



SUPERNATURAL

Week 4 | Gifts of the Holy Spirit

| KEY THOUGHTS

- When people give us gifts, we can do with them whatever we want; but **the Holy Spirit gives us gifts for a very specific purpose** and expects us to use them.
- When **we present ourselves to God as gifts to him**, we welcome the Holy Spirit to transform our lives.
- That spiritual transformation is both something **God does in us**, and **our active response** to what He is doing.
- Ongoing spiritual transformation is normal in the life of a believer. **The more we engage in the gifts of the Spirit, the more we come to know the will of God.**
- **The church is a family** marked by **humility; great unity** despite wide diversity; living under **Christ's leadership and authority; caring for the growth of one another.**
- The English words "gift" and "grace" are translated from the same root in the Greek word *charis* (Χάρις).
- Spiritual gifts differ from innate talents and abilities: we hone and develop our inborn abilities and can use them for various purposes; but **gifts are given us by the Spirit solely for the purpose of serving others in the mission of the gospel.**
- **The Holy Spirit gives one or more gifts to every believer** who comes to faith in Christ.
- **The Holy Spirit reveals what our gifts are as we engage in ministry.**
- Romans 6:23 tells us what the *charis* grace/gift (v. 6) is that all this hinges upon: **eternal life in Jesus Christ.** If we aren't in Christ, the Holy Spirit doesn't indwell us, and we don't have His gifts.

| SCRIPTURE

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. **Romans 12:1-8 (ESV)**

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. **1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (ESV)**

All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. **1 Corinthians 12:11 (ESV)**

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 6:23 (ESV)**

| PRACTICAL

- Read Acts 2-5 this week and identify gifts from the Holy Spirit in the early church.
- If you are a new disciple of Jesus, discover your spiritual gifts by engaging in ministry at Lighthouse Community.
- If you've been walking with Jesus for a while now, allow God to put Jesus on display through your spiritual gifts.

| REFLECT

- How am I using the gifts given to me by the Holy Spirit to directly help others come to faith?
- How am I using the gifts given to me by the Holy Spirit to directly help other believers take steps of spiritual growth?
- Do I rejoice when I see the Holy Spirit working in the church? Do I find my deepest rejoicing because my name is written in God's Book of Life (Luke 10:20)?

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