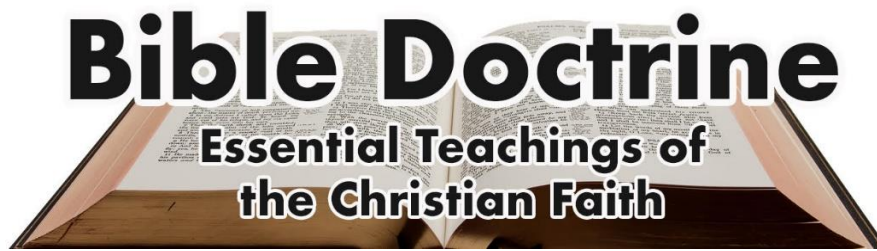


# Bible Doctrine

## Essential Teachings of the Christian Faith



### Lesson 47: Gifts of the Holy Spirit—Specific Gifts

#### Chapter 30

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#### I. Definition.

A. “A spiritual gift is any ability that is empowered by the Holy Spirit and used in any ministry of the church.”

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B. The special God-given capacity of every believer to carry out his/her function in the body of Christ.

#### II. Gifts listed in Romans 12.

Romans 12:3-8 - *For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. <sup>4</sup>For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. <sup>6</sup>Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.*

##### A. Prophecy.

Definition: to speak out; a foreteller; prediction.

Description: The God-given ability to receive and proclaim a message from God.

Illustrations: Acts 11:27-28; Acts 13:1-3

##### B. Ministry (service).

Definition: attendance (as a servant); ministry; relief; a deacon.

Description: The God-given desire and ability to identify and care for the physical needs of the church through a variety of means.

Illustrations: Philippians 2:19-23; Romans 16:3-4

##### C. Teaching.

Definition: to give instruction.

Description: The God-given desire and ability to clearly explain and effectively apply the truths of God’s word so that others will learn.

Illustrations: Acts 18:24-28; Acts 19:8-10

##### D. Exhortation.

Definition: to call near; to comfort; to encourage, beseech, strengthen.

Description: The God-given desire and ability to motivate others to properly respond to the truth by providing timely words of counsel, encouragement, and consolation.

Illustrations: Acts 15:32-33; Jude 3

#### E. Giving.

Definition: to give over (i.e., “super give”).

Description: The God-given desire and ability to contribute material resources with generosity and cheerfulness for the benefit of others and the glory of God.

Illustrations: 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; Acts 4:32-35; Philippians 4:10-20

#### F. Leadership.

Definition: to stand before; to preside over (“to steer a ship”)

Description: The God-given desire and ability to discern God’s purpose for a group, set and communicate appropriate goals, and motivate others to work together to fulfill them in the service of God.

Illustrations: Mark 10:42-45; Genesis 37-50

#### G. Mercy.

Definition: to compassionate (by word or deed); to have pity on.

Description: The God-given desire and ability to deeply empathize and engage in compassionate acts on behalf of people who are suffering physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual distress.

Illustrations: Matthew 15:21-28; Luke 10:25-37; 2 Samuel 9

### III. Gifts listed in Ephesians 4.

Ephesians 4:7-16 - *But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.”*

<sup>9</sup> (Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

<sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

#### A. Apostleship.

Definition: one sent forth; an ambassador, messenger.

Description: The God-given ability to begin and oversee new churches and Christian ministries by carrying God’s message.

Illustrations: Acts 1:21-26; Matthew 10:2-15

#### B. Evangelism.

Definition: a messenger of good; a proclaimer of the gospel.

Description: The God-given desire and ability to present the gospel clearly to unbelievers, leading to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Illustrations: Acts 8:4-5, 26-39

#### C. Pastor/teacher.

Definition: to shepherd; to protect.

Description: The God-given desire and ability to personally lead, nourish, protect, and care for the needs of a portion of God’s “flock” committed to one’s care.

Illustrations: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12; Acts 20:28-31