



Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Lesson 6: The Power Gifts – Part 1

Introduction

1 Corinthians 12:8-11

The power gifts or the gifts that help us act like God

- The gift of faith
- The gift of the working of miracles
- The gifts of healings

The power gifts demonstrate, or actively reveal, God’s supernatural power. They do something. They are all miraculous gifts.

The gift of faith

A more accurate term for this gift would be the gift of _____ faith.

What the gift of special faith is NOT

1. It is not the kind of faith that God gives to every believer.

2 Corinthians 5:7

The kind of faith you live by is given through the Word of God.

Romans 10:17

It is still a “gift” from God, BUT it comes through the Word of God to your heart.

Hebrews 11:1

Hebrews 11:6

Faith is the tool God gives every believer to see what you hope for come to pass.

Faith is _____

Mark 11:24**2. It is not the fruit of faith.**

Galatians 5 lists the fruits of the spirit. Faith is listed as a fruit of the spirit. Actually, “faithfulness” is a better translation.

The fruits of the spirit are for _____. The gifts of the Spirit are for _____

Fruit is cultivated over time. Gifts are just given to us.

What is the gift of faith?

Definition of the GIFT OF FAITH: The supernatural ability given by the Holy Spirit to a believer to trust God beyond his or her own faith. It meets a specific need in a specific situation.

The gift of faith is God’s reserve of faith that backs up your faith.

How does it operate?

It operates the same way your natural faith does.

It is important to understand that God created us to operate in faith the same way He does.

He speaks His Word and it comes to pass. This is how He created the world.

Psalm 33:6

How does this gift of special faith operate for us? - One of two different ways:

- Believing and speaking
- Believing and obeying

The only difference is that you leave the realm of the ordinary and enter into another realm of faith.

Examples from the Bible**Matthew 21:18-22**

Jesus did not pray about the fig tree. He _____ to the fig tree.

Jesus said you can also use this kind of faith in prayer.

Special faith is the mountain moving gift.

You do not pray about the mountain. You speak to the mountain. Special faith can be used in prayer or in a decree of God's Word.

1 Kings 17:1

1 Kings 18:41-45

Joshua 10:12-14

Mark 4:37-39

Luke 7:12-15

He did not pray. He spoke! That is faith.

Luke 8:54-55

John 11:43, 44

In each case, Jesus did not pray for those who had died. He spoke the Word.

How can I get this gift to operate in my life?

1. You must fill yourself with the Word of God.

You cannot bring forth His Word unless you have digested His Word.

2. First exercise the faith that comes through the Word of God.

Begin by exercising the faith that comes through God's Word.

How can we operate in the gift of special faith unless we have first operated in the faith that comes through the Word of God?

Important points about the gift of faith

1. The gift of faith enables you to receive the working of miracles.

As we have already seen in this study of the gifts of the Spirit, many of the gifts work together. For example, the gift of the word of knowledge will often work alongside the gifts of healings to bring healing to someone.

The same is true with the gift of faith. It enables you to receive the working of miracles.

Raising the dead begins with the gift of faith, but actually takes all three power gifts in order to see the miracle. The gift of faith is released when the words come out of the Spirit-filled believer's mouth. The working of miracles raises the dead. The gifts of healings heal the person from whatever caused their death.

2. You cannot “work up” this gift. It comes supernaturally at a moment of need.

It would be accurate to say that the gift of faith _____

3. Special faith and working of miracles bring an immediate result but they operated in different ways.

The gift of faith is a receiving gift. The gift of the working of miracles is an active gift.

While the gift of faith watches God do a miracles, the gift of the working of miracles requires someone to actively do something to receive a miracle.

For example, when an angel shut the mouths of the lions for Daniel that was the gift of faith. However, when Samson killed a lion with his bare hands that was the gift of the working of miracles.

In both cases there was protection from lions. But the gifts operated in different ways.

An introduction to the gift of the working of miracles

Definitions of the gift of working of miracles:

- The gift of the working of _____
- A gift that reveals acts demonstrating the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit.
- A gift that causes the supernatural to come into our natural realm and makes things the way God wants them to be.

The word “miracles” is misleading. The King James translators took the Greek word and translated it several different ways.

The Greek word translated “miracles” in the list of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is the plural form of “dunamis”.

Definition of DUNAMIS: _____

Some of the places this Greek word is used in the New Testament.

Matthew 13:54 (Mighty works)

When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works?"

Acts 2:22 (Miracles)

Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know.

2 Corinthians 12:12 (Mighty deeds)

Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.

Many times this word is used in a reference to casting out evil spirits.

Mark 9:38, 39

Acts 8:13

What did Simon see? He saw verses 6 and 7.

Acts 8:6, 7

Acts 19:11, 12

Other examples of miracles

John 6:8-14

Acts 3:2-8

Acts 20:7-12

Some important points about the gift of the working of miracles

1. Miracles are always triggered by _____

For example, God turned made the bitter waters sweet after Moses threw a tree in the water.

It is the gift of the working of miracles. The word “working” is key because there is something that needs to be done (or a work) in order to receive the miracle.

Many times Jesus did this. He told someone to “do” something they could not do.

When they “did” it – a miracle took place.

Mark 3:1, 5

The paralyzed man carried by his four friends is another example of the working of miracles.

Story of a working of a miracle: Kickback service when God multiplied the biscuits.

Jesus told the ten lepers to go show themselves to the priest. But there was only one reason that lepers did that – to show the priest they were healed. The Bible tells us they were healed *as they went*.

The working of miracles does not “sit around” and wait for God to move. It *works* the miracle.

Greek definition of WORKING:

- _____
- Working
- It comes from a root word that means to be active.

2 Kings 5:1-14

2. The gift of the working of miracles is a _____

Physical miracles include growing out a leg or the creation of a any missing part of the body.

3. The gift of the working of miracles is gift that brings _____

Examples include: turning water into wine, feeding the five thousand, the coin in the mouth of the fish

4. The gift of the working of miracles is a gift of _____

An example of this is when Philip was transported more than forty miles.