

## Day 28: The Gifts of the Spirit – Part 2

We started looking at the Gifts of the Spirit in Day 27. God equips His children with these gifts to implement the Great Commission in this world. The church is called “the Body of Christ,” and so, it’s only appropriate that we continue the work He started. Again, there are three classifications of the Gifts of the Spirit. In Day 27, we talked about the Gifts of Discernment. Today, we will study the Dynamic Gifts. What are the Dynamic Gifts? These gifts include, supernatural healings, acts of faith, and miracles.

Let’s start with the gift of healing. While we know God uses physicians, therapies, and medications, we also know He can bring supernatural healing in the church today to heal any disease, at any place, and at any time as it serves His purpose. As a matter of fact, in the New Testament, especially when it comes to healing, there is no one Jesus turns away, and there are no half healings. With the apostles, again, we even see some healed by Paul’s handkerchief (Acts 19:12) and the shadow of Peter healed the sick in Jerusalem (Acts 5). Here’s what we don’t see during the Apostolic Age: We don’t see stadium events that people have to pay to get into featuring your favorite healer. Very often these modern-day events draw more attention to the “healer” than they do to Jesus. What the “healers” don’t show you is the numbers of people that have serious diseases that come desperately but never make it onto the stage for their “healing”. That said, I have met people healed at these events that did not even go on the stage.

They were healed because of their faith, rather, than the ability of the one strutting and screaming! Also, note this, however, not everyone will receive healing. While we believe there is no accident or illness that Jesus can't heal today, we also recognize that not everyone will receive a physical healing on this earth. Examples include, but are not limited to, Paul, who in 2 Corinthians 12, is not given healing from the thorn in his flesh, and of Timothy, who had a chronic stomach ailment (1Timothy 5:23). Thus, as children of God we acknowledge that not all will receive physical healing on this earth, but we have confidence that God can heal any disease at any time, and that, "*All things work together for good to those who love God*" (Romans 8:28) .We also live with excited anticipation of receiving our perfect Heavenly bodies because "*by His stripes we are healed*"(Isaiah 53:5).

The second Dynamic Gift is the gift of faith. Faith is an awesome gift. Because of its awesomeness, the disciples said to Jesus, "*Increase our faith.*" (Luke 17:15) The gift of faith is shown when, despite all odds, you have confidence in God's plan. My favorite example is in the book of Daniel 3. When the king was on the verge of throwing Daniel's friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the fire, they believe that God can deliver them...but even if He doesn't they trust His plan. That's the gift of faith!

The final Dynamic Gift is simply called the gift of miracles. These are supernatural acts performed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Biblical examples include, but are not limited to, the parting of the Red Sea, the feeding of the

multitudes, and walking on the water. The bottom line is that these gifts whenever and however they are used will accomplish the following: 1) they will glorify God (1 Corinthians 10:31), 2) they will be edifying to the body (1 Corinthians 14:12), and 3) they will be done “*decently and in order.*”(1 Corinthians 14:40, italics mine)

### **Application**

1. *Have you ever witnessed a miracle? If so, describe it?*
2. *What are the benefits of the Dynamic Gifts? How might the Dynamic Gifts be a detriment?(Hint: Read how people respond to miracle in Acts 14:8-20)*
3. *Pray for God to open your eyes to the wonderful things He is doing!*