

## **Gifts We Receive from God**

Covering three groups of gifts listed in God's Word

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### **Firstly**

#### **Gifts of “office” or function in the Body of Christ, the Church.**

Romans 12:4-8 mentions seven gifts that God has given to the members of the Body of Christ, to enable us to function as living members of the Church of Jesus Christ. (KJV used).

**Prophecy**, is speaking out words from God, given by the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:18, Revelation 19:10, Revelation 11:10

**Ministry**, is serving others in love. Galatians 5:13

**Teaching**, is explaining the Word of God to others, so that they understand it and how it applies to their lives.

**Exhortation**, is speaking words of encouragement to others, in truth, so that they are strengthened in Christ.

**Giving**, is sharing what God has given to you, with others, who are in need. (Food, drink, clothes, money, accommodation, etc.)

**Ruling**, is leading with a servant heart, seeking for the highest good of those you are leading. Ephesians 4:15, Acts 20:20.

**Mercy**, is expressing compassion and caring to those who are in a time of need. Luke 10:29-37.

1Peter 4:7 – 10 mentions other gifts not specifically mentioned in this study such as prayer, charity (love), and hospitality, and concludes, in verse 10, by saying, “As every person has received the gift, minister the same to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God”. This is **the purpose of the gifts** God gives.

### **Secondly**

**The nine gifts of the Holy Spirit.** (See number 32, on the Numerical Index of Pastor Notes web site above, for details.)

**Three revelation gifts of: word of wisdom, word of knowledge, discerning of spirits,** 1Corinthians 12:7 – 11.

**Three power gifts of: the working of miracles, the gifts of healings,** (plural in the Greek), **faiths by the same Spirit.**

**Three vocal gifts,** (for edifying others), **of: prophecy, different kinds of tongues or languages, interpretation of tongues.**

### **Thirdly**

**The five gifts of Christ to build the local and universal Church, called “the Ascension Gift Ministries.”** Ephesians 4:7 - 13.

**Apostles**, are those sent by Christ to establish, strengthen, encourage and support, Churches and Church leaders, far and wide. Matthew 10:1, 2 – 16, Acts 13:1 – 5, Acts 14:4, 14, Romans 1:1, 1Corinthians 1:1. (Apostles do not control others).

**Prophets**, speak by revelation of the Holy Spirit to Churches, nations, individuals and cities. Ephesians 2:19, 22, Acts 11:27, 28. This is more than the gift of prophecy.

**Evangelists**, preach the Gospel and lead many to faith in the Lord Jesus. Acts 21:8, Acts 8:5 - 40.

Every believer is empowered to witness to the unsaved, and to seek to lead them to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 1:8

No matter what gifts of ministry we are given, we are all required to do the work of the evangelist. 2Timothy 4:5

Carry Gospel tracts all the time, and be bold to tell others about Jesus, and what he has done for us to save us. Acts 4:29-31

Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, 1Peter 3:15, Acts 8:4, 1Thessalonians 1:8

**Pastors**, feed and care for the flock of God, which he has purchased with His own blood. Acts 20:28, John 10:11 – 18, Ezekiel 34:11 – 16, 1Peter 5:1 – 4

In the Word of God, the elders and overseers, (“bishops” Philippians 1:1), of the Church, are told to feed or shepherd the Church.

Acts 20:17 – 28, 1Peter 5:1 -4, Titus 1:5 – 9

Today we use the word “pastor” to mean the person who is leading the local congregation.

In Acts 20:28, and 1Peter 5:2, the Greek word for “feed” means to tend as a shepherd - Young's Concordance.

**Teachers, unfold the Word of God** and make the meaning clear and plain. The Pastor-Teacher gift is closely related. Nehemiah :8:1- 8, 2Timothy 1:11, 2Timothy 4:1 – 5, Acts 13:1, Matthew 4:23, Matthew 9:35.