



Principles of Evangelism

Lesson 3: Using the Tools God Gave You – The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1. There are nine gifts of the Holy Spirit given to every believer.

The nine gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in 1 Corinthians 12.

1 Corinthians 12:4-10

2. The nine gifts of the Holy Spirit can be divided into three groups.

- _____
 God uses us to speak to people something from Him that will help them in their lives.
 The gift of speaking in tongues
 The gift of interpretation of tongues
 The gift of prophecy
- _____
 God reveals to us something that was hidden.
 The gift of the word of wisdom
 The gift of the word of knowledge
 The gift of discerning of spirits
- _____
 God gives us power to bring healing and miracles into the lives of people.
 The gift of faith
 The gift of the working of miracles

The gifts of healings

3. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to be used to win people to Jesus.

Often we think about these gifts operating in a church service. Although this can happen, there are many more examples in the New Testament of the gifts of the Holy Spirit being used to lead sinners to Jesus outside of the walls of the church.

Even when it comes to a church gathering, the gifts are primarily tools to lead an unbeliever to Christ.

1 Corinthians 14:24, 25

4. Certain gifts are more useful in personal evangelism.

The _____ gifts and the _____ gifts are needed to win the lost.

Often the gifts will work together to see people set free.

For example, the gift of the word of knowledge will work alongside of the gifts of healings. The Holy Spirit could reveal to you, by a word of knowledge, that a person has cancer. Then, when you lay hands on them to pray for them they are healed by the gifts of healings or one of the other power gifts.

A word of knowledge helps a person receive because the Bible teaches us that faith comes by hearing the word. When you have word of knowledge from the Spirit of God and step out in faith to tell the person, it brings faith into their heart to receive healing.

5. Examples in the New Testament of the gift of the word of knowledge.

John 4:15-19

This story shows us an example of the gift of a word of knowledge being used in evangelism.

Acts 9:10-12

Several gifts are revealed in this story.

Saul operated in the gift of the _____ which revealed to him a future event.

Ananias had a _____ about the exact house and street in which to go and find Saul. He then prayed for Saul and he was healed by the gifts of healings or possible the gift of the working of miracles.

6. The gift of the working of miracles

We need all three of the power gifts to operate in our lives. However, the gift of the working of miracles and the gifts of healings will primarily be used in reaching the lost. For the purposes of this Bible class, we will look at these two gifts.

The word “miracles” is misleading. The King James translators took the Greek word and translated it several different ways.

The Greek word translated “miracles” in the list of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is the plural form of “dunamis”.

Definition of DUNAMIS: _____

Some of the places this Greek word is used in the New Testament.

Matthew 13:54 (Mighty works)

When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works?"

Acts 2:22 (Miracles)

Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know.

2 Corinthians 12:12 (Mighty deeds)

Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.

Many times this word is used in a reference to casting out evil spirits.

Acts 3:2-8

7. The gifts of healings

There is a difference between _____ and _____

Healing relieves the body of disease.

Miracles go beyond healing. For example: the lengthening of a leg.

Notice that this gift is plural.

The reason for this is that there are many diseases and God has a gift to heal every disease.

Healing is always God’s will. You cannot go wrong when you pray for healing for someone.

Acts 10:38

The purpose of healing is to _____

8. How do these gifts operate in when talking to someone one-on-one?

The following are some practical things to remember when talking to someone about Jesus and remaining “open” to God using you in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

- When the gift of the word of knowledge operates alongside the gifts of healings there can be an actual physical body impression.
- The gift of the word of knowledge will also operate sometimes in a vision or a mental picture.
- The most common way for the gift of the word of knowledge to operate is to have a word in your spirit or to have a thought.
- Another way the gift of the word of knowledge works is that you will suddenly know the thoughts of people.
- It is important to expect that the gifts can operate in regular conversation.
- The gift of the word of knowledge can come before you need it to help someone. It does not necessarily have to happen “in the moment”.
- Miracles and healings are always triggered by _____

For example, God turned the bitter waters sweet after Moses threw a tree in the water..

Many times Jesus did this. He told someone to “do” something they could not do.

When they “did” it – a miracle took place.

Mark 3:1, 5

The paralyzed man carried by his four friends is another example of the working of miracles.

Jesus told the ten lepers to go show themselves to the priest. But there was only one reason that lepers did that – to show the priest they were healed. The Bible tells us they were healed *as they went*.

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The basis of all service to God can be wrapped up in one word – faith.

Hebrew 11:6

9. Your testimony

One of the most important things you can do to prepare yourself to share the Gospel with people is to know how to give your testimony.

Revelation 12:11

In the course Practical Urban Ministry, students learn how to give their testimonies. The following is an overview of that lesson.

- Give some of your background. What was your life like before you gave your life to Jesus?
- What led up to the day you got saved?
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- Tell what salvation is
- Tell about serving Jesus now. What is your life like now? How are things different?
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- Try to stay away from church language. The following are good things to say: get right with God, make a decision to follow Jesus, and decide to live for Jesus.

Bible Memory Verses

- Jeremiah 29:11** *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.*
- Jeremiah 29:12** *Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.*
- Jeremiah 29:13** *And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*
- 2 Timothy 1:7** *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*
- Proverbs 15:1** *A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.*