

# Unpacking the Gifts

1 Cor. 12:27-31, Eph. 4:7-11 (Series: Spiritual Gifts in the Church)  
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- Two incorrect extremes to approaching spiritual gifts.
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## ➤ Gifts in 1 Corinthians 12 (Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> letter) as "manifestations of

the \_\_\_\_\_"

- utterance of wisdom* (8b)
- utterance of knowledge*
- faith* (v 9a)
- gifts of healing* (v 9b)
- working of miracles* (v 10a)
- prophecy* (v 10b)
- ability to distinguish between spirits* (v 10c)
- various kinds of tongues* (v 10d)
- interpretation of tongues* (v 10e)

## ➤ Gifts in Roman 12 (Paul's 5<sup>th</sup> letter) as activities in which to

- \_\_\_\_\_
- 1) Gifts of prophecy (in the sense of forthtelling not just foretelling) (6b)
  - Activity of teaching (7b)
  - Activity of exhortation (8a)
- 2) Gifts of service (7a)
  - Activity of giving (8b)
  - Activity of leadership (8c)
  - Activity of showing mercy (8d)

## ➤ Gifts in 1 Cor. 12:28 (Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> letter) as examples of the

\_\_\_\_\_ of "parts of the body"

- 1) first apostles,
- 2) second prophets,
- 3) third teachers,
- 4) then miracles,
- 5) then gifts of healing,
- 6) helping,
- 7) administrating, and
- 8) various kinds of tongues

## ➤ Gifts in Eph. 4:11 (Paul's 7<sup>th</sup> letter) as roles in the church to

serve Christ's \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) And he gave the apostles,
- 2) the prophets,
- 3) the evangelists,
- 4) the shepherds and teachers,

## ➤ Christ's gift by \_\_\_\_\_ serves His purposes (Eph. 4:1-7, 12-13)

- Equipping the saints for the work of ministry (v. 11-12)
- So all attain "\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_"
- So all attain "\_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of God,"
- So all attain "\_\_\_\_\_ manhood, to the measure of the stature of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ..."

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- *faith* (v 9a)
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- *prophecy* (v 10b)
- *ability to distinguish between spirits* (v 10c)
- *various kinds of tongues* (v 10d)
- *interpretation of tongues* (v 10e)

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- 2) Gifts of service (7a)
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  - 3) the evangelists,
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- Equipping the saints for the work of ministry (v. 11-12)
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  - So all attain "**knowledg** of the Son of God,"
  - So all attain "**mature** manhood, to the measure of the stature of the **fullness** of Christ..."