

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT



God grants to all members of His church, in all ages, spiritual gifts for each member to employ in loving ministry for the common good of the church and mankind. They are granted through the operation of the Holy Spirit, who distributes them among each member according to His will.

The gifts provide all the ministries and skills necessary to equip members for the edification of the church, to reach spiritual maturity, and to promote unity of faith and knowledge of God.



When members use these spiritual gifts as faithful stewards of God's manifold grace, the church is protected from the destructive influence of false doctrines, grows by God-based development, and is built up in faith and love.

We should pray to God that the Holy Spirit will grant us more gifts to work in His work, with the willingness to be used where and how He desires. The secret is to always be willing.

The Bible shows who gives the gifts, for what purpose they are given to us, and names some of them: "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.... But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will." —1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11

There are several lists in which Paul lists some of the gifts that the Holy Spirit gives: 1 Corinthians 12:8-10; Romans 12:6-8; Ephesians 4:11-12.

There are also other gifts that the Holy Spirit gives that are not mentioned in these texts. He sees them as necessary to accomplish the work either in the church or outside of it. It also gives gifts that are adapted to the times in which we live.

In this presentation we are going to look at some of these gifts that the Holy Spirit gives us.



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1 Corinthians 12:8-10

The Gift of the Word of Wisdom

The Gift of the Word of Science

The Gift of Faith

The Gift of Healing

The Gift of Miracle Work

The Gift of Prophecy

The Gift of Discernment of Spirits

The gift of tongues and the gift of interpreting tongues

Romans 12:6-8

Gift of Service

Teaching Gift

The Gift of Exhortation

The gift of giving

The Gift of Leadership

The Gift of Mercy

Ephesians 4:11-12

The Gift of the Apostolate

The Gift of Evangelism

The Gift of Pastorate and Mastery

Other Gifts

The Gift of Administration

The gift of craftsmanship

The Gift of Hospitality

The Gift of Intercession

The gift of music

The gift of adaptation

The gift of social media

You can click on a list or a specific gift to go directly to the explanation.

“For to one is given by the Spirit the **word of wisdom**; to another the **word of knowledge (science)** by the same Spirit; To another **faith** by the same Spirit; to another **the gifts of healing** by the same Spirit; To another **the working of miracles**; to another **prophecy**; to another **discerning of spirits**; to another **divers kinds of tongues**; to another **the interpretation of tongues**”



1 Corinthians 12:8-10



THE GIFT OF THE WORD OF WISDOM

This gift is the ability to express oneself or act wisely by the revelation of the Holy Spirit. The one who possesses this gift is not only wise, but is also able to express himself with wise words. This gift confers deep understanding to interpret spiritual truths.

They focus on consequences to determine next steps.

They receive an understanding of what is necessary to meet the needs of the body of Christ.

They provide simple, practical solutions in the midst of conflict and confusion.

They listen to the Spirit provide direction for the best solution in a given situation.

They apply spiritual truths in specific, practical ways.



THE GIFT OF THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE (SCIENCE)

This gift consists in the ability to grasp spiritual truths and arrange them in an orderly manner to present to others. This understanding of truth comes from the study of Scripture, or directly from God by inspiration. Therefore, the "word of knowledge (science)" is the faculty of speaking about those truths, presenting them to the hearers in their proper order, so as to convince those who hear them.



Luke 1:1-4

They learn easily and remember the material in an exact and detailed way.

They discover biblical truths that enable them to better serve the body of Christ.

They possess a deep love for the scriptures, and they enjoy digging deep into the Bible to gain knowledge, understanding, and truth.

They carefully study and investigate to better understand spiritual truths.

They organize information for teaching and practical use.

THE GIFT OF FAITH

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1). The gift of faith refers to a special kind of faith that enables its possessor to do exceptional and unusual feats for God.

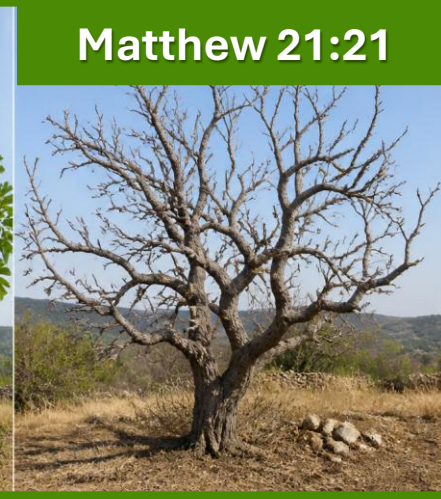
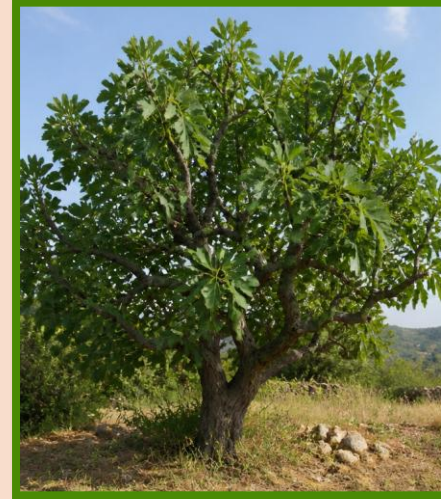
They believe in God's promises and inspire others to do the same.

They act in complete confidence in God's ability to overcome obstacles.

They have an attitude in crises that affirms that not only God can do something; but He will.

They advance the cause of Christ because they go ahead to go where others do not.

They ask God for what is needed, and trust that the Lord will provide.



Matthew 21:21



1 Samuel 14:1-14

THE GIFT OF HEALING



This gift presents special powers like those held by the apostles (Mark 16:18; Acts. 3: 2-8; 14: 8-10; etc.) The Holy Spirit, through human intermediaries, is pleased to cure diseases and restore people's health.

Of course, everyone has the prerogative to ask for the healing of the sick and to receive an answer to their prayer; But this must be distinguished from the "gifts of healings" here mentioned. It seems that those who possess this gift have God's knowledge and direction in His work, and they heal only those to whom God directs. They therefore have some knowledge of the result.

They pray and care for those who are sick or grieving.

They have a deep sense of compassion and want God to restore the sick.

They authenticate God's message through healing.

They use it as an opportunity to communicate biblical truth and see God glorified.

They pray, touch, or speak words that miraculously bring healing to others.



THE GIFT OF MIRACLES WORKING

2 Kings 6:5-6



Luke 5:4-6



The gift consists of performing powerful acts that are perceived by observers as altering the ordinary course of nature.

They speak God's truth and can authenticate it by an accompanying miracle.

They represent Christ and, through their gift, lead people into a relationship with Christ.

They express confidence in God's faithfulness and the ability to manifest Christ's presence.

They claim that God is the source of miracles and glorify the Lord.

They bring the ministry and message of Jesus Christ with power.



THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

The Holy Spirit gives the faculty to speak with authority on behalf of God, or in the name of God, either to foretell future events or to declare God's will for the present. The gift of prophecy is manifested through visions, or dreams, or a special inspiration that comes to the mind; and then the human instrument becomes God's mouthpiece. It is the sign to identify God's true church in the last days (Rev. 12:17; 19:10).

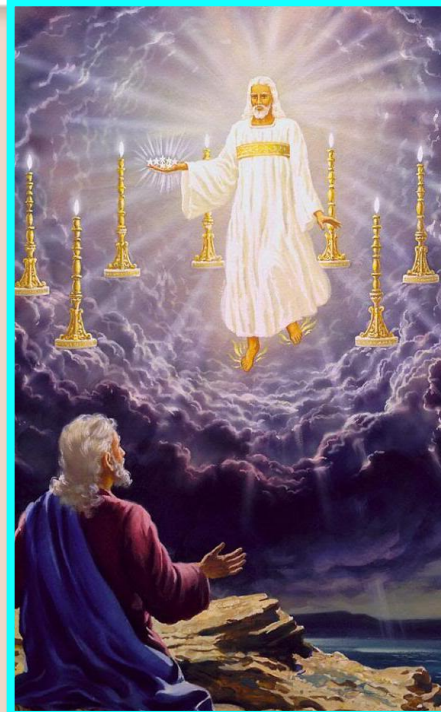
They speak God's word at the right time, or expose sin, causing conviction and repentance

They see biblical truths that others often don't, and they challenge them to respond

They can declare future events that have been revealed to them

They warn of God's coming judgment if there is no repentance

They understand the heart and mind of God through experiences that God puts them through



Revelation 1:9-11



Ezekiel 9:4

THE GIFT OF DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS



This gift includes the ability to distinguish between truth and error; divine inspiration and that which is counterfeit. Christ warned His church that false prophets would arise, especially in the last days, and this gift is needed. The apostles of the early church possessed the ability to distinguish true preachers and teachers from false ones (Acts 5:1-10; 13:9-11).

John gives us this advice: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." (1 John 4:1-3)

They distinguish truth from error; right from wrong; the pure motives of the impure.

They identify deception with accuracy and propriety.

They determine when a testimony attributed to God is authentic.

They recognize inconsistencies in a teaching, prophetic message, or interpretation.

They can sense the presence of evil.

THE GIFT OF TONGUES AND THE GIFT OF LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION

The gift of tongues is being able to communicate the gospel in a foreign language that has not been learned and can be easily understood by a foreigner who speaks that language, or to understand the meaning of the message of another person who speaks in a foreign language. It is also the gift of tongues to speak the language of angels (This gift is necessarily complemented by the gift of interpreting that language).



Acts 2:1-4

Acts 10:44-46



They speak in a language they never learned and do not understand.

They understand an unlearned language, or a person understands you, even if they don't know your language.

This gift serves to make people know the message of Christ, overcoming language barriers.

They interpret a message given in tongues so that the congregation will understand it.

Both gifts are used for both the preaching of the gospel and the building up of the church.



“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether **prophecy**, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or **ministry (service)**, let us wait on our ministering: or he that **teacheth**, on teaching; Or he that **exhorteth**, on exhortation: he that **giveth**, let him do it with simplicity; he that **ruleth**, with diligence; he that sheweth **mercy**, with cheerfulness.”



Romans 12: 6-8



Gift OF MINISTRY (SERVICE)



It is the gift of identifying needs related to God's work and using available resources to meet those needs and help achieve desired goals. It is sometimes used in a special sense for the distribution of aid and the care of material needs to the poor, the sick, and strangers.

At other times it is used in the work of attending to the secular affairs of the church.

➡ They find small, practical things that need to be done and enjoy doing them without being asked.

➡ They detect God's special purpose and significance in performing regular and necessary tasks with helping hands.

➡ They take pleasure in carrying out daily responsibilities.

➡ They enjoy doing routine tasks in church that would bore others.

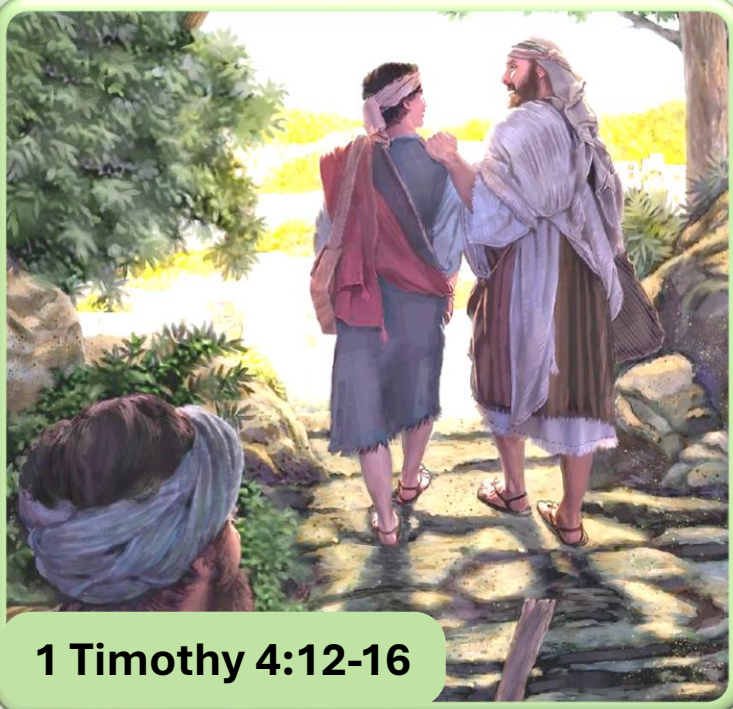
➡ They are always willing to perform any task that needs to be done.



GIFT OF TEACHING

This gift gives you the ability to order, develop, impress upon the mind, and apply in the life the truths that have been revealed. The gift lies in enlightened understanding and the ability to expound clearly. The Christian teacher who has faith in Christ's leadership in His church will devote himself entirely to His teaching. Furthermore, as Paul instructed Timothy (1 Tim. 5:17), elders who labor in teaching are "worthy of double honor."

Acts 18: 24-28



1 Timothy 4:12-16



They communicate biblical truths that inspire greater obedience to God's Word.



They challenge listeners in simple and practical ways with the truths of Scripture.



They focus on changing lives by helping others better understand the Bible.



They give attention to detail and accuracy.








They prepare themselves with long periods of study and reflection.



THE GIFT OF EXHORTATION

The exhortation is addressed especially to the heart and the will. Some have the special gift of spurring others to action, or of comforting them when they are in distress. They know how to minister words of encouragement, comfort, encouragement, and counsel to other members of the body in such a way that they feel helped and healed.

-  They stand with those who are discouraged to strengthen and reassure them.
-  They confront, encourage, exhort, and encourage those who have lost their way in their faith or in their lives.
-  They help others change their behavior by applying biblical truths.
-  They often have people around them because they encourage them with their attitude, their behavior, and their realistic advice.
-  They emphasize God's promises, trust in the Lord's will, and lead others to reflection and acknowledgment of sin.

Philemon 1:8-14



Mark 12:41-44



THE GIFT OF GIVING

This gift consists in contributing material resources to the Lord's work, doing so with liberality and joy, with simplicity of heart and not with a double purpose. There should be no end to ostentation or selfishness. Such a sincere and generous attitude is also a gift of the Spirit, whose guiding influence is necessary for the right use of riches.

- ➡ They manage their finances and limit their lifestyle, in order to give as much of their resources as possible.
- ➡ They support the work of the ministry with sacrificial gifts for the advancement of the kingdom.
- ➡ They meet tangible needs that allow spiritual growth to occur.
- ➡ They provide resources generously and cheerfully trusting God for provision.
- ➡ They may have a special ability to make money so that they can use it in God's work.








2 Corinthians 8:1-4

THE GIFT OF LEADERSHIP

The gift is about setting goals according to God's purpose for the future. They also have the gift of communicating those goals to others in such a way that they willingly and harmoniously work together to achieve them.

This gift is necessary for those in any position of authority or influence, whether in the church (1 Thess. 5:12; 1 Tim. 5:17) or in the home (1 Tim. 3:4-5, 12).

The one in a position of leadership needs energy and fervent zeal. These qualities are a gift of the Holy Spirit.

-  They provide direction for God's children or ministry.
-  They take responsibility and set goals.
-  They have the vision and present the picture to others to see.
-  They motivate others to give the best of their abilities.
-  They like to initiate some form of action and direct the group's efforts.

Nehemiah 2:17-20



THE GIFT OF MERCY

Acts 9:36-39



The gift is to feel genuine empathy and compassion for those who are suffering from physical, mental, or emotional problems. They translate that compassion into joyfully doing works that reflect Christ's love and alleviate suffering.



They focus on relieving the source of pain or discomfort in suffering people.



They address the needs of the wounded, poor, or marginalized.



They express love, grace, and dignity to those facing difficult times or crises.



They serve in difficult or unpleasant circumstances and do so joyfully.



They are concerned with personal or social issues in which people are treated unfairly.



“And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors and teachers**; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:”



THE GIFT OF THE APOSTOLATE

This gift is to assume and exercise general leadership over a number of churches, with an extraordinary authority in spiritual matters that is spontaneously recognized and appreciated by those churches.



They start and establish new ministries or churches.



They can perceive what God wants to do and are not afraid to try.



They have responsibilities to oversee ministries or church groups.



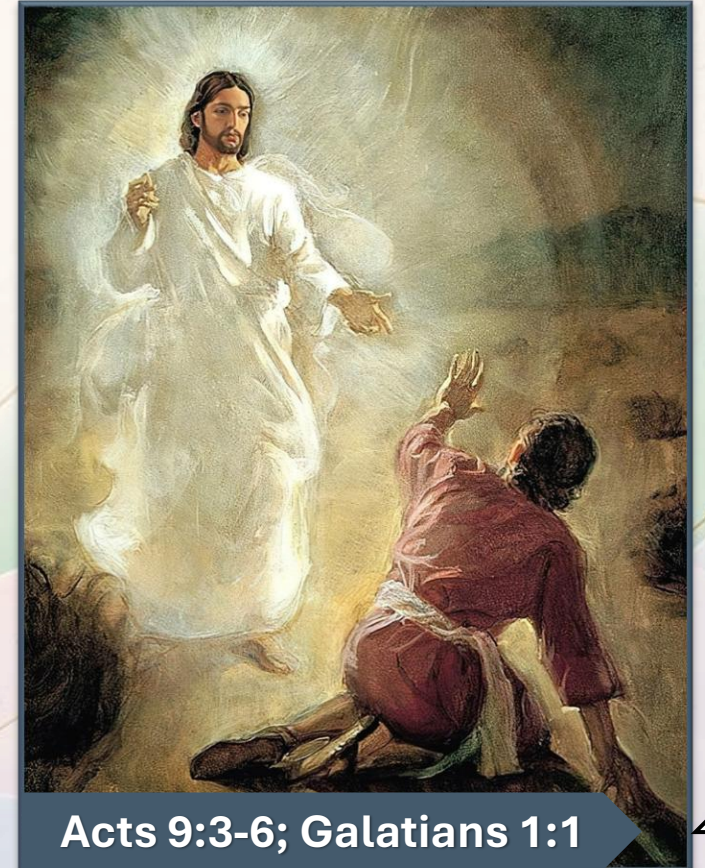
They have an energetic personality that trusts God to do whatever is necessary in unusual situations.



They demonstrate authority and vision for the ministry of the church.



Matthew 4:18-19;
10:1-4



Acts 9:3-6; Galatians 1:1



Acts 8:26-40



THE GIFT OF EVANGELISM

It is about sharing the gospel with great power and skill in such a way that men and women listen and become disciples of Jesus and responsible members of the body of Christ.



They communicate the message of the Bible with clarity and conviction.



They have the ability to insert spiritual truths into normal conversation with unbelievers.



They challenge unbelievers to the faith and to become devoted followers of Christ.



They adapt the presentation of the gospel to connect with individual needs.



They have the ability to converse easily with strangers and people they know little.

Acts 24:3, 10-21



THE GIFT OF PASTORATE AND MASTERY

The structure of this phrase in Greek suggests that Paul wants to speak of two phases of the same function. Every good minister is a teacher. Christ was the great Shepherd-Master who shepherded and taught His flock. This gift consists of taking long-term personal responsibility for the spiritual well-being of a group of believers in order to nurture, instruct, care for, and guide them to spiritual maturity and Christlikeness.



They take responsibility for feeding people in their walk with God.



They provide guidance and supervision to a group of God's children.



They exemplify with their lives what it means to be a devoted follower of Jesus.



They strive to lead others to greater obedience to God.



They feel a responsibility to guide and protect all those God has entrusted to their care.

Matthew 5:1-2; Mark 1:21;
Matthew 21:23



John 10:11



**Your voice,
your
influence,
your
timing,
these are
all gifts to
God and
are to be
used to
win souls
to Christ.
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OTHER GIFTS



THE GIFT OF ADMINISTRATION

It is the ability to clearly understand the immediate and long-term goals of a particular unit of the body of Christ, to map out and execute effective plans for the realization of those goals, or to manage the resources necessary to achieve them. Those who possess this gift:



Develop strategies or plans to achieve identified goals.



Assist ministries to make them more effective and efficient.



Create order in organizational chaos.



Manage or coordinate a variety of responsibilities to accomplish a task.



Organize people, financial resources, tasks, or events, managing the details carefully and thoroughly.

Genesis 41:38-49



Exodus 31:2-5

THE GIFT OF CRAFTSMANSHIP

It is the special ability God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to use their hands and minds to creatively design and build objects to be used for ministry.

- They work with wood, fabric, paints, metal, glass and other materials.
- They make objects that increase the effectiveness of other ministries.
- ▲ They enjoy serving with their hands to meet tangible needs.
- ◆ They design and build objects and resources for ministry use.
- ⚙ They work with different types of tools and are skilled with their hands.



THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY

This gift consists of providing open arms, open house, and warm welcome for those who are in need of friendship. They usually offer a warm welcome, food, and accommodation.



They provide an environment where people feel valued and cared for.



They reach out to newcomers and help them feel welcome.



They create a safe and comfortable setting where relationships can develop.

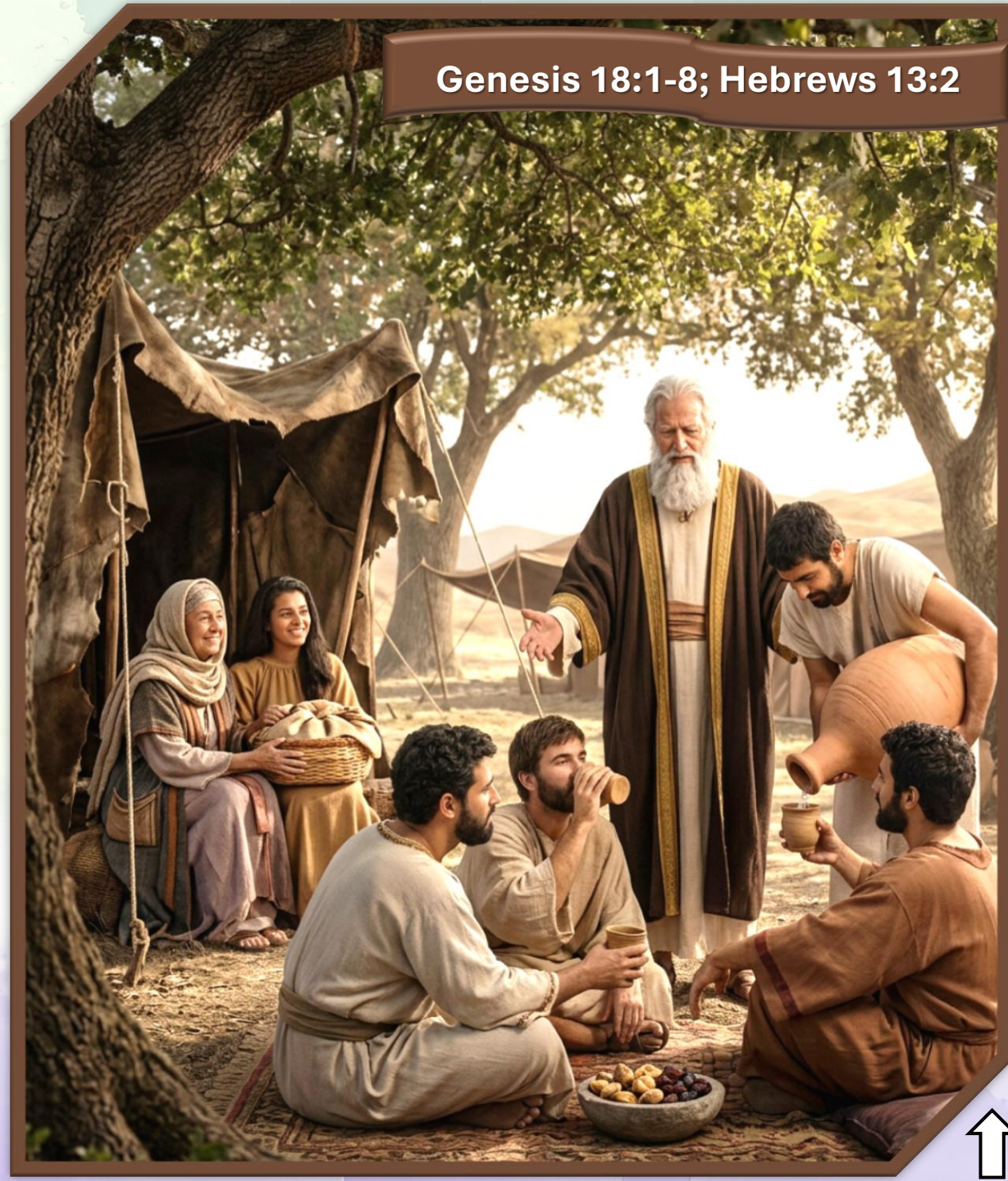


They look for ways to connect people in meaningful relationships.



They make people feel comfortable in unfamiliar environments.

Genesis 18:1-8; Hebrews 13:2



Exodus 32:11-14

THE GIFT OF INTERCESSION

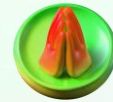
This gift consists of praying regularly for extended periods of time on behalf of others. They see frequent, specific answers to their prayers, to a much greater degree than expected of the average Christian.



They feel compelled to pray on behalf of others or for some cause.



They are aware daily of the spiritual battle that is being fought.



They are convinced that God moves in direct response to the fervent prayers of His children.



They pray in response to the Spirit's guidance, whether they understand it or not.



They exercise authority and power for the protection of others.



THE GIFT OF MUSIC

This gift consists of playing a musical instrument or using the voice to sing praises to the Lord. Also to master the congregation or those who sing in choirs, quartets, etc. In this way it enhances the worship experience in the congregation.



They sing or play musical instruments very well, and they enjoy it.



They have special joy in singing praises to God, either alone or with others.



They feel confident in the fact that their musical ability will be of benefit to those with whom they come into contact.



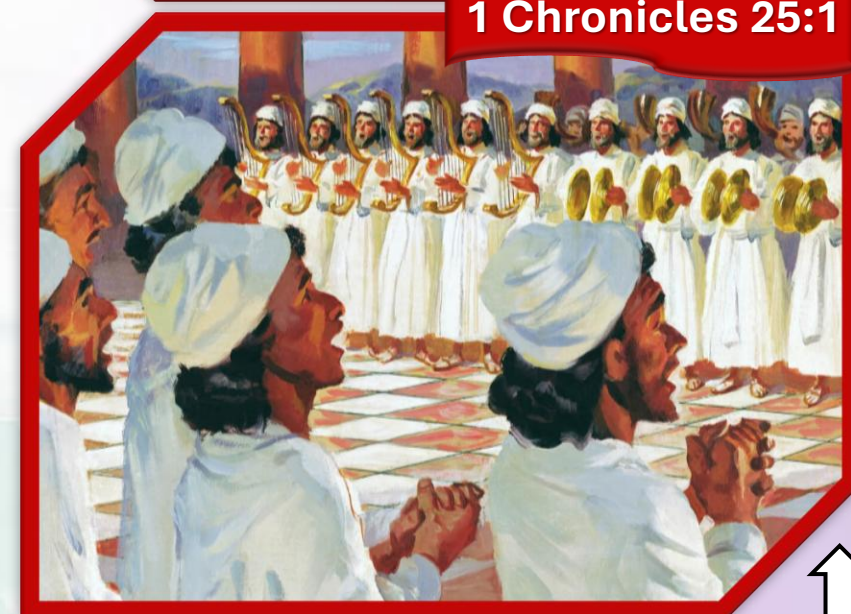
They can use their musical ability to help and inspire others to worship God.



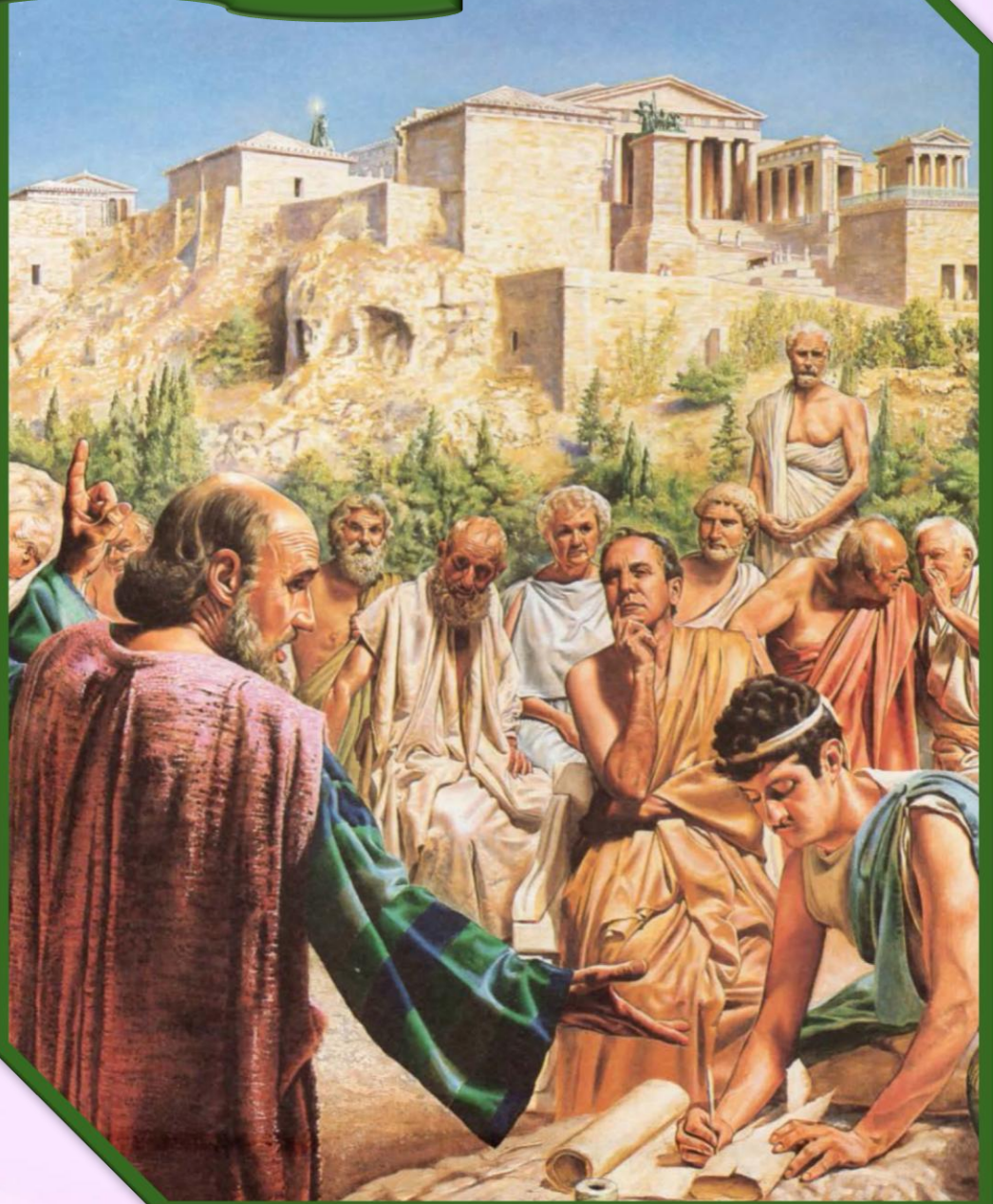
They see that their singing or playing of an instrument is spiritually encouraging to others.



1 Chronicles 25:1



Acts 17:16-21



THE GIFT OF ADAPTATION

This gift consists of ministering with ease in a culture, ethnicity, or language that is not your own.

-  **They have an intense spirit of concern for all the unconverted people in the world.**
-  **They adapt themselves and Bible principles to different environments, being sensitive to different cultures.**
-  **They have the ability to reach groups of people of different ethnicity, language, or cultural background.**
-  **They can establish meaningful relationships with people of other nationalities or cultures.**
-  **They want to minister to unreached people in other communities or countries.**



THE GIFT OF SOCIAL MEDIA

This gift consists of using social networks in a new and attractive way to transmit the gospel effectively.



They know how to attract people and communicate the message to them using the different forms of non-face-to-face communication.



They adapt themselves and biblical principles to the types of readers or listeners who will visualize their messages.



They have the ability to reach specific groups of people who would not receive the gospel through other means.



They can use various media such as the Internet, radio, television, mobile applications, etc.



They spend time preparing the necessary material and study the needs of those they wish to reach.





God has different ways of working, and He has different workmen to whom He entrusts varied gifts. One worker may be a ready speaker; another a ready writer; another may have the gift of sincere, earnest, fervent prayer; another the gift of singing; another may have special power to explain the word of God with clearness. And each gift is to become a power for God, because He works with the laborer. To one God gives the word of wisdom, to another knowledge, to another faith; but all are to work under the same Head. The diversity of gifts leads to a diversity of operations; but “it is the same God which worketh all in all.” [1 Corinthians 12:6.]. GW 483.1

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