

Holy Spirit: Wind & Fire | Gifts of the Spirit

Introduction:

The Holy Spirit gives us gifts. These gifts are different from natural abilities. Natural abilities are skills or talents that belong to an individual that are part of what make them unique. Spiritual gifts belong to the Holy Spirit and represent God's power and presence in our lives. The Apostle Paul describes gifts in 1 Corinthians 12 as a "manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." Spiritual gifts serve the purpose of "building up the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12). Spiritual gifts can be seen because they bear fruit in our lives. Therefore, the gifts of the Spirit, are the direct work of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives to bring about God's will and kingdom.

Read Your Bible

- 1 Corinthians 12
- John 14:16

Apply God's Word to Your Life:

1. Where have you seen Spiritual Gifts at work in other people's lives?
2. Where have you seen Spiritual Gifts at work in your life?
3. What does 1 Corinthians 12 say are Gifts of the Spirit?
4. What do each of the gifts mean? Can you think of an example of each?
5. Other scriptures talk about Spiritual Gifts. What do you learn about Gifts in Romans 12:4-8 or Ephesians 4:11-16?
6. How do you receive a Gift of the Spirit?
7. What Spiritual Gifts do you have questions about?

Reflecting on the text:

1. What have you learned about God?
2. What have you learned about the world?
3. What have you learned about yourself?

Pray

Father, we thank you for sending us your Holy Spirit, a friend and advocate, to work through us by bearing gifts in this world. May we be willing to do your work and use the Gifts you have given for your kingdom's sake. Fill us with your presence and guide us with your grace. In Jesus' Name. Amen