

Spiritual Gifts Bootcamp

Lesson 1: Understanding the Sign, Fruit and Gifts of God's Holy Spirit in us



The Sign of the Spirit

Mark 16:16-17 NLT

*Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, **and they will speak in new languages.***

Acts 10:44-46 NLT

*Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. ⁴⁵ The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. ⁴⁶ **For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God.***

Praying in the Spirit

Romans 8:26 NLT

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.

Jude 1:20 NLT

...Build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit.

1st Corinthians 14:15, 27-28 NLT

Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit¹ and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand.

²⁷ No more than two or three should speak in tongues. They must speak one at a time, and someone must interpret what they say. ²⁸ But if no one is present who can interpret, they must be silent in your church meeting and speak in tongues to God privately.

Being Led by the Spirit

Galatians 5:13, NLT

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love...

*¹⁶ So I say, **let the Holy Spirit guide your lives.** Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves... ¹⁸ But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.*

*²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. ²⁵ **Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.***

The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT

*But **the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives:** love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!*

Philippians 4:8-9 NLT

*And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. **Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.** ⁹ Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.*

Romans 12:2 NLT

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

The Gifts of the Spirit

(3 Knowing Gifts, 3 Action Gifts, 3 Speaking Gifts)

1st Corinthians 12:1, 7-11 NLT

Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don't want you to misunderstand this.

⁷ A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. ⁸ To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. ⁹ The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. ¹⁰ He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. ¹¹ It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

The Goal of the Spirit

(Salvation, Unity, Growth and Love)

Ephesians 4:1-3, 11-16 NLT

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. ² Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. ³ Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

¹¹ Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ¹² Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. ¹³ This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. ¹⁵ Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. ¹⁶ He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

1st Corinthians 12:31, 14:1 NLT

...But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all. [Then the love chapter...]

^{14:1} Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives—especially the ability to prophesy.

A quick summary of the function of tongues in scripture...

Tongues as a Sign & Prayer Language	Gift of Tongues & Interpretation
<p>Mark 16:17, Acts 2, 10, 19, Rom 8:26 Jude 1:20, 1st Corinthians 14:13-18</p>	<p>1st Corinthians 12:7-11, 29-30 1st Corinthians 14:13-14, 26-33</p>
<p>A sign we are commanded to expect</p> <p>Mark 16:17 NLT <i>These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages.</i></p>	<p>Only certain believers will do this</p> <p>1st Corinthians 12:11 NLT <i>It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.</i></p>
<p>Dozens and hundreds at once</p> <p>Acts 2:4 NLT <i>And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.</i></p>	<p>At most 2 or 3 in a service</p> <p>1st Corinthians 14:27 NLT <i>No more than two or three should speak in tongues. They must speak one at a time, and someone must interpret what they say.</i></p>
<p>Described as part of our prayers & worship</p> <p>1st Corinthians 14:15 NLT <i>Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand.</i></p>	<p>To deliver a specific message from God to edify the church</p> <p>1st Corinthians 14:28 NLT <i>But if no one is present who can interpret, they must be silent in your church meeting and speak in tongues to God privately.</i></p>
<p>Absolutely Apostolic and Biblical</p> <p>1st Corinthians 14:39 NLT <i>So, my dear brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and don't forbid speaking in tongues.</i></p>	<p>Absolutely Apostolic and Biblical</p> <p>1st Corinthians 14:39 NLT <i>So, my dear brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and don't forbid speaking in tongues.</i></p>