

## Spiritual Gifts 3—Who, When, #

### I. Introduction.

- A. Do you **evidence 1 or more** miraculous sGs? If so, **how**, and **when** did you **receive** it/them?
- B. **Experientially**, what now occurs in the **Church** or **in you** today?
  1. Many claiming sGs, are **building hospitals, not emptying them?**
  2. **At least some** sGs have **ceased?**
  3. Any **proof** that **any** sG is **active today?**
  4. Any **miraculous** sG in **your life** or **others?**
  5. A **saved person's gift** or ability is **NO better than the unsaved?**
  6. Individuals and churches that **claim to speak in tongues today** (classes to teach how to, etc.) **do so breaking God's commands?**

### II. Scripture.

- A. Views of **Who Gets** "the Spiritual **Gifts**."
  1. **All Apostles and Christians** they **laid their hands upon**. **Acts 8:14, 17-20**—<sup>14</sup>Now when **the apostles** which were at **Jerusalem** heard that **Samaria** had received the word of God, they sent unto them **Peter and John**: <sup>17</sup>**Then laid they their hands on them**, and **they received the Holy Ghost**. <sup>18</sup>And when **Simon** saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the **Holy Ghost** was given, he offered them money. **Acts 19:6**—**And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.** **Rom. 1:11**—**For I** [Apostle Paul] **long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established.** **2Ti. 1:6**—**Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.**
  2. **The early church only**—all or some of them.
  3. **All Christians**.
  4. **All Mature Christians**.
  5. **Certain Christians** God desired to receive sGs.
- B. Views of **When** "the Spiritual **Gifts**" are **Received**.
  1. **The Day of Pentecost** (**Acts 2**).
  2. **At the laying on of Apostles hands** (**Acts 8:14-20; 19:6; Rom. 1:11; 2Ti. 1:6**).
  3. **At Salvation**.
  4. **At Spiritual Maturity**.
  5. **At "2<sup>nd</sup> Baptism" of the Holy Spirit**.

6. **As needed or desired by God.**
7. **Never, or When Born.**

C. **Views of How many of “the Spiritual **Gifts**” a Christian **Receives**.**

- 1.
2. **>1, but not all.**
3. **All.**
4. **None today.**

III. Application.

- A. **Discuss your view and rationale** whether “the Spiritual **Gifts**” are **active today** (like in the early church) with a neighbor.
- B. **Understand practically your responsibility is the same** regardless of your view.
- C. **Do not** let anyone **make you feel guilty** or fearful **when** you are **sincerely serving Christ**.
- D. **Whichever sG view you embrace is fine, if you:**
  1. **Love and respect** those with **differing views** (cf. **1Co. 13**).
  2. **Scripturally studied, trusting that God** gives all good gifts needed (cf. **1Co. 12:1; 2Ti. 2:15; James 1:17**).
  3. **Use orderly and with restraint in the church** as led by God’s Spirit, consistent with Scripture, and in submission to church leaders (cf. **1Co. 14:40**).
  4. **Seek to best use all gifts for God**, His church, and others (cf. **1Co. 12:31; 1Pe. 4:10**).
  5. **Understand the sGs will “cease,” “vanish away,” and “be done away”** (**1Co. 13:8-10**).
  6. **Are prayerful, humble, and open to God** doing anything, anytime He desires (cf. **Heb. 2:4**).
  7. **Always seek “unity,” never division** (**Eph. 4:3, 13**).
  8. **Joyfully ask** (believing) **God for big and miraculous** things (cf. **Joel 2:21; John 16:23-24**).
  9. **Use, mature, and thank God for specific gifts** (cf. **1Pe. 4:11; 1Th. 5:18**).
  10. **ALL** the above.