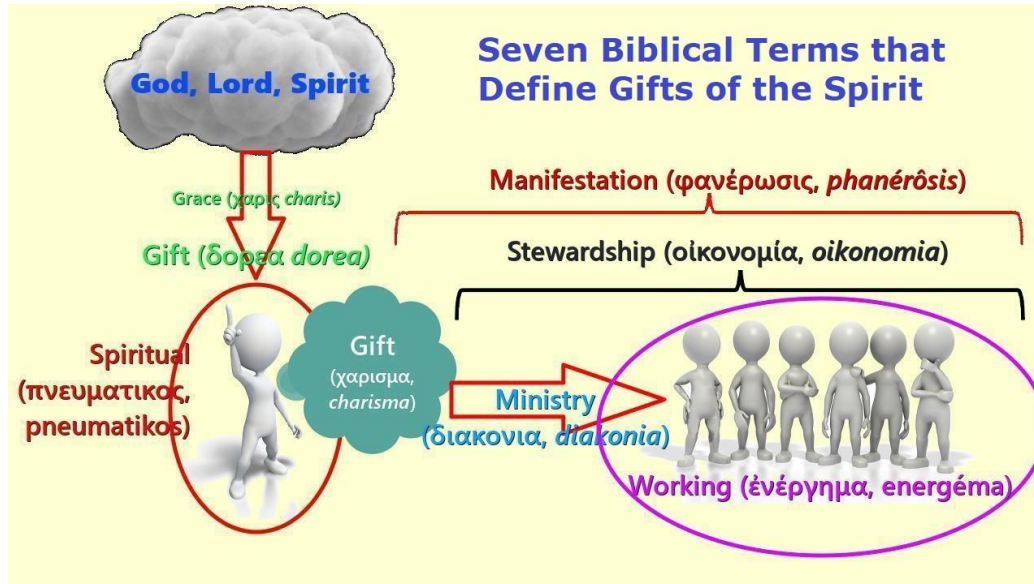


OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS
Session 1: Seven Biblical Terms
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Learning objectives

- Identify 'gifted' Christians.
- Know seven key NT terms for 'gift'.
- Explain how these terms interact.
- Relate spiritual gifts to the Trinity.

Preliminary: Who has a spiritual gift?

1 Cor. 12⁶ The same God ... works all things in all persons. ⁷ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. NASB2000

Query: What were the results from the gifts inventories that you took?

1 Pet. 4 10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God.

Query: What does 'multifaceted' imply about God's grace?

1. Free gift (δωρεά, dorea)

Eph. 3⁷ I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.

Query: How does someone qualify to become a Christian minister/worker?

Eph. 4⁷ To each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Query: How much or how many gifts does each one receive?

14 Free gifts from God (<https://youtu.be/OiBMYPGHi-E>)

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| 1. The gospel | 8. Marriage |
| 2. Grace | 9. Wisdom |
| 3. Redemption | 10. Spiritual gifts |
| 4. Righteousness | 11. Power over evil |
| 5. Everlasting life | 12. Daily needs |
| 6. His Holy Spirit | 13. Self control |
| 7. Repentance | 14. Kingdom life |

2. Spiritual gift (πνευματικός, pneumatikos)

1 Cor. 12¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be unaware.

Pneuma = spirit, -tikos = quality

Alternative: Spiritually-gifted individuals.

Query: What danger does this verse try to avoid? (Literally, 'ignorant').

1 Cor. 14³⁷ If anyone thinks that he is a prophet or spiritual, [then] let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment.

Query: What is a better guide to discern God's truth and will?

3. Gift of grace (χάρισμα, charisma)

Rom. 12⁶ Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to use them properly.

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Grace: *charis* (cause). Gift: *charisma* (effect).

Query: How can I get the gift that I want? The gift that I need?

1 Cor. 12⁴ There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1 Pet. 4¹⁰ As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God.

Query: How much respect do others owe me for my gifts?

4. Ministry (διακονία, diakonia)

1 Cor. 12⁵ There are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.

Eph. 3⁷ I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me.

Query: What is the primary qualification to serve in a church?

5. Working (ἐνέργημα, energéma)

1 Cor. 12⁶ There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.

Query: What can we do to make our ministry more effective?

- Prayer, music, worship?
- Advertise? Canvas?
- Feed the homeless?

1 Cor. 12¹⁰ ... and to another the effecting of miracles [dynamis].

Literally: "effects of miracles." In the New Testament there are four kinds of miracle:

- Multiply food.
- Heal the sick.
- Raise the dead.
- Cast out evil spirits.

6. Manifestation (φανέρωσις, phanérôsis)

1 Cor. 12⁷ To each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Query: How can one 'see' the Holy Spirit at work?

Query: Who in our church manifests the Holy Spirit?

7. Stewardship (οἰκονομία, oikonomia)

Eph. 3² You have heard of the administration of God's grace which was given to me for you.

1 Pet. 4¹⁰ As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God.

1 Cor. 4² It is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

Query: How can we know whether we are stewarding our gift(s)?

- Are we active?
- Do we have joy?
- Are others well served?
- Are others growing?

The Trinity in our spiritual gifts

1 Cor. 12⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts [charisma], but the same Spirit. ⁵ And there are varieties of ministries [diakonia], and the same Lord. ⁶ There are varieties of effects [energēma], but the same God who works all things in all persons.

Draw some practical implications

- The Holy Spirit manifest himself in Christians by his grace gifts.
- The Lord Jesus ministers to his Bride by coordinating ministries.
- God the Father brings about results by working through all Christians.
- We enjoy God more by serving one another as a Christian community.

Therefore

Let us be active in the Body of Christ, especially in mini-churches that remain free to obey together all Jesus' commandments, under gifted leaders. Daughter churches birthed by mother churches, father servants empowering son servants.