

## Abide Part 16: Roles in the Church (2-3-2019)

**Review:** The Gifts are for Today, & we use them in Love by walking in: Humility, Unity, Responsibility, & Honor

- God desires that we not be ignorant, lack understanding or ignore His Gifts for us
- His desire is that the diversity of gifts be available to all as needed to benefit the whole body

**We have covered most of “The Spiritual Gifts” listed in Romans 12 & 1 Corinthians 12 the last 2 weeks.**

**Today:** We will complete the Spiritual Gifts & discuss the Ministry Roles mentioned in Ephesians 4

### The Primary Passages Listing the Spiritual Gifts

#### **Romans 12:6-8 (ESV)**

(6) Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; (7) if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; (8) the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

#### **1 Corinthians 12:8-10 (ESV)**

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#### **1 Corinthians 12:28 (ESV)**

(28) And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.

#### **Ephesians 4:11-12 (ESV)**

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### **The Gifts Continued . . .**

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- **Miracles** (working: energema - G1755 / miracles: dunamis – G1411) – 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28
  - **Working / Energema**
    - **Meaning:** Operation, effect, working (the idea is being “energized” by God’s Grace), same word as a verb: energeo - G1754: to be at work, active, effective, mighty.
    - **Examples:** (1 Cor. 12:6) diversity in operations, same God working in all. (Gal. 5:6) all that counts is faith working through love, (James 5:16) – effectual fervent prayer avails much.
  - **Miracles / Dunamis**
    - **Meaning:** Most often translated “power” (71) – also: mighty, miracles, strength. Miraculous power, might, strength, force, ability. To be able or capable.
    - **Examples:** (Luke 1:35) the power of the Holy Spirit that caused Mary to become pregnant with Jesus – **it was the how to her humble yes!** (Luke 4:14) after his temptation Jesus returns in the power of the Spirit, (Luke 8:46) power goes out of Jesus to heal the woman with the issue of blood, (Luke 9:1) Jesus gives power to his disciples to heal the sick & cast out devils, (Acts 1:8) Jesus promises the receiving of power from the Holy Spirit, (Romans 1:16) the gospel is the power of God for salvation, (Romans 15:13) **Our joy, peace, & hope are by the power of the Holy Spirit!**
  - **Examples: Energeo & Dunamis together:** (Matt. 14:2) worked in Jesus, (Ephesians 3:20) works in the life of a believer to understand the depth of the love of God, (Col. 1:28-29) works in Paul to bring others to full understanding of the gospel of Jesus.
- **Distinguish between spirits** (distinguish: diakrisis – G1253 / spirits: pneuma – G4151) – 1 Cor. 12:10
  - **Meaning: Distinguish / Diakrisis (noun) & diakrino (verb)** - discern, distinguish, judge, decide, separate or make a distinction.
  - **Meaning: Spirits / Pneuma** - wind, spirit, breath, essence, the disposition or influence that governs the soul.
  - **Examples of Discernment:** (Heb 5:14) maturing in the faith, eating meat and no longer milk, and having discernment, (1 Cor. 11:31) self examination, (1 Cor. 14:29) discern prophecy.
  - **The negative side of discernment is doubt.** When misapplied we can miss out on what God has for us! (James 1:6) ask in faith not doubting, (Matt 21:21) Jesus says we can move mountains, (Romans 4:16-23) Abraham believed the promise of Isaac even at his old age.

- **Various kinds of Tongues** (various: genos – G1085 / tongues: glossa – G1100) – 1 Cor. 12:10, 28
  - **Meaning: Tongues / Glossa** – tongue (the body part), language or speech,
  - **Paul mentions “various” tongues:** genos – kind, family, lineage, nation
    - 1 Cor. 12:10 (various tongues)
  - **Jesus mentions a “new” tongue:** kainos – G2537 – new, fresh, unused, novel, unprecedented
    - Mark 16:17 (new tongues), 2 Cor. 5:17 (new creation), Luke 5:38 (new wine skin)
  - **Luke mentions “other” tongues:** heteros – G2087 – other, another, different
    - Acts 2:4 (other tongues)
  - **Examples:**
    - **Foreign Language** – a known foreign language, but previously un-known to you
      - Acts 2:11 (at Pentecost)
    - **Un-Known prayer language** – for private prayer
      - 1 Cor. Chapter 14 (we will review this in detail next week)
    - **Un-known prayer language accompanied by interpretation** – for corporate prayer
      - Acts 10:46 (Gentiles receive HS: tongues & magnify God)
      - Acts 19:6 (Paul @ Ephesus – believers in John the Baptist, now accept Jesus & receive baptism of HS – tongues & prophecy)
      - 1 Cor. Chapter 14 (as mentioned above)
  
- **Interpretation of tongues** (Hermeneia – G2058) – 1 Cor. 12:10, 1 Cor. 14:26
  - **Meaning (hermeneia – G2058 noun):** translation, interpretation
  - **Meaning (hermeneuo – G2059 verb):** to interpret, to explain or expound, to translate
  - **Examples:** Interpreting unknown tongues (1 Cor. 12:10 & 1 Cor. 14:26), also used in NT to give the definition of a word: Peter means rock (John 1:42), Rabbi means master (John 1:38), Salem means peace (Hebrews 7:2), etc.

## The Roles

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**Notes: These 5 roles are for equipping** (complete, furnishing, to make fully ready) **the saints for:**

- **Work of the ministry:** deeds of service (deacons)
- **Building up the Body:** building, edifying, growth, (architecture or structure) of Jesus' body
  
- **Apostle** (Apostolos G652) – Ephesians 4:11, 1 Cor. 12:28
  - **Meaning:** a messenger, delegate, ambassador, one sent on a mission
  - **Examples:** The original 12 (Matt. 10:2), Paul & Barnabas (Acts 14:14), and others (Romans 16:7, Philippians 2:25), even Jesus himself (Hebrews 3:1).
  - **Modern Examples: Think Entrepreneur** – create new works: Church Planters & Missionaries
  
- **\*Prophet** (Prophetes G4396) – 1 Corinthians 12:28, Ephesians 4:11 (also see Gift of Prophecy)
  - **Meaning:** One who, moved by the Spirit of God and hence his organ or spokesman, solemnly declares to men what he has received by inspiration, especially concerning future events, and in particular such as relate to the cause and kingdom of God and to human salvation. In the religious assemblies of the Christians, they were moved by the Holy Spirit to speak, having power to instruct, comfort, encourage, rebuke, convict, and stimulate, their hearers.
  - **Examples:** Luke 7:26-28 (John the Baptist), Acts 15:32 (Judas & Silas – prophets who comfort & strengthen the church @ Antioch)
  
- **Evangelist** (Euaggelistes G2099) – Ephesians 4:11
  - **Meaning:** preacher of the gospel, bringer of good tidings, herald. Specifically bringing the gospel to the lost.
  - **Examples:** Philip (Acts 21:8) - He leads the Ethiopian to Jesus (Acts 8), Timothy was instructed to do the work of an evangelist (2 Tim. 4:5), Jesus (Luke 4:18). Used continually of Jesus & early disciples in the Gospels & Acts to describe the preaching of the gospel.

- **Shepherd** (Poimen G4166) – Ephesians 4:11
  - **Meaning:** shepherd, herdsman, pastor / verb: tending or caring for the sheep
  - **Examples:** Jesus moved with compassion (Matt. 9:36) & was the good shepherd (John 10:11), the shepherds who visited Jesus the night of his birth (Luke 2). Jesus' instruction to Peter (John 21:16) & Paul to the Ephesian elders (Acts 20:28): both are called to feed & care for the flock.
  
- **\*Teacher** (Didaskalos G1320) – 1 Corinthians 12:28, Ephesians 4:11 (also see Gift of Teaching)
  - **Meaning:** Instructor, Master, Doctor, Teacher - In the NT one who teaches concerning the things of God, and the duties of man.
  - **Examples:** Used to describe Jesus over 40 times (master or teacher), Hebrews 5:12 – we should grow into being teachers, not just those being fed milk.

**Conclusion:** Let's not be ignorant of these gifts, but opened to the Spirit of God to use us as He chooses to walk in His Power, motivated by His Love, in order to build-up and encourage others!