

Spiritual Gifts

Two Categories: Temporary-Permanent

Temporary Gifts were given out during the early years of the church. These *supernatural abilities* were given until the *written revelation* of the Scripture was complete. “perfect” 1 Corinthians 13:8-10

To receive

To test

Direct revelation

To vindicate

Revelatory gifts-They provided **oral revelation** while the N.T. was being completed. They included:

Apostle, prophet, discerning of spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues, word of knowledge, and word of wisdom.

Confirmatory sign gifts-They **vindicated** the spokesman of God while the N.T. was incomplete. They included:

Tongues, healings, miracles.

Permanent Gifts were and are being given to **build up** the body of Christ until it is complete. Ephesians 4:11ff. These *supernatural abilities* are for the **edification** and **good** of the **local church**, and **not** the **individual recipient**. 1 Corinthians 12:15-25 They include:

Evangelists, pastor/teachers, teachers, helpers, ministers, exhorters, mercy showers, exceptional givers, exceptional faith demonstrators, organizers, and administrators.

Spiritual Gifts are

- 1. For service. “for the good of others.” 1 Cor. 12:7**
- 2. Sovereignly given. 1 Corinthians 12:28; Hebrews 2:4**
- 3. Not natural, developed talents. 1 Corinthians 12:12,13**
- 4. Given to all Christians. 1 Corinthians 12:7; 1 Peter 4:10**
- 5. To be exercised in love. 1 Corinthians 13**
- 6. Given to help us determine our priorities. 1 Cor. 12:4-8**
- 7. Not all permanent. 1 Corinthians 13:8-13**