

# God is Good All the Time!

Jesus is the God incarnate because He came to earth and became a man. He took all man's sins, infirmities, and every damnable thing man had done because of His love. He does not want anyone to go to hell so He chose to be our Savior. "*The Lord is...not willing that any should perish*" (2 Pet. 3:9).

Being a good God, when He went back to heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father, He promised the Holy Spirit to come down and dwell in our hearts. If we have Christ in our heart, then His goodness will also be within us. Praise His name forever!

Because of the goodness of God, He bestows upon us His gifts for "*edification and exhortation and consolation.*" (1 Cor. 14:3) of the body of Christ.

There are nine gifts of the Holy Spirit: "*For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues." (1 Cor. 12:8-10)*

Let me expound in a simple way these nine gifts that some of you might already know and maybe better than I do:

**1. Word of Wisdom:** The person as directed by the Holy Spirit gets either a vision, or a dream or a word from the scripture which shows him/her what to do for a particular situation. The situation could either be his or somebody else's, the motive of which is to edify, or exhort or comfort the Body of Christ.

Anyone can ask for God's wisdom for any situation and He will give it liberally. "*But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him*" (James 1:5). However, God's sovereignty plays an important role in this gifting. One might need the wisdom of God through someone else as chosen by our Lord. It's always God's purposes or plan that gets done when wisdom is bestowed.

**2. Word of knowledge:** A gift that enables the person to know the condition of the mind, spirit, or body of the other person that God wants to heal either physically, emotionally, or spiritually. God usually backs up the revelation with results that brings healing/deliverance/encouragement to the Body of Christ. Healing is not the only purpose of this gift. At other times, the word of knowledge is given to straighten out a certain situation that without God's revelation it would lead only to frustration or disappointment.

**3. Gift of Faith:** A person with this gift supernaturally speaks to a particular situation that could result in a miracle, so to speak. He does not allow doubt to get in when God reveals His will. He obeys Him immediately and God's work is done for His glory. What seems to be impossible is made possible when the gift of faith is in operation.

**4. Gifts of healings:** Many times, God will heal a sick/diseased/afflicted person through someone that He has bestowed gifts of healings upon. He also imparts faith which plays an important role in operating in this divine realm. Through faith, the word of knowledge comes into play for the healing to take place. However, not all diseases/sicknesses are healed except through the

sovereign will of God. Whether we are the chosen vessel given the gift of healings but no one responds when it is shared, or we don't receive our healing yet, we should not feel disappointed. Keep pressing on, keep praying! Healings will come in God's time. "*And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly*" (Mark 8:23-25).

**5. Miracles:** Jesus Himself, when He was on earth did a lot of miracles. But then, before He went back to heaven, to join the Father and sits on His right hand, He said, "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father*" (John 14:12). So, vessels of honor are being chosen by the Holy Spirit for the healing of His people. And greater works are being accomplished as He chooses. Blind see, lame walk, deaf hear, and many wonderful works of God are being accomplished as His chosen vessels continue the works He wants done until He comes for His bride, "us", the "church."

**6. Gift of prophecy:** This gift enables a person to affirm/confirm a situation that has been revealed without any preconceived ideas. This is to prove that God has spoken, has directed and has brought to the limelight the fruition of somebody's dream or aspiration. Faith is an integral part of the gift of prophecy.

And in all of these foregoing gifts and the succeeding ones which will be in next months' issue, let me just make it clear here that none of these will operate without faith. Let us obey God when He says: "*Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts*" (1 Cor. 14:1).

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