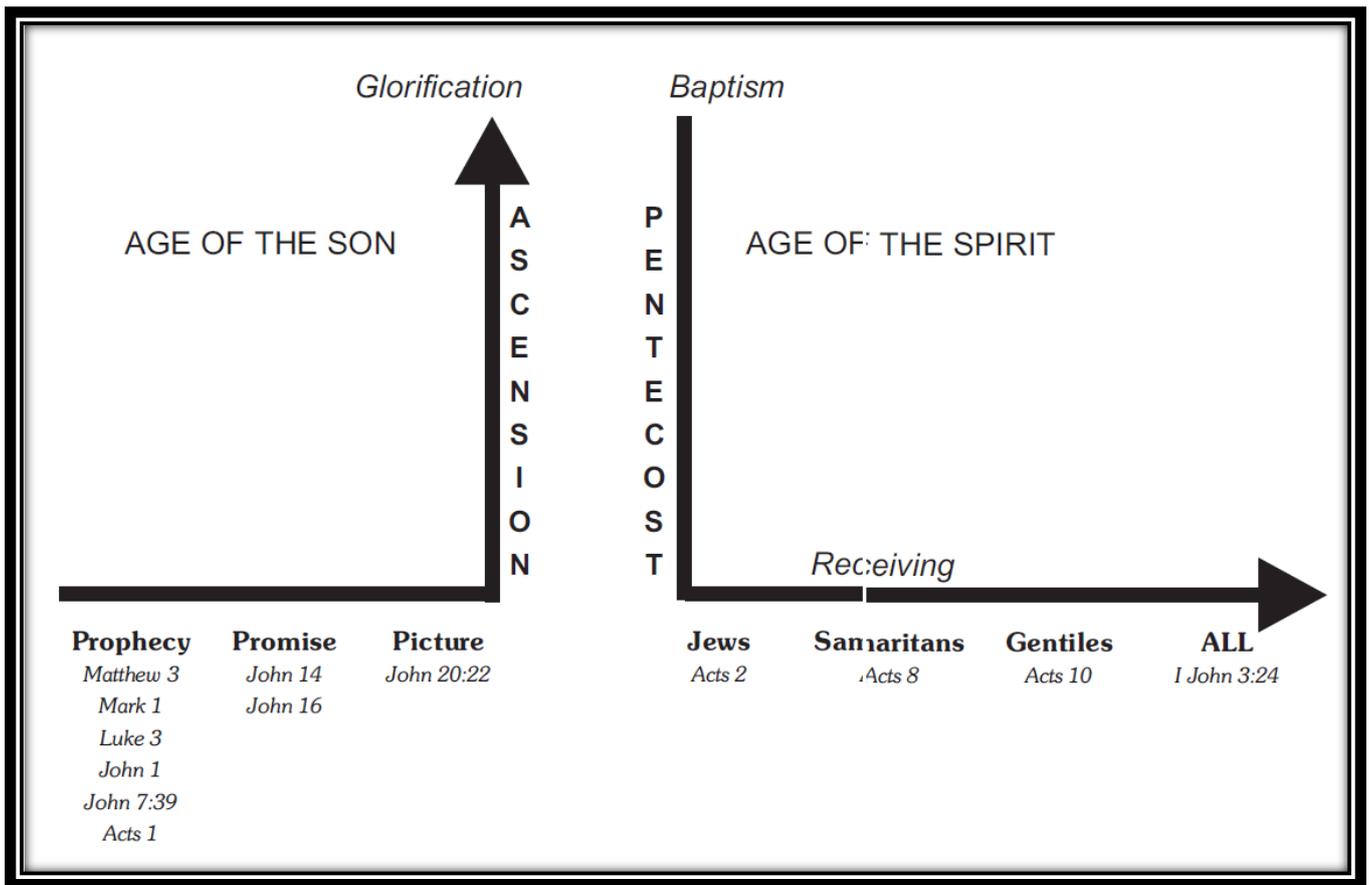
c. Peter's Recollection

- Then we see the Holy Spirit given to the **believing Gentiles.**

Acts 11:15 “And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell **on them**, as on us at the beginning.

- “On them” refers to the Gentiles.

Acts 11:16 “Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized **with** the Holy Ghost.”



2. Baptism with the Holy Spirit “is a Gift”.

Acts 8:20 “But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the GIFT of God may be purchased with money.”

- a. The Holy Spirit is only given to those who REPENT and BELIEVE.

Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

- b. The Holy Spirit is the EVIDENCE of Salvation

Acts 19:2 “He said unto them, Have ye RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST since ye BELIEVED? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.”

Acts 19:3 “And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.”

Acts 19:4 “Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

Acts 19:5 “When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

Acts 19:6 “And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.”

- Vs 2, they were ignorant, and needed to be taught. (Acts 18:24-26)
- Vs 3-4, they demonstrated a heart of repentance, but still need to believe on the Lord Jesus.
- Vs 5, they did not hesitate to follow the Lord Jesus.
- Vs 6, they received the Holy Spirit by the laying of hands. (This was only active in times on the Apostles. God gave the Apostle authority and power to authenticate the “Apostles Doctrine”)

- The Baptism of John was the baptism of repentance, and was used in preparation for receiving and believing on the Lord Jesus.
- Today, as soon as a person puts their faith in Christ, they receive the Holy Spirit.
- **Note:** The act of water baptism does not play any part in receiving the Holy Spirit. A person can be water baptised and still not be saved.

Acts 10:47 “Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?”

3. The Events that surround the HOLY SPIRIT

Note: Remember, the Book of Acts is a Transitional Book. Acts is known as the “Acts of the Apostles” and the “Acts of the Holy Spirit.”

- It is important to understand that the events that happened in the book of Acts fall into three categories:

- Some things only happened “ONCE”.
- Some things were “TEMPORARY”, and once they fulfilled their purpose they were no longer needed.
- Some things were “REPEATABLE”, and must continue to be practiced.

a. The ONE TIME events.

- 1) Christ Sent the Holy Spirit ONCE. – John 7:39
 - To be baptised with the Holy Spirit is not a repetitive experience.
 - To be baptised by the Holy Spirit is not the same as being filled with the Holy Spirit.

- 2) God Institutes the church ONCE. – Acts 2:1-4
 - This was done by the Power of the Holy Spirit.
 - When a person is saved they are baptised into the body of Christ ONCE and for all.

Note: There are four physical temples which we see God empowers. God authenticates each one by filling them with His glory. A temple is defined as the dwelling place of God. God has instituted different temples at different points in time.

In the Book of Acts

- The Holy Spirit was given.
- First Church was started.
- The ordinances of the church were instituted.
- Sign gifts were active to authenticate the Gospel.
- The New Testament was being established.
- Missionaries were being sent out.
- Disciples were being martyred.

The Tabernacle — <i>Exodus 40:33-34.</i>	<i>Exodus 40:33-34 “And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work. (34) Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, <u>and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.</u>”</i>
The Temple — <i>2 Chronicles 7:1</i>	<i>2 Chronicles 7:1 “Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; <u>and the glory of the LORD filled the house.</u>”</i>
The Millennial Temple — <i>Ezekiel 43:1-5</i>	<i>Ezekiel 43:5 “So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; <u>and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.</u>”</i>
The Church (Believers) — <i>Acts 2:1-4</i> This is known as the “house of God”	<i>Acts 2:4 “<u>And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost</u>, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”</i>

b. The TEMPORARY events.

Note: Sign Gifts were temporary, and were given with purpose. This will be addressed soon when dealing with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

- 1) Miracles.
- 2) Speaking in Tongues – 1 Corinthians 13 (They will cease)

c. The REPEATABLE events.

Note: The epistles give us more clarity on the subject.

- 1) Believers are filled with the Holy Spirit
 - In Acts 4 we see the early Christians filled by the power of the Spirit.
 - The instruction to believers to be filled is continued. Ephesians 5:18.
- 2) The church was empowered to fulfil the great commission.
 - The disciples prayed for “Boldness” to proclaim the Gospel (Acts 4)
 - The Book of Philippians is a perfect example of a church that had a heart for souls.
 - Preachers being sent out – Romans 10.
- 3) Discipleship by the Preaching and teaching ministry. Ephesians 4
 - Christian living. Growing into Christlikeness.

4. How to deal with 1 Corinthians 12:13

1 Corinthians 12:13 “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.”

- This verse is not the same as water Baptism.
- The church is the spiritual body of Christ, and is made up of baptized believers.
- Jesus is the one that places/immerses the believer **with the Spirit into the body of Christ.**
- Nowhere in Scripture do we see a command to seek after the “Baptism of the Holy Spirit”, because it takes place at our conversion, and it does not need to be repeated.
- Believers have been made partakers together in the body of Christ at the moment of salvation because they have been made to drink into one Spirit.
- Speaking in tongues is not a sign of being baptized by the Spirit into the church. Not all the Corinthians spoke in tongues (12:30).

F. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Note: The Book of 1 Corinthians chapters 12, 13, and 14 deals with the subject of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Church at Corinth were not using their gifts in the proper manner.

- Spiritual gift were gifted to the Church for a Purpose.

1. What are Spiritual Gifts?

Note: Spiritual gifts differ from talents.

- Talents are natural abilities which are nurtured by education and experience/training, and can be used either for good or bad.
- There are a lot of talented people who are not spiritual at all.

Note: Spiritual gifts are given to believers to do the work of God.

- a. Spiritual gifts are God-given abilities empowered by the Holy Spirit to minister to others to the glory of God.

Ephesians 4:7-8 “But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. (8) Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

- b. God is the one who assigns the Spiritual gift to different believers.

1 Corinthians 12:11 “But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.”

- c. Every Christian has a Spiritual Gift.

1 Corinthians 12:7 “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.”

- 1) Not every Christian has the same Spiritual Gift.

1 Corinthians 12:28-29 “And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. (29) Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?”

- 2) Christians are to use their Spiritual Gifts to serve one another.

1 Peter 4:10 “As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

d. Spiritual gifts should be used to build up and edify the church.

1 Corinthians 14:12 “Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.”

Ephesians 4:11-12 “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; (12) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

e. Possessing Spiritual Gifts does not equate to Spirituality.

1) Spiritual Gifts can be used with carnality.

- The Church of Corinth were exercising their Spiritual gifts in a carnal state.

1 Corinthians 3:3 “For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?”

2) Spiritual Gifts can be used for self-glorification and selfish purposes.

- The Church of Corinth were exercising their Spiritual gifts without love.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. (2) And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. (3) And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

- Every Spiritual gift must be motivated by the Love of Christ, and not for selfish gain.
- Paul encourages the church at Rome to use their Spiritual gifts with a pure heart.

Romans 12:9-11 “Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. (10) Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; (11) Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

2. A list of Spiritual Gifts.

- *1 Corinthians 12:8-10-28; Romans 12:6-8; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Timothy 4:14; and 1 Peter 4:10,11.*

a. Sign Gifts

Mark 16:16-18 “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (17) And **these signs** shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; (18) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

<p>1) Healing <i>1 Corinthians 12:9</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to cure a sick person that is dying. • God can certainly heal today through prayer. James 5:13-16 	<p>1 Corinthians 12:9 “...to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;”</p> <p>Note: The healing of sin is the greatest healing a person needs. Luke 5:23</p>
<p>2) Miracles <i>1 Corinthians 12:10,28</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to exercise divine-power beyond human control. No explanation can be given other than “this is a work of God” 	<p>1 Corinthians 12:10 “To another the working of miracles...”</p>
<p>3) Tongues & Interpretation <i>1 Corinthians 12:10,28.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to speak a foreign language that has never been learnt. Acts 2 (First mention were known Languages to the hearers, and unknown to the speaker) • The ability to understand a foreign language that has never been learnt, and to convey it to others. 	<p>1 Corinthians 12:10 “...to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:”</p> <p>Acts 2:6 “Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.”</p>

Note: The sign gifts were promised to the apostolic age, and not to all believers in all ages.

2 Corinthians 12:12 “Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.”

What is an Apostle?

- An Apostle is one that is “**Sent**”, and must have the Biblical qualification to prove it.

i. They have to Actually SEE The Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 1:22 “Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.”

ii. Has to be CALLED and APPROVED by God.

Galatians 1:1 “Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)”

iii. Has to DEMONSTRATE Apostolic gifts

Acts 2:43 “And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.”

Note: The “office” of an Apostle has ceased. The Apostles were used to lay the foundation of the Church.

1 Corinthians 12:29-30 “Are all apostles?...”

Ephesians 2:20 “And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;”

The Purpose of Sign Gifts

- Sign gifts were to confirm the Word of God. (The Gospel)

Mark 16:20 “And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.”

- Sign gifts were to testify of God’s approval of Christ and the truth.

Acts 2:22 “Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:”

- Sign gifts were to bear witness of the Word of God spoken by the Apostles.

Hebrews 2:3-4 “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; (4) God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?”

Note: Paul makes it clear that tongues were a sign for unbelievers, (specifically to the unbelieving Jews.)

1 Corinthians 14:22 “Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not:”

Note: Paul also states that tongues will soon cease as there is no need for the gift of tongues to verify the Word of God.

1 Corinthians 13:8 “Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease...”

Requirements for speaking in Tongues

Note: If tongues were active today the following must be obeyed:

- It must be a language and not nonsense – Acts 2:8
- They must take turns to speak — *1 Corinthians 14:27*.

1 Corinthians 14:27 “If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.”

- One person must interpret — *1 Corinthians 14:27*
- If no interpreter is present, there is to be NO speaking in tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:28 “But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.”

- Speaking in a tongues is to be controlled.

1 Corinthians 14:32 “And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.”

- The Holy Spirit will never take anyone out of control or make anyone lose control.

1 Corinthians 14:33 “For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.”

- Women are not to speak in tongues in the church.

1 Corinthians 14:34 “Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.”

b. Enabling Gifts

<p>1) Faith</p> <p><i>1 Corinthians 12:8</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to trust God in difficult and impossible circumstances. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In poverty - In death & danger 	<p><i>1 Corinthians 12:9</i> “To another faith by the same Spirit...”</p>
<p>2) Wisdom</p> <p><i>1 Corinthians 12:8</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Word" of Wisdom specifies a speaking gift. The ability to understand the word of God and the things of God, and to communicate it to others. The ability to solve difficult problems. 	<p><i>1 Corinthians 12:8</i> “For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;”</p>
<p>3) Knowledge</p> <p><i>1 Corinthians 8</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to convey divine truth that has been revealed from God and never been learnt. All the writers of the N/T were gifted with divine knowledge. • The gift of knowledge today is the Bible – The Word of God, and the ability to learn and understand its truths. God is also able to reveal His will to believers who have a close walk with God. 	<p><i>1 Corinthians 12:8</i> “...to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;”</p>
<p>4) Prophecy</p> <p>1 Corinthians 12:10 Romans 12:6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to predict and foretell future events according to the Word of God. <p>Note: Depending on the context the “prophesying” could also means to have the ability to go forth and preach the Word of God. “Forth-telling”</p>	<p><i>1 Corinthians 12:10</i> “... to another prophecy...”</p>
<p>5) Discernment</p> <p>1 Corinthians 12:10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to discern and recognize the counterfeit, lying, and unclean spirits. <p>(1 John 4:1) (Doctrine and Devils)</p>	<p><i>1 Corinthians 12:10</i> “...to another discerning of spirits;”</p>

c. **Ministering Gifts**

<p>1) Ministry & Helps</p> <p><i>Romans 12:7</i> <i>1 Peter 4:11</i> <i>1 Corinthians 12:28</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the same Greek word as "deacon" or "deaconess," this refers to those who have the ability serve. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>They are serving machines.</u> ○ It is a God-given ability to detect the needs of the church and make themselves available to meet the need. <p>Note: This does not relate to the office of a deacon, but rather to the function of one that serves.</p> <p>Example: The House of Stephanus</p>	<p>Romans 12:7 “Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering:”</p> <p>1 Corinthians 12:28 “And God hath set some in the church...helps...”</p> <p>1 Corinthians 16:15 “I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,”</p>
<p>2) Exhortation</p> <p><i>Romans 12:8</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to effectively encourage others to obey God. To motivate others to action. To <u>CALL</u> believers to live for God and live Holy lives. <p>Example: Barnabas</p>	<p>Romans 12:8 “Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation:”</p> <p>Acts 11:23 “Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.”</p>
<p>3) Mercy</p> <p><i>Romans 12:8</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to show compassion and empathy to others that are suffering and are in distress. The ability to comfort those that are afflicted. <p>Note: Never justifying their sin.</p>	<p>Romans 12:8 “...he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.”</p>
<p>4) Giving</p> <p><i>Romans 12:8</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to give cheerfully, bountifully, and with proper motives. Is completely aware of the needs of others. <p>Example: Believers at Philippi</p> <p>Note: They are very generous, and give liberally. 2 Corinthians 8:1-5</p>	<p>Romans 12:8 “...he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity...”</p>

<p>5) Teaching</p> <p><i>Romans 12:7</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ability to instruct, interpret, explain and communicate God's truth clearly and effectively. <p>Note: Pastors must have the gift of teaching, but you do not have to be a Pastor to have the gift of teaching.</p> <p>Examples: Pastors and Apollos</p>	<p>Romans 12:7 "...or he that teacheth, on teaching;"</p> <p>1 Timothy 3:2 "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, <u>apt to teach;</u>"</p>
<p>6) Governments (Ruling)</p> <p><i>1 Corinthians 12:28</i> <i>Romans 12:8.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To have the ability to lead and guide by the authority of the Word of God and by practice. <p>Governments = to steer ("to pilot a ship")</p> <p>Rule = To set over</p> <p>Note: Pastors are under-shepherds of God's heritage, and must have the gift of governments. (1 Thessalonians 5:12)</p> <p>Examples: James (Pastor in the Church of Jerusalem.) Acts 15:13-21</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 12:28 "And God hath set some in the church...governments..."</p> <p>Romans 12: 8 "...he that ruleth, with diligence..."</p> <p>Acts 15:13 "And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:"</p>

Conclusion

- a. **Question:** How do I identify my spiritual gift?
- As we grow as a Christian, it is important to discern our Spiritual gift.
 - **Note:** Stay away from Spiritual gift tests.
- 1) Obey the clear instruction of the Lord. – John 15
 - As we obey the Lord he will direct us in service and enable us to do his Work.
 - Note: There are some spiritual gifts that are given to all Christians to obey. Example, the "gift of giving."
 - 2) Walk in the Spirit.
 - As we walk in the Spirit and obey His still-small voice, we can look back and see how God has been using us.
 - 3) The Presbytery (order of elders)
 - The Pastors and elders are able to discern and confirm the Spiritual gift in the life of an obedient Christian.

1 Timothy 4:14 "Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery."

William McDonald: “We are not told exactly what gift had been given to Timothy—whether evangelist, pastor, or teacher. The general tenor of these Epistles would lead us to think that he was a pastor-teacher....This was accompanied by the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Again we would emphasize that the presbyters, or elders, did not have the power to bestow the gift on Timothy. Rather, by laying their hands on him, they signified public recognition of what the Holy Spirit had already done.”

Ironside: “It is evident that the elders of the church at Lystra and Derbe had met together with the apostle Paul when Timothy was about to launch out into full-time service and had laid their hands on him, commending him to God in prayer.”

b. Our Spiritual gift can be neglected or quenched.

1 Timothy 4:14 “Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.”

1 Timothy 4:15 “Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.”

2 Timothy 1:6 “Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.”