

**Title:** What is God the Holy Spirit? - Part 2: The Gifts and Fruit of the Holy Spirit

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**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-12; Galatians 5:22-24

The Holy Spirit has gifted you and will produce in you a life that blesses and serves others. Both the gifts and the fruit are all about others.

The Holy Spirit is going to gift the church to do what it needs to build people and advance the church in the spiritual warfare of this world.

<b>Spiritual Gifts</b>			
<b>1 Corinthians 12</b>	<b>Romans 12</b>	<b>Ephesians 4</b>	<b>1 Peter 4</b>
Apostle		Apostle	
Prophets	Prophecy	Prophets	
		Evangelists	
Teachers	Teaching	Pastor/Teacher	Speaking
	Exhortation		
	Leading		
	Serving		Serving
	Giving		
	Mercy		
Miracles			
Healing			
Helps			
Administration			
Tongues			
Interpretation			
Faith			
Knowledge			
Wisdom			
Discerning			

You are given at least one gift at the time of your conversion. Every believer has a spiritual gift. The Holy Spirit decides who gets what and it is given by grace, not reward.

A spiritual gift is God's way of enabling a person for personal spiritual service (1 Cor.12:11). It uniquely equips them to play a role in the church's growth and maturity (Eph.4:11-13).

## ***Scriptural Observations on Gifts:***

1. A gift is given to each believer, 12:7
2. The purpose of the gift is for the benefit of the church, not you; 12:7; Ephesians 4:11-12
3. All gifts are given by the Holy Spirit. He determines what each receives, 12:7-11
4. Each gift is important to the well-being of the body, none are to be looked down on, 12:12-22
5. You must use your gift to serve others and glorify God, 1 Pet.4:10-11
6. We do not all have the same gifts – no one gift is distributed to all, Rom.12:6
7. We receive gifts by grace, not reward, Rom.12:6

## ***Spiritual Gift Conclusions:***

1. We all have a gift to use for the well being of the church, others, and the glory of God.
2. Not having a particular gift does not mean we are not responsible to ever do that.
3. There is no room on the team for boasting about your gift.
4. Start to discover your gift by asking the Holy Spirit what He has given you. Begin serving and see what seems to rise to the top.
5. Work hard at your gift. Having a gift does not mean it is effortless.
6. God gave the gift to be used. You will be held accountable for what you did or did not do with it.

If we are being controlled by the Spirit, walking and living by the Spirit there will be a product, and that is the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

## ***Observations on Spiritual Fruit***

1. It is fruit, not fruits. All nine of these together are the product.
2. Fruit is visible.
3. Fruit is for others.

The bottom line of this whole study is that a Spirit-controlled life is going to bless others.

## ***What should I do with today's study?***

1. Read Galatians 5:19-21. Who is in control?
2. Ask the Holy Spirit for help to yield more and more control over to Him every day.
3. Ask for an understanding of what your gift is.
4. Start serving.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to use your life to bless a person, to bless the church every day.