

Christian Doctrine

The Holy Spirit

A Description of the Spiritual Gifts

Wisdom/Knowledge (I Cor. 12:8)	Ability to receive truth directly revealed from God
Faith (I Cor. 12:9)	Ability to attempt great things for God
Healing (I Cor. 12:10)	Ability to physically heal people
Miracles (I Cor. 12:10)	Ability to do supernatural acts
Prophecy (I Cor. 12:10)	Ability to receive and proclaim messages from God
Discerning of spirits (I Cor. 12:10)	Ability to discern between true and false revelation
Tongues (I Cor. 12:10)	Ability to speak in a foreign language unknown to the speaker
Interpretation of tongues (I Cor. 12:10)	Ability to translate the foreign language spoken in tongues
Apostles (office) (I Cor. 12:28)	Men selected by Christ for special work in the early church
Teaching (I Cor. 12:28)	Ability to explain and apply God's Word
Helping (I Cor. 12:28)	Ability to recognize and assist those in need
Administration (I Cor. 12:28)	Ability to rule/guide a local church
Serving (Rom. 12:7)	Ability to minister to people's needs
Exhortation (Rom. 12:8)	Ability to encourage people
Giving (Rom. 12:8)	Ability to give generously and sacrificially
Leadership (Rom. 12:8)	Ability to give leadership and direction within the church
Mercy (Rom. 12:8)	Ability to be sympathetic and kind
Evangelist (office) (Eph. 4:11)	A person who can witness with excellent clarity
Pastor (office) (Eph. 4:11)	Ability to care for and shepherd God's people

*Note that several of these gifts give abilities that all Christians are called to do (such as giving, serving, etc.). Therefore, we must realize that God can use us to perform such acts whether we believe we have the particular gift or not.