



- Honorary Doctorate (Michael F.) (Jim & Chris – disciples)
- 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, "Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

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 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, "to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and still to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines."

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 Ministry gifts are permanent. Manifestation gifts are revelatory – any Christ-follower can receive any manifestation gift at any time, each individual occurrence is a manifestation of God's presence. (teaching vs prophecy; like a radio receiver - only receive what is sent out) The key is listening prayer.

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1. Prophecy - (1 Corinthians 12:10,28; 1 Corinthians 14:1,3; Romans 12:6) special ability that God gives to members of the Body to receive & communicate an immediate message of God to His people through a divinely anointed utterance; inspired speech, words given as from 'without', by the Spirit, & not consciously formulated by the mind.

**1. Prophecy** - (1 Corinthians 12:10,28; 1 Corinthians 14:1,3; Romans 12:6)

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- NOTE: Romans 12:6, 'in proportion to faith' describes how the prophet functions, that is by depending on God for the word
- Purpose: To strengthen, comfort & encourage (1 Cor 14:3)
- All prophecy needs to be tested (1 Thess 5:19-21) (Nun)

2. Message of knowledge – (1 Corinthians 12:8) The supernatural ability to receive & share revealed knowledge which was not otherwise known. (John 4 – you have 5 husbands) (adultery; occult; suicidal – Randy)

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3. Message of Wisdom – (1 Corinthians 12:8) The supernatural ability to offer pertinent spiritual counsel immediately in situations where such guidance is needed. There is a revelation of the mind of Christ, and that is spoken to others. (person in unhealthy pattern cross roads)

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**4. Faith** – (1 Corinthians 12:9) the special ability that God gives to members of the Body to discern with extraordinary confidence the will and purposes of God for the future of His work. A supernatural conviction that God will reveal His power or mercy in a special way in a specific situation; ability to believe God for big things because of a revelation from God. (praying for someone on death bed)

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5. Gifts of Healings – (1 Corinthians 12:9) the special ability that God gives to members of the Body to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to cure illness & restore health apart from the use of natural means. (plural) (healing service)

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6. Workings of Miracles – (1 Corinthians 12:10) the special ability that God gives to members of the Body to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to perform powerful acts that are perceived by observers to have altered the ordinary course of nature; wide range of abnormal activity. (Corrie – vitamins)

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7. Discernment (1 Corinthians 12:10) (literally, "discernments of spirits") - the special ability that God gives to members of the Body to know with assurance whether certain behavior purported to be of God is in reality divine, human or satanic. (falling)

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8. Tongues – (1 Corinthians 12:10) the special ability that God gives to members of the Body to speak to God in a language they have never learned. The language could be a known language (like Spanish), or it could be a heavenly language. (1 Corinthians 14:28 - "If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church & speak to himself & God.") (Keith)

9. Interpretation – (1 Corinthians 12:10) the special ability that God gives to members of the Body to make known in the vernacular the message of one who speaks in tongues, so that the worshipping body can be built up. (John)

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 Corinthians 14:1, "Follow the way of love and eagerly desire the spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy."

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 Let's ask God for a word for someone today, that can bring them a sense of God's love, strength, comfort, and encouragement.