

Gifts of the Spirit - I
"The Charismas of God"

1 EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT COMES FROM ABOVE

1.1 James 1:17 - *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."*

1.2 If earthly father knows how to give good gifts...how much more will our heavenly father give us the gift of the Holy Ghost...

1.3 Eph. 4:7 - *"But unto everyone of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ."*

2 TWO BASIC GREEK WORDS FOR GIFT

2.1 Dorea - denotes "a free gift," stressing its gratuitous character; it is always used in the NT of a spiritual or supernatural gift

2.1.1 John 4:10 - *"Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."*

2.1.2 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."*

2.1.3 Rom 5:15 - *"But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many."*

2.2 Charisma - "A gift of grace, a gift involving grace."

3 CHARISMA ON THE PART OF GOD AS THE DONOR - Rom. 4:5 - *"Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt."*

3.1 Of His free bestowments upon sinners

3.1.1 Rom 6:23 - *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

3.1.2 Rom. 11:29 - *"For the gifts and callings of God are without repentance."*

3.2 Of His endowments upon believers by the operation of the Holy Spirit in the churches.

3.2.1 Rom. 12:6 - *"Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether*

3.2.1.1 Prophecy - let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

3.2.1.2 Or ministry - let us wait on our ministering;

3.2.1.3 Or he that teacheth, on teaching;

3.2.1.4 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation;

3.2.1.5 He that giveth, let him do it with simplicity;

- 3.2.1.6 He that ruleth, with diligence;
- 3.2.1.7 He that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.
- 3.2.2 I Cor. 12:4 - *"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord."*
 - 3.2.2.1 The word of wisdom
 - 3.2.2.2 Word of knowledge
 - 3.2.2.3 Faith
 - 3.2.2.4 Healing
 - 3.2.2.5 Working of miracles
 - 3.2.2.6 Prophecy
 - 3.2.2.7 Discerning of spirits
 - 3.2.2.8 Divers kinds of tongues
 - 3.2.2.9 Interpretation of tongues
- 3.2.3 Eph. 4:8 - *"Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. V. 11 - "And he gave some..."*
 - 3.2.3.1 Apostles; and some,
 - 3.2.3.2 Prophets; and some,
 - 3.2.3.3 Evangelists; and some,
 - 3.2.3.4 Pastors and
 - 3.2.3.5 Teachers;
- 3.2.4 I Cor. 12:28 - *"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. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? But seek earnestly the best gifts."*

4 VARIOUS SCRIPTURES ON GIFTS

- 4.1 I Tim. 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."*
- 4.2 II Tim. 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."*
- 4.3 I Pet. 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."*
- 4.4 Rom 1:11 - *"For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established..."*
- 4.5 I Cor. 1:7 - *"So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*