

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*—"14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. 18 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 "2nd 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. **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.