

Getting to Know the Holy Spirit- His Gifts in the Scriptures

^{NKJ} **Exodus 31:1** Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ² "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. ³ "And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all *manner of* workmanship, ⁴ "to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, ⁵ "in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all *manner of* workmanship.

^{NKJ} **Exodus 35:30** And Moses said to the children of Israel, "See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; ³¹ "and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship, ³² "to design artistic works, to work in gold and silver and bronze, ³³ "in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of artistic workmanship. ³⁴ "And He has put in his heart the ability to teach, *in* him and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. ³⁵ "He has filled them with skill to do all manner of work of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue, purple, and scarlet *thread*, and fine linen, and of the weaver -- those who do every work and those who design artistic work

^{NKJ} **Romans 12:3** For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. ⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it* in *our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

^{NKJ} **Ephesians 4:4** *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all. ⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." ⁹ (Now this, "He ascended" -- what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) ¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head -- Christ -- ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love

^{NKJ} **1 Peter 4:9** *Be* hospitable to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

See also: **1 Corinthians 12:1-31**

SPIRITUAL GIFT DESCRIPTIONS

ADMINISTRATION- Organize and execute plans to accomplish ministry goals. (1 Corinthians 12:28)

APOSTLESHIP- Start, revitalize or re-engineer a ministry to increase effectiveness (distinguished from the office of apostle which was foundational and is no longer operating- Ephesians 2:19-21)

CRAFTMANSHIP- Creatively design and/or construct items to be used in ministry (Exodus 31:3)

CREATIVE COMMUNICATION- Use the arts to communicate the message of Christ. (1 Peter 4:11)

DISCERNMENT- Exhibit the keen ability to distinguish between truth and error. (1 Corinthians 12:10)

EVANGELISM- Build relationships with unbelievers- engage in spiritual conversations to help them move toward a personal relationship with Jesus. (Ephesians 4:11)

EXHORTATION- Encourage and strengthen people through words of comfort, inspiration, and reassurance. (Romans 12:8)

FAITH- Demonstrate bold, peaceful, confidence in God that assures people of God's sovereignty. (1 Corinthians 12:9)

GIVING- Have joy in donating money and resources to advance ministry purposes. (Romans 12:7)

HEALING- Pray, touch, or speak words that bring spiritual, physical, or emotional healing to others. (1 Corinthians 12:28)

HELPS- Support a ministry project or another person by assisting in the accomplishment of ministry tasks. (1 Corinthians 12:28)

HOSPITALITY- Create a comfortable environment through food, housing, or relationships. (1 Peter 4:9-11)

INTERPRETATION- Make known to the body a message that was spoken in other languages. (1 Corinthians 12:10)

KNOWLEDGE- Bring truth to the church by revealing critical information or Biblical insight. (1 Corinthians 12:8)

LANGUAGES (Tongues)- Speak in a previously unknown language for the purpose of a sign to unbelievers and/or edification of the body through an interpretation. (1 Corinthians 12:7, 10; 14:22; Acts 2:1-18)

LEADERSHIP- Cast vision, motivate, and build teams to advance God's purposes. (Romans 12:8)

MERCY- Extend compassion to the poor and hurting so that they may experience God in practical ways. (Rom 12:8)

MIRACLES- Demonstrate God's authority through supernatural interventions that bring glory to God. (1 Corinthians 12:28)

PROPHECY- Provide guidance to others by proclaiming truth that causes correction, repentance, and/or edification. (1 Corinthians 12:10)

SHEPHERDING- Nurture, care for, and guide people toward spiritual maturity. (Ephesians 4:11)

TEACHING- Possess the ability to understand and clearly explain Biblical truth to help others apply it to their lives and grow in their faith walk. (Ephesians 4:11)

WISDOM- Apply spiritual truth effectively to meet a need in a specific situation. (1 Corinthians 12:8)