

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit pt.3

Welcome to Harvest Community Church

Series: The Holy Spirit

Text: **1 Corinthians 12:9, Malachi 4:2**

Gifts of Power:

- The Gifts of **Healings**
- Working of **Miracles**
- The Gift of **Faith**

Gifts of Healings-

The supernatural healing of diseases and infirmities without **natural** means of any sort. Notice that this gift is **plural**. **1 Corinthians 12:9,28,30**

- This gift is given **spontaneously** as the Spirit of God wills.
- **Unbelief** is one of the greatest hindrances to healing.
Mark 6:5,6, Matthew 17:19-20
Unbelief can come from the one praying and the one prayed for.
- There is physical, **emotional** and spiritual healing. Deliverance is also healing.
- The command to heal the sick is part of the great **Commission**.
Luke 9:2, Matthew 10:8, Luke 10:9

THOSE GOD CALLS HE **EQUIPS**.

Healings Have Several Purposes:

- They **establish** Jesus' claims. **John 10:36-38**
 - Healings **confirm** the preaching of God's servants. **Acts 4:33, 1 Corinthians 2:4**
 - The Gifts **compel** people to listen to the Gospel. **John 6:2**
 - Healing is used to **glorify** God. **Mark 2:12**
 - Healings **inspire** and build faith in God's people.
- Those used in healings may or may not **feel** a transfer of power. **Mark 5:30**
The gifts are not about feelings but faithfulness and love.
 - Many will work in the Gifts of Healings simply because of their **position**. **James 5:14**
 - We do not always have to "lay hands" on the sick; the only **touch** they need is the Master's touch. **Acts 5:15, Acts 19:12**

* Remember God will answer prayer in response to our **obedience**, to do as He commands. If someone is not immediately healed that does not make us a failure. It is our job to be obedient and His job to heal.

The Working of Miracles - Hebrews 2:3-4 This gift is also plural.

A supernatural intervention into the ordinary course of nature. A temporary suspension of the order of things, a display of power giving the ability to go beyond the natural.

- Miracles, just like healings, are a sign from God to confirm His word.
- The Working of Miracles has a purpose beyond the immediate good they do.
- **Matthew 11:20-24**
Miracles can help lead people to repentance.
- Miracles make believers out of scoffers and skeptics. **Acts 19:11-20**
- Miracles can settle every quarrel concerning the authority of the message of the Gospel.
Acts 13:6-12, 1 Kings 18:36-39

Allowing God to use you in your gifts takes obedience and boldness.

The Gift of Faith - 1 Corinthians 12:9, Mark 11:22-23

The supernatural ability to believe God without doubt and to combat disbelief and unbelief. It is divine certainty that triumphs over everything. It is so powerful that only a small grain of it moves mountains. A mighty power that comes over certain people of God in times of crisis and uncertainty.

The Gift of Faith is distinct from saving faith and the Fruit of the Spirit Faith.

- Saving faith is the measure of faith that God has instilled in all of us that allows all men to accept His grace. **Ephesians 2:8**
- The Fruit of Faith is part of the character of those who are saved that speaks to faithfulness, fidelity and trust.
- The Gift of Faith is for power.

Many times we don't need great faith but we do need just enough. This is called mustard seed faith. **Matthew 17:20** This verse tells us that trust in God will bring us through anything.

- This Gift is far more than determination.
- With faith nothing will be impossible.
John 14:12 (NIV), Matthew 17:20, Matthew 19:26, Luke 1:37

Faith is applied in several different ways

1. To believe for healings and miracles
2. To trust God to deliver us through situations; to help others through their situations.
3. To provide courage, strength and endurance to undergo suffering and trial.
4. To give us the right perspective that God is in control, and bring a prevailing sense of peace.

There are four characteristics that are found in those with this gift.

- Mature in the things of God.
- Complete surrender of their life to God.
- Obedience to the will of God.
- Humility in relationship to God