

Manifestation Gifts – 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Brief Definitions

English: Latin – manifestus – lit. struck by the hand. Meaning: ‘Palpable, apparent to the senses especially to sight or to the mind, evident, obvious, to reveal.’

Greek: Phanerosis – 1 Cor. 12:7...to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. Meaning: to shine forth – ‘flashes of the supernatural.’

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A word of wisdom – The supernatural giving of wisdom to meet a particular situation or to answer a particular question, or to utilize a particular piece of knowledge, natural or supernatural.

A Word of Knowledge – A supernatural revelation of facts, past, present, or future which are not based on information ordinarily available to the person using the gift.

Gift of faith – A deep inner conviction or firm persuasion in the heart based upon hearing a word / impression from God. You know in the Spirit that something is done. Often operates in conjunction with other supernatural gifts.

Gifts of healings – Supernatural ability to administer healing in order to restore health to body, soul and spirit. It demonstrates that, at times, God is willing to grant a partial foretaste of the perfect health that will be ours for eternity.

Working of miracles – Any manner in which God’s power is manifested in an evident way to further His purposes in a situation. It may be the working of divine power in deliverance from danger, interventions to meet special needs in the physical world or judgment on those who violently oppose the gospel message.

Prophecy – A supernatural, anointed utterance in a known language. Telling something that God has spontaneously brought to mind.

Discerning of spirits – The supernatural ability to distinguish between divine, human and demonic powers. It is the special ability to recognize the influence of the Holy Spirit or of demonic spirits at work.

Speaking in tongues – The special ability to speak to God in a language you have never learned. It is a prayer or praise spoken in syllables not understood by the speaker. It is a supernatural utterance in an unknown language.

Interpretation of tongue – The special ability that God gives to make known in the local language, the gist or essence of a message spoken aloud with the gifts of tongues in a public meeting. It is not a ‘translation’, in a precise form, but rather a reporting to the church the general meaning of something spoken in tongues.

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