**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**](verseid:46.12.24) For [G1161](num:G1161)  our [G2257](num:G2257)  comely [G2158](num:G2158)  *parts* have [G2192](num:G2192)  no [G3756](num:G3756)  need: [G5532](num:G5532)  but [G235](num:G235)  God [G2316](num:G2316)  hath tempered the body together, [G4786](num:G4786) [G3588](num:G3588) [G4983](num:G4983)  having given [G1325](num:G1325)  more abundant [G4055](num:G4055)  honour [G5092](num:G5092)  to that *part* which lacked: [G5302](num:G5302)  [**1Co 12:25**](verseid:46.12.25) That [G2443](num:G2443)  there should be [G5600](num:G5600)  no [G3361](num:G3361)  schism [G4978](num:G4978)  in [G1722](num:G1722)  the [G3588](num:G3588)  body; [G4983](num:G4983)  but [G235](num:G235)  *that* the [G3588](num:G3588)  members [G3196](num:G3196)  should have the same care [G3309](num:G3309) [G3588](num:G3588) [G846](num:G846)  one for another. [G240](num:G240) [G5228](num: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](num:G4862) and [G2767](num: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](num: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**](verseid:46.12.31) But [G1161](num:G1161)  covet earnestly [G2206](num:G2206)  the [G3588](num:G3588)  best [G2909](num:G2909)  gifts: [G5486](num:G5486)  and [G2532](num:G2532)  yet [G2089](num:G2089)  shew [G1166](num:G1166)  I unto you [G5213](num:G5213)  a more excellent [G2596](num:G2596) [G5236](num:G5236)  way. [G3598](num:G3598)

***Covet Earnestly***: G2206: ζηλόω zēloō *dzay-lo'-o* From [G2205](num: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](num: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](num:G2904); *stronger*, that is, (figuratively) *better*, that is, *nobler:* - best, better.

***Gifts:*** G5486: χάρισμα charisma *char'-is-mah* From [G5483](num: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**](verseid:46.13.1) Though [G1437](num:G1437)  I speak [G2980](num:G2980)  with the [G3588](num:G3588)  tongues [G1100](num:G1100)  of men [G444](num:G444)  and [G2532](num:G2532)  of angels, [G32](num:G32)  and [G1161](num:G1161)  have [G2192](num:G2192)  not [G3361](num:G3361)  charity, [G26](num:G26)  I am become [G1096](num:G1096)  *as* sounding [G2278](num:G2278)  brass, [G5475](num:G5475)  or [G2228](num:G2228)  a tinkling [G214](num:G214)  cymbal. [G2950](num:G2950)

[**1Co 13:2**](verseid:46.13.2) And [G2532](num:G2532)  though [G1437](num:G1437)  I have [G2192](num:G2192)  *the gift of* prophecy, [G4394](num:G4394)  and [G2532](num:G2532)  understand [G1492](num:G1492)  all [G3956](num:G3956)  mysteries, [G3466](num:G3466)  and [G2532](num:G2532)  all [G3956](num:G3956)  knowledge; [G1108](num:G1108)  and [G2532](num:G2532)  though [G1437](num:G1437)  I have [G2192](num:G2192)  all [G3956](num:G3956)  faith, [G4102](num:G4102)  so that [G5620](num:G5620)  I could remove [G3179](num:G3179)  mountains, [G3735](num:G3735)  and [G1161](num:G1161)  have [G2192](num:G2192)  not [G3361](num:G3361)  charity, [G26](num:G26)  I am [G1510](num:G1510)  nothing. [G3762](num:G3762)

[**1Co 13:3**](verseid:46.13.3) And [G2532](num:G2532)  though [G1437](num:G1437)  I bestow all my goods to feed [G5595](num:G5595) [G3956](num:G3956) [G3450](num:G3450) [G5224](num:G5224)  *the poor,* and [G2532](num:G2532)  though [G1437](num:G1437)  I give [G3860](num:G3860)  my [G3450](num:G3450)  body [G4983](num:G4983)  to [G2443](num:G2443)  be burned, [G2545](num:G2545)  and [G2532](num:G2532)  have [G2192](num:G2192)  not [G3361](num:G3361)  charity, [G26](num:G26)  it profiteth [G5623](num:G5623)  me nothing. [G3762](num:G3762)

[**1Co 13:4**](verseid:46.13.4) Charity [G26](num:G26)  suffereth long, [G3114](num:G3114)  *and* is kind; [G5541](num:G5541)  charity [G26](num:G26)  envieth [G2206](num:G2206)  not; [G3756](num:G3756)  charity [G26](num:G26)  vaunteth not itself, [G4068](num:G4068) [G3756](num:G3756)  is not [G3756](num:G3756)  puffed up, [G5448](num:G5448)

[**1Co 13:5**](verseid:46.13.5) Doth not [G3756](num:G3756)  behave itself unseemly, [G807](num:G807)  seeketh [G2212](num:G2212)  not [G3756](num:G3756)  her own, [G1438](num:G1438)  is not [G3756](num:G3756)  easily provoked, [G3947](num:G3947)  thinketh [G3049](num:G3049)  no [G3756](num:G3756)  evil; [G2556](num:G2556)

[**1Co 13:6**](verseid:46.13.6) Rejoiceth [G5463](num:G5463)  not [G3756](num:G3756)  in [G1909](num:G1909)  iniquity, [G93](num:G93)  but [G1161](num:G1161)  rejoiceth [G4796](num:G4796)  in the [G3588](num:G3588)  truth; [G225](num:G225)

[**1Co 13:7**](verseid:46.13.7) Beareth [G4722](num:G4722)  all things, [G3956](num:G3956)  believeth [G4100](num:G4100)  all things, [G3956](num:G3956)  hopeth [G1679](num:G1679)  all things, [G3956](num:G3956)  endureth [G5278](num:G5278)  all things. [G3956](num:G3956)

[**1Co 13:8**](verseid:46.13.8) Charity [G26](num:G26)  never [G3763](num:G3763)  faileth: [G1601](num:G1601)  but [G1161](num:G1161)  whether [G1535](num:G1535)  *there be* prophecies, [G4394](num:G4394)  they shall fail; [G2673](num:G2673)  whether [G1535](num:G1535)  *there be* tongues, [G1100](num:G1100)  they shall cease; [G3973](num:G3973)  whether [G1535](num:G1535)  *there be* knowledge, [G1108](num:G1108)  it shall vanish away. [G2673](num:G2673)

[**1Co 13:9**](verseid:46.13.9) For [G1063](num:G1063)  we know [G1097](num:G1097)  in [G1537](num:G1537)  part, [G3313](num:G3313)  and [G2532](num:G2532)  we prophesy [G4395](num:G4395)  in [G1537](num:G1537)  part. [G3313](num:G3313)

[**1Co 13:10**](verseid:46.13.10) But [G1161](num:G1161)  when [G3752](num:G3752)  that which is perfect [G5046](num:G5046)  is come, [G2064](num:G2064)  then [G5119](num:G5119)  that [G3588](num:G3588)  which is in [G1537](num:G1537)  part [G3313](num:G3313)  shall be done away. [G2673](num:G2673)

[**1Co 13:11**](verseid:46.13.11) When [G3753](num:G3753)  I was [G2252](num:G2252)  a child, [G3516](num:G3516)  I spake [G2980](num:G2980)  as [G5613](num:G5613)  a child, [G3516](num:G3516)  I understood [G5426](num:G5426)  as [G5613](num:G5613)  a child, [G3516](num:G3516)  I thought [G3049](num:G3049)  as [G5613](num:G5613)  a child: [G3516](num:G3516)  but [G1161](num:G1161)  when [G3753](num:G3753)  I became [G1096](num:G1096)  a man, [G435](num:G435)  I put away [G2673](num:G2673)  childish things. [G3588](num:G3588) [G3516](num:G3516)

[**1Co 13:12**](verseid:46.13.12) For [G1063](num:G1063)  now [G737](num:G737)  we see [G991](num:G991)  through [G1223](num:G1223)  a glass, [G2072](num:G2072)  darkly; [G1722](num:G1722) [G135](num:G135)  but [G1161](num:G1161)  then [G5119](num:G5119)  face [G4383](num:G4383)  to [G4314](num:G4314)  face: [G4383](num:G4383)  now [G737](num:G737)  I know [G1097](num:G1097)  in [G1537](num:G1537)  part; [G3313](num:G3313)  but [G1161](num:G1161)  then [G5119](num:G5119)  shall I know [G1921](num:G1921)  even as [G2531](num:G2531)  also [G2532](num:G2532)  I am known. [G1921](num:G1921)

[**1Co 13:13**](verseid:46.13.13) And [G1161](num:G1161)  now [G3570](num:G3570)  abideth [G3306](num:G3306)  faith, [G4102](num:G4102)  hope, [G1680](num:G1680)  charity, [G26](num:G26)  these [G5023](num:G5023)  three; [G5140](num:G5140)  but [G1161](num:G1161)  the greatest [G3187](num:G3187)  of these [G5130](num:G5130)  *is* charity. [G26](num: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)