

Spiritual Gifts Summary

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Message of Wisdom – The ability to make clear God’s wisdom particularly in relation to the Cross (1 Cor 1:18-2:16) which can help the church better understand the Gospel as it relates to all areas of life.

Message of Knowledge – The ability to know information revealed by God which may not be accessible to everyone which can bring conviction to both Christian and non-Christian (Acts 5:3-9).

Faith – The ability to trust God for great works above and beyond the normal trust of a believer which can inspire trust in other believers and result in God doing extraordinary things through these people’s faith (Matt 17:20).

Healing – Healing sick people for their benefit and for authentication of the Gospel so that people might come to faith in Christ (Acts 5:12-16).

Miraculous Power – Being able to do things which are supernatural primarily to authenticate the Gospel and bring glory to God so that people might come to faith in Christ (Acts 20:7-20).

Prophecy – Helping people know and apply the mind of God to their particular context (Acts 21:7-14).

Distinguishing between spirits – Helpful to test if something or someone finds its source in God or elsewhere (Acts 16:16-18).

Tongues – The ability to speak in a foreign (Acts 2:1-12) or heavenly language which can be helpful for the encouragement of the speaker and the hearers (if it is foreign tongue) (1 Cor 14:1-25).

Interpreting Tongues – The ability to interpret the heavenly language to bring a God-given message to the hearers (1 Cor 14:13-17, 26-28).

