

MANIFESTATION GIFT DEFINITIONS

DISCERNMENT: The ability to quickly perceive with accuracy and appropriateness when there is inconsistency in teaching or the presence of evil. A person with discernment is able to read or hear a teaching, encounter a problem, or consider a course of action and then be able to determine whether the source is divine, human, or satanic. The gift of discernment is often an underutilized and ignored gift in the body of Christ.

FAITH: A person who walks in great measures of faith has an unshakable, extraordinary confidence in God. He or she believes that God is able to deliver on His promises through every pressure and problem regardless of how insurmountable the situation may seem. This gift strengthens the individual, and anyone who witnesses it, to endure and hold fast to identity in Christ in persecution and any challenge that arises. The gift of faith displays God's power in ways that create joy and encouragement for others.

HEALING: Healing is a "sign gift" which enables a person to function as an instrument of God's healing grace in the lives of hurting people. The gifts of healings (in Greek it is a double plural) include miraculous healing of the body, the mind, the emotions, and relationships. Often their task is more about bringing understanding than it is to simply erase negative symptoms. These people see healing as a sign to point people to Jesus so that many will come to know Him.

INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES: This gift is required any time the gift of tongues is used in a public setting in a loud voice. The gift allows one to declare to others the meaning or intent behind any public utterance in order to encourage the whole body. A person with this gift has the divine ability to make known the message being spoken in tongues. The messages are often prophetic, always glorify God, and bring a timely word to others.

KNOWLEDGE: The gift of knowledge is the ability to remember Scripture or have it supernaturally brought to mind, which allows a person to relate it (and particularly the Gospel of Jesus) to all aspects of life. It is also the ability to know a fact or truth about a person or situation which is directly revealed by the Holy Spirit. A person with the gift of knowledge can easily see how the Gospel connects to every situation and circumstance, helping to inform every decision in a believer's life. This gift is closely related to the gift of wisdom.

MIRACLES: The gift of miracles is a "sign gift" in which the physical law is transcended by the supernatural. It is a God-given ability to perform special signs that testify of God. People with this gift see God show up in extraordinary ways - everything from daily events to major public displays. Miracles are uncommon and irregular or they would not be considered miraculous. Biblical examples include casting out demons, raising the dead, and nature obeying God's authority.

PROPHECY: Someone who has the gift of prophecy hears what God wants to say to or regarding individuals or a group of people with clarity, creativity, and power. When they speak, the goal is to bring comfort, encouragement, guidance and warning and to reveal sin in a way that leads to repentance and spiritual growth. Prophets have the ability to perceive the needs of others and offer scriptural answers which often fuels the fire of intercession. A person with the gift of prophecy may occupy the office of prophet or may minister without any recognized office or position in the church.

TONGUES: Speaking in tongues is the utterance of prayer or of a message glorifying God, typically spoken to God in a language that is unknown to the one speaking it. A person with the gift of tongues may receive a special message to share with the church spontaneously which is to be made known to the body through an interpreter.

WISDOM: Someone who walks in the gift of wisdom has insight into people and situations that are not obvious to the average person, combined with an understanding of what to do next and how to go about it. A person with this gift has the ability to see and apply principles of God's word in a practical way, which helps to produce fruit and Christ-like character.

EQUIPPING GIFT DEFINITIONS

APOSTLE: An apostle is literally “a sent one” or “a messenger.” The apostle’s ministry is usually beyond just the local church’s sphere. This person is often used by God to reach across cultural boundaries. Apostles are spiritual groundbreakers or catalysts who pioneers new works and oversee them. They impart this “big picture” mindset into the life of the local church, thus equipping God’s people with vision and passion for new ministries, churches, or ventures.

EVANGELIST: The evangelist is the one who has a great heart for the lost and communicates the gospel in such a way that people respond in faith and move towards discipleship. The evangelist’s outward focus equips God’s people by imparting this awareness and love for lost souls to believers. This prevents the body of Christ from becoming stagnant and inward focused.

PASTOR: A pastor shepherds the people of God by leading, nurturing, protecting, and caring for them. Pastors keep the focus on people, helping them to lead Christ-centered lives. They equip God’s people to care for the spiritual welfare of others and meet practical needs, keeping the body healthy and vibrant.

PROPHET: A prophet may be both a “seer” and/or a “hearer” concerning the voice of God and spiritual things. They discern God’s will in a given situation and communicate it in a timely and appropriate way to God’s people. They will often disturb the status quo and challenge the body to move in new directions. A prophet will equip believers by modeling this aspect of spiritual life to them, challenging them to hear the voice of God and to respond.

TEACHER: A teacher communicates the revealed word and wisdom of God so that the people of God learn how to obey all that Christ has commanded them and are able to teach others to do the same. Teachers provide systematic instruction, guiding believers to take into account the whole counsel of the Word of God in all they do. They equip God’s people in an awareness of and value for the Word of God, bringing understanding to the magnificent scope and depth of its instruction.

OTHER GIFT DEFINITIONS

ADMINISTRATION: The gift of administration is the God-given ability to give directions and make decisions on behalf of others that result in efficient operation and accomplishment of goals. Those with this gift are often able to connect other people's spiritual gifts and natural talent to the needs at hand. The ability to manage complex operations with a multitude of details is often seen in the gift of administration.

CRAFTSMANSHIP: The gift of craftsmanship is the divine strength or ability to plan, build, and work with your hands, often creating "something from nothing" to further the Kingdom of God through artistic, creative means. Craftsmen in the Old Testament often used their hands and minds to creatively design and construct items to be used in ministry to the Lord.

CREATIVE ARTISTRY: This gift is the ability to use one's artistic skills such as art, drama, music, writing, dance, etc. to glorify God and to edify the body of Christ. Some people have one focused art form while others use multiple expressions. This gift provides the believer with the skill of creating artistic expressions that produce a spiritual response.

HELPS: A person with the gift of helps is often found fulfilling the need of a particular person before the person knows they need it because of the innate ability of the gifted individual to perceive the need. Distinct from the gift of serving, which is often more task or group focused, a person who has the gift of helps often does whatever needs to be done to alleviate the burdens of others.