



# The Fruit and Gifts of the Spirit

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Galatians 5:16-26

Have you ever heard someone say, “She’s at the top of her class, she sings in the choir, and she’s captain of the swim team. She’s really quite gifted.” We often hear teachers, counselors, and researchers speak of gifted children. And we certainly rejoice if they’re talking about our children! But what about children who are not given the “gifted” label? Do they lack gifts?

Today we explore the biblical teaching on the “gifts of the Spirit” as well as the fruit that is a result of the presence of the Spirit in our lives. Keep in mind, that Christ instituted the means of grace as the unchanging instruments (gifts) by which He provides for our *spiritual* needs, working both our justification and sanctification. As means by which to serve the *material* needs of the Body of Christ, however, different gifts of the Spirit are given as circumstances require.

Romans 12:6-8	1 Co. 12:4-10	1 Co. 12:28
Serving	The message of Wisdom	Apostleship
Teaching	The message of Knowledge	Prophecy
Encouraging	Faith	Teaching
Contributing	Gifts of healing	Healing
Leading	Miraculous Powers	Helping Others
Showing Mercy	Prophecy	Administration
Distinguishing Spirits	Tongues	Interpreting Tongues

\*Material from “the Holy Spirit” by Kory Maas, CPH, 2002.

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