**Women of Warfare “WOW”**

**“Your Spiritual Gift” by Connie Stoffel**

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***Last week:***

“Many lessons will be taught to you before

 they can be taught through you!”

The last two weeks we talked about discernment and what that looks like through scripture.

“Different battles require different weapons,

***but discernment is always necessary!”***

We talked last week about the 4 things discernment does:

1. It acts as a means of protection, guarding us from being deceived spiritually. **(In other words, it protects us from being blown away by the winds of teaching that could throw us off-course.)**
2. Discernment also acts as an instrument of healing. **(Discernment can be the surgical scalpel in our spiritual surgery that makes healing possible.)**
3. Discernment functions as a key to Christian freedom. **(The zealous but undiscerning Christian becomes enslaved to others; we find ourselves in difficulty doing what we thought was, “good” but it wasn’t God.)** False Compassion.
4. Finally, discernment serves as a catalyst to spiritual development and growth. **(A wise woman of God can receive counsel from others, not dead set to having her own way. She listens to her mentors in Christ, not the gossip of others.)**

 See Page 13: RULES TO LIVE BY REGARDING DISCERNMENT:

***Tonight:***

[***1 Corinthians 12:12-30***](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=1co+12:28-30)***:***

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

15 Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 28 And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

Paul lists just a few of the spiritual gifts and gifted persons in this passage:

 apostleship, prophecy, teaching, working of miracles, gifts of healing, helping, administrating, various kinds of tongues, interpretation of

 tongues.

Once again, Paul does not mention, define or describe the various these various gifts because we need to look at each one in context as we have the last few weeks, like we have the, “The Gift of Discernment.”

In this portion of scripture, Paul has just completed a long section where he used the “body of Christ” as a metaphor to encourage us as believers. He wants us to see ourselves as part of one another.

We need to also see that we need each other and that we are to work together for a common goal and a common purpose.

What is that purpose?

Paul wants us to recognize the importance of each WOW woman in this room and across our city, state and nation. We need to understand the necessity of each person’s gift to our body.

In this passage, Paul reminds his readers that it is God himself who chooses how to apportion the spiritual gifts. As believers we do not have the right nor the ability to choose our spiritual gifts. Especially those gifts that are stronger in our lives.

As WOW women, we do have the capacity and the potential of exercising any spiritual gift at any time, if God so desires.

Be READY always! Look at your belts of truth! Every gift and every fruit available.

However, at this point, Paul says that this is not the way to God generally works within a group of believers. Instead, God chooses the various gifts that a person should or should not exercise based upon his will in building the health of the church.

In a church we can have several that have the same gift…. so what do we do??

 We don’t take offense? God will make room for your gifts.

What can we learn from this list of spiritual gifts in context? ***GOD CHOOSES*** the gifts that he desires for each of us to exercise – we don’t choose.

God does not gift everyone in the same way but we all need to be available in every way.

**1Co 12:24** For G1161  our G2257  comely G2158  *parts* have G2192  no G3756  need: G5532  but G235  God G2316  hath tempered the body together, G4786 G3588 G4983  having given G1325  more abundant G4055  honour G5092  to that *part* which lacked: G5302  **1Co 12:25** That G2443  there should be G5600  no G3361  schism G4978  in G1722  the G3588  body; G4983  but G235  *that* the G3588  members G3196  should have the same care G3309 G3588 G846  one for another. G240 G5228

Let’s look at a couple of Words in the Greek here:

God hath TEMPERED THE BODY TOGETHER: good example in learning as we have 3 Greek words:

***G4786:*** συγκεράννυμι sugkerannumi *soong-ker-an'-noo-mee*

From G4862 and G2767; to *commingle*, that is, (figuratively) to *combine* or *assimilate:* - mix with, temper together.

***G3588:*** ὁ, ἡ, τό ho hē to *ho, hay, to* The masculine, feminine (second) and neuter (third) forms, in all their inflections; the definite article; *the* (sometimes to be supplied, at others omitted, in English idiom): - the, this, that, one, he, she, it, etc.

***G4983:*** σῶμα sōma *so'-mah* From G4982; the *body* (as a *sound* whole), used in a very wide application, literally or figuratively: - bodily, body, slave.

These gifts are amazing and greatly needed but I want to point out what I never hear mentioned with this portion of scripture.

**1Co 12:31** But G1161  covet earnestly G2206  the G3588  best G2909  gifts: G5486  and G2532  yet G2089  shew G1166  I unto you G5213  a more excellent G2596 G5236  way. G3598

***Covet Earnestly***: G2206: ζηλόω zēloō *dzay-lo'-o* From G2205; to *have warmth* of feeling for or against: - affect, covet (earnestly), (have) desire, (move with) envy, be jealous over, (be) zealous (-ly affect).

 ***G2205:*** ζῆλος zēlos *dzay'-los* From G2204; properly *heat*, that is, (figuratively) “zeal” (in a favorable sense, *ardor*; in an unfavorable one, *jealousy*, as of a husband [figuratively of God], or an enemy, *malice*): - emulation, envy (-ing), fervent mind, indignation, jealousy, zeal.

***Best:*** κρείττων kreittōn *krite'-tohn* Comparative of a derivative of G2904; *stronger*, that is, (figuratively) *better*, that is, *nobler:* - best, better.

***Gifts:*** G5486: χάρισμα charisma *char'-is-mah* From G5483; a (divine) *gratuity*, that is, *deliverance* (from danger or passion); (specifically) a (spiritual) *endowment*, that is, (subjectively) religious *qualification*, or (objectively) miraculous *faculty:* - (free) gift.

So what are the best gifts that we should covet earnestly?

**13 “**If I speak in the tongues[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+13&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28667a)] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. **2**If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. **3**If I give all I possess to the poorand give over my body to hardship that I may boast,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+13&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28669b)] but do not have love, I gain nothing.

**4**Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5**It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6**Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7**It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

**8**Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. **9**For we know in part and we prophesy in part, **10**but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. **11**When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. **12**For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

**13**And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.**”**

I have listed it here with the Greek for study:

**1Co 13:1** Though G1437  I speak G2980  with the G3588  tongues G1100  of men G444  and G2532  of angels, G32  and G1161  have G2192  not G3361  charity, G26  I am become G1096  *as* sounding G2278  brass, G5475  or G2228  a tinkling G214  cymbal. G2950

**1Co 13:2** And G2532  though G1437  I have G2192  *the gift of* prophecy, G4394  and G2532  understand G1492  all G3956  mysteries, G3466  and G2532  all G3956  knowledge; G1108  and G2532  though G1437  I have G2192  all G3956  faith, G4102  so that G5620  I could remove G3179  mountains, G3735  and G1161  have G2192  not G3361  charity, G26  I am G1510  nothing. G3762

**1Co 13:3** And G2532  though G1437  I bestow all my goods to feed G5595 G3956 G3450 G5224  *the poor,* and G2532  though G1437  I give G3860  my G3450  body G4983  to G2443  be burned, G2545  and G2532  have G2192  not G3361  charity, G26  it profiteth G5623  me nothing. G3762

**1Co 13:4** Charity G26  suffereth long, G3114  *and* is kind; G5541  charity G26  envieth G2206  not; G3756  charity G26  vaunteth not itself, G4068 G3756  is not G3756  puffed up, G5448

**1Co 13:5** Doth not G3756  behave itself unseemly, G807  seeketh G2212  not G3756  her own, G1438  is not G3756  easily provoked, G3947  thinketh G3049  no G3756  evil; G2556

**1Co 13:6** Rejoiceth G5463  not G3756  in G1909  iniquity, G93  but G1161  rejoiceth G4796  in the G3588  truth; G225

**1Co 13:7** Beareth G4722  all things, G3956  believeth G4100  all things, G3956  hopeth G1679  all things, G3956  endureth G5278  all things. G3956

**1Co 13:8** Charity G26  never G3763  faileth: G1601  but G1161  whether G1535  *there be* prophecies, G4394  they shall fail; G2673  whether G1535  *there be* tongues, G1100  they shall cease; G3973  whether G1535  *there be* knowledge, G1108  it shall vanish away. G2673

**1Co 13:9** For G1063  we know G1097  in G1537  part, G3313  and G2532  we prophesy G4395  in G1537  part. G3313

**1Co 13:10** But G1161  when G3752  that which is perfect G5046  is come, G2064  then G5119  that G3588  which is in G1537  part G3313  shall be done away. G2673

**1Co 13:11** When G3753  I was G2252  a child, G3516  I spake G2980  as G5613  a child, G3516  I understood G5426  as G5613  a child, G3516  I thought G3049  as G5613  a child: G3516  but G1161  when G3753  I became G1096  a man, G435  I put away G2673  childish things. G3588 G3516

**1Co 13:12** For G1063  now G737  we see G991  through G1223  a glass, G2072  darkly; G1722 G135  but G1161  then G5119  face G4383  to G4314  face: G4383  now G737  I know G1097  in G1537  part; G3313  but G1161  then G5119  shall I know G1921  even as G2531  also G2532  I am known. G1921

**1Co 13:13** And G1161  now G3570  abideth G3306  faith, G4102  hope, G1680  charity, G26  these G5023  three; G5140  but G1161  the greatest G3187  of these G5130  *is* charity. G26

The difficulty for us in this modern age is that there is a chapter division between 12:31 and 13:1, so we tend to think that 12:31 wraps-up the discussion of spiritual gifts in Chapter 12 and that Chapter 13 begins a whole new topic.  **Not True!**

Paul did not write a big 13 in the middle of his letter, he wrote it as one continuous text. Therefore, I think it is wrong to try to figure out from 12:31 which of the previously listed gifts are greater.

Something for us to think about:

From just reading 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, if I were to view it as a modern church, which I don’t, but if I were…. I would call it a dysfunctional charismatic congregation.

What Paul is contesting here is a mindset that is in the modern day church, a lot, not always, but a lot seems to operate in. That mindset is that of ‘my gift is greater than your gift’ and this is just improper and goes against the Word in its fullness.

So many scriptures taken out of context.

 Tongues will cease: whole doctrines based on this

What is Paul establishing here?

Without love, all these gifts are clanging gongs and clashing cymbals; noisy but not edifying.

So I want to impress this on you tonight in this class:

**“Make sure that instead of seeking after specific gifts to impress others with our spirituality, we should seek first the Gift Giver, the Kingdom of God and then the we are to desire the greatest gifts which are faith hope and love.”**

We should earnestly strive to:

* love the people who are unworthy of our love, as Jesus did;
* we should love the people who hate us, as Zacchaeus did;
* we should love without hesitation, as Joseph of Arimathea did.
* We should love a self-sacrificing, burden-sharing love that lifts sinners into sainthood and that lifts saints into glory.

***If we seek to love in this perfect way, any gift the Spirit gives us to accomplish that love is a ‘greater gift.’***

All of the gifts in 1 Corinthians Chapter 12 Paul considered lesser gifts, and the greater gifts come only through an earnest desire to love.

Some feel Paul was referring to greater gifts as he ended Chapter 12 but perhaps Paul’s reason for not listing the greater gifts:

* is it because the one who seeks to love first is the one who is blessed by the “receiving of gifts” and this matters more to them than “the giving of gifts???”

**Could Be???**

I believe that in 12:31, Paul is looking forward, not backward. The greater gifts are faith, hope, and love; and the greatest gift is love.

Ladies, all I know is that if you truly loved me as a friend, despite my many flaws, I would like that a lot more than if I heard you speak in tongues, prophesy the future, or teach me other doctrines. Without love, your tongues are noise, your prophecy is coincidence, your doctrines are just interesting opinions.

***With love, they are all transformed.***

***Administration***

The gift of administration is the divine strength or ability to organize multiple tasks and groups of people to accomplish these tasks.

[*Luke 14:28-30*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Luke%2014.28-30)*;*[*Acts 6:1-7*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%206.1-7)*;*[*1 Corinthians 12:28*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor%2012.28)

***Apostleship***

The gift of apostleship is the divine strength or ability to pioneer new churches and ministries through planting, overseeing, and training.

[*Acts 15:22-35*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%2015.22-35)*;*[*1 Corinthians 12:28*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor%2012.28)*;*[*2 Corinthians 12:12*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Cor%2012.12)*;*[*Galatians 2:7-10*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gal%202.7-10)*;*[*Ephesians 4:11-14*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph%204.11-14)

***Craftsmanship***

The gift of craftsmanship is the divine strength or ability to plan, build, and work with your hands in construction environments to accomplish multiple ministry applications.

[*Exodus 30:22*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Exod%2030.22)*,*[*31:3-11*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Exodus%2031.3-11)*;*[*2 Chronicles 34:9-13*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Chron%2034.9-13)*;*[*Acts 18:2-3*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%2018.2-3)

***Discernment***

The gift of discernment is the divine strength or ability to spiritually identify falsehood, to distinguish between right and wrong motives and the spiritual forces at work in situations.

[*Matthew 16:21-23*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Matt%2016.21-23)*;*[*Acts 5:1-11*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%205.1-11)*,*[*16:16-18*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%2016.16-18)*;*[*1 Corinthians 12:10*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor%2012.10)*;*[*1 John 4:1-6*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20John%204.1-6)

***Evangelism***

The gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to help non-Christians take the necessary steps to becoming a born-again Christian.

[*Acts 8:5-6*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%208.5-6)*,*[*8:26-40*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%208.26-40)*,*[*14:21*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%2014.21)*,*[*21:8*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%2021.8)*;*[*Ephesians 4:11-14*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph%204.11-14)

***Exhortation***

The gift of exhortation is the divine strength or ability to strengthen, comfort or urge others to action through the written or spoken word and Biblical truth.

[*Acts 14:22*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%2014.22)*;*[*Romans 12:8*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom%2012.8)*;*[*1 Timothy 4:13*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Tim%204.13)*;*[*Hebrews 10:24-25*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%2010.24-25)

***Faith***

The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe in God for unseen supernatural results in every arena of life.

[*Acts 11:22-24*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%2011.22-24)*;*[*Romans 4:18-21*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom%204.18-21)*;*[*1 Corinthians 12:9*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor%2012.9)*; Hebrews 11*

***Giving***

The gift of giving is the divine strength or ability to produce wealth and to give by tithes and offerings for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God on earth.

[*Mark 12:41-44*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Mark%2012.41-44)*;*[*Romans 12:8*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom%2012.8)*;*[*2 Corinthians 8:1-7*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Cor%208.1-7)*,*[*9:2-7*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Corinthians%209.2-7)[*65*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Corinthians%209.65)

***Healing***

The gift of healing is the divine strength or ability to act as an intermediary in faith, prayer, and by the laying-on of hands for the healing of physical, mental and spiritual sickness.

[*Acts 3:1-10*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%203.1-10)*,*[*9:32-35*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%209.32-35)*,*[*28:7-10*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%2028.7-10)*;*[*1 Corinthians 12:9*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor%2012.9)*,*[*28*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Corinthians%2012.28)

***Helps***

The gift of helps is the divine strength or ability to work in a supportive role for the accomplishment of tasks in Christian ministry with the ability to often see the need before others do.

[*Mark 15:40-41*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Mark%2015.40-41)*;*[*Acts 9:36*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%209.36)*;*[*Romans 16:1-2*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom%2016.1-2)*;*[*1 Corinthians 12:28*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor%2012.28)

***Hospitality***

The gift of hospitality is the divine strength or ability to create warm, welcoming environments for others in places such as your home, office, or church.

[*Acts 16:14-15*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%2016.14-15)*;*[*Romans 12:13*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom%2012.13)*,*[*16:23*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Romans%2016.23)*;*[*Hebrews 13:1-2*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%2013.1-2)*;*[*1 Peter 4:9*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Pet%204.9)

***Intercession***

The gift of intercession is the divine strength or ability to stand in the gap in prayer for someone, something, or someplace, believing for profound results.

[*Hebrews 7:25*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%207.25)*;*[*Colossians 1:9-12*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Col%201.9-12)*,*[*4:12-13*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Colossians%204.12-13)*;*[*James 5:14-16*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/James%205.14-16)

***Word of Knowledge***

The gift of knowledge is the divine strength or ability to bring truth to a situation by supernatural revelation. This is often accompanied by a word from God.

[*Acts 5:1-11*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%205.1-11)*;*[*1 Corinthians 12:8*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor%2012.8)*;*[*Colossians 2:2-3*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Col%202.2-3)

***Leadership***

The gift of leadership is the divine strength or ability to influence people at their level while directing and focusing them on the big picture, vision, or idea.

[*Romans 12:8*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom%2012.8)*;*[*1 Timothy 3:1-13*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Tim%203.1-13)*,*[*5:17*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Timothy%205.17)*;*[*Hebrews 13:17*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%2013.17)

***Mercy***

The gift of mercy is the divine strength or ability to feel empathy and to care for those who are hurting in any way.

[*Matthew 9:35-36*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Matt%209.35-36)*;*[*Mark 9:41*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Mark%209.41)*;*[*Romans 12:8*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom%2012.8)*;*[*1 Thess. 5:14*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Thess.%205.14)

***Miracles***

The gift of miracles is the divine strength or ability to alter the natural outcomes of life in a supernatural way through prayer, faith, and divine direction.

[*Acts 9:36-42*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%209.36-42)*,*[*19:11-12*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%2019.11-12)*,*[*20:7-12*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%2020.7-12)*;*[*Romans 15:18-19*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom%2015.18-19)*;*[*1 Corinthians 12:10*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor%2012.10)*,*[*28*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Corinthians%2012.28)

***Pastor/Shepherd***

The gift of pastor/shepherd is the divine strength or ability to care for the personal needs of others by nurturing and mending life issues.

[*John 10:1-18*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%2010.1-18)*;*[*Ephesians 4:11-14*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph%204.11-14)*;*[*1 Timothy 3:1-7*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Tim%203.1-7)*;*[*1 Peter 5:1-3*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Pet%205.1-3)

***Prophecy***

The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to communicate God’s truth and heart in a way that calls people to a right relationship with God.

[*Acts 2:37-40*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%202.37-40)*,*[*7:51-53*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%207.51-53)*,*[*26:24-29*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%2026.24-29)*;*[*1 Corinthians 14:1-4*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor%2014.1-4)*;*[*1 Thessalonians 1:5*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Thess%201.5)

***Service***

The gift of serving is the divine strength or ability to do small or great tasks in working for the overall good of the body of Christ.

[*Acts 6:1-7*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%206.1-7)*;*[*Romans 12:7*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom%2012.7)*;*[*Galatians 6:10*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gal%206.10)*;*[*1 Timothy 1:16-18*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Tim%201.16-18)*;*[*Titus 3:14*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Titus%203.14)

***Teaching***

The gift of teaching is the divine strength or ability to study and learn from the Scriptures primarily to bring understanding and depth to other Christians.

[*Acts 18:24-28*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%2018.24-28)*,*[*20:20-21*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%2020.20-21)*;*[*1 Corinthians 12:28*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor%2012.28)*;*[*Ephesians 4:11-14*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph%204.11-14)

***Tongues (and Interpretation)***

The gift of tongues is the divine strength or ability to pray in a heavenly language to encourage your spirit and to commune with God. The gift of tongues is often accompanied by interpretation and should be used appropriately.

[*Acts 2:1-13*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%202.1-13)*;*[*1 Corinthians 12:10*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor%2012.10)*,*[*14:1-14*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Corinthians%2014.1-14)

***Word of Wisdom***

The gift of wisdom is the divine strength or ability to understand and to bring clarity to situations and circumstances often through applying the truths of Scripture in a practical way.

[*Acts 6:3*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%206.3)*,*[*10*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%206.10)*;*[*1 Corinthians 2:6-13*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor%202.6-13)*,*[*12:8*](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Corinthians%2012.8)