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***Charis*mata**

*Divine empowerment of God, manifested in these “Gifts”*

**1 Cor 12:7** - But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

\*\*\*Remember, Charis = Grace

* Not badges of honor

**The Gifts are Not Personality Traits**

“Charisma” - natural definition causes issues

*God’s not limited by personality!*

*Ex - a Bold person is not necessarily an evangelist, a timid one is not necessarily not*

 **Man-Made Classifications, Helpful and harmful**

Cessationist classification of “sign” gifts, is actually harmful

* Some are not harmful but remember **they are not laws**
	+ Speaking and Service
	+ ministry gifts, manifestation gifts, and motivational gifts
	+ Revelation, power, vocal

**Office Gifts Vs. Body gifts**

Ephesians 4:7-12

*In 1 Corinthians, the saints* ***are doing the work****, In Ephesians 4, these* ***offices equip the saints for the work***

* + Can have the gift of prophecy and not be a Prophet
	+ **The prophet is coming to Town problem** - are people growing in their prophetic ability and gifting or are we watching someone just operate in their gifts?
	+ Gifts that surpass the leader - that’s the goal
	+ Unique grace to empower Body

Christ’s Gift - Gift’s of the Holy Spirit

* Here, it is *dorea,* not *charisma*

These are all LOW positions, meant to elevate the Body, not dominate

**There are “Levels” or Varieties of Effectiveness**

1 Corinthians 12:6 There are **varieties of effects**, but the **same God** who works all things in all persons.

* Energema - outcome, effective operation

*In other words, you may have someone with a teaching gift stronger than another, or a healing, prophetic, etc.*

* But **don’t discredit one because they don’t measure up to another**, it’s all from the same God

*Suggests room for growth!*

1 Timothy 4:14-15New American Standard Bible (NASB)

14 **Do not neglect** the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the [a]presbytery.15 Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your **progress** will be evident to all.

**Looking at the Lists of Gifts**

* Romans 12:6-8
* 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28-30
	+ 5 fold was the Ephesians 4

I have heard these numbers for the amount of Spiritual Gifts - 7,9,12,16,17,18,20,21,22, 23+

* It is a matter of interpretation!
	+ Why it’s important to look at it together

**Word of wisdom**

* Not just someone who is wise
* Utterance of wisdom
* *Spirit-empowered* ***direction*** *to enable Godly decision making*
* **James 3:17** says, “*the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.”*
* Recognize **where a decision or action may lead and can warn against those that may be harmful or unfruitful.** They can often see through the confusion of a situation and can give direction
* **1 Corinthians 12:8-10 -**  This is the only place in Scripture where the gift is listed.
* See it in operation - **Acts 6:1-7** - issue, direction, result - appointing deacons
* **Acts 15:13-29** - Gentile converts - James
* **Acts 6:10** New American Standard Bible 1995
* *10 But they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.* - **Stephen**
* *And as he said this, all his opponents were being humiliated; and the entire multitude was rejoicing over all the glorious things being done by Him* **(Luke 13:17 NASB)**. JESUS
	+ Woman 18 years afflicting spirit - sabbath

**Word of knowledge**

* Not just a thirst for knowledge of the bible
* *Supernatural* ***information****, not possible to know about a past or present reality*
* Jesus Woman at the Well - **John 4:18**, Nathanael – **John 1:47-49**
* Ananias and Sapphira - **Peter in acts 5:3**
* Major interplay with healing
* Differs from wisdom in it’s specificity and function - Knowledge is *informative*, wisdom is *directive*

**Faith**

* *Obviously, we are all called to general faith; this is specific faith that comes on someone for an act, miracle, specific breakthrough*
* Acts 3 - Gate beautiful, lame man healed
	+ **Acts 3:6-12**
* Some people operate in this often; all can experience it
* The **Mark 11:22** belief - Have faith OF God
	+ Mountain moving

**Gifts of healing**

* *The grace of God effectively working to bring a body or soul back into health*
* Anyone can pray for healing; those with a gift just seem to get more breakthrough
* Compassion for people, disdain for sickness
* Will tackle more during Healing Teaching

**Effecting of miracles**

* Can include healings, but broader.
* *Near Instantaneous, divine intervention to supply what was not naturally present*
* Ex: multiplying of food, body part recreated, dead raised, etc.
* **John 2:6–11**—Jesus turns water into wine
* **John 6:8–14**—Jesus multiplies the loaves and fishes
* **Acts 20:9–12**—Paul restores Eutychus to life

Mark 6:5 - Do no *mighty work (miracle)* there, except *heal* a few

**Prophecy**

* *The supernatural revelation of God to foretell or forthtell the future*
	+ Understand that there is room for human error
		- Revelation, interpretation, application
* *Special emphasis in scripture to desire this one -*  1 Corinthians 14:1
* FOR EDIFICATION
* Should be tested, not on the same level as scripture
	+ Not to be despised - **1 Thessalonians 5:19-21**
* Jesus - countless examples - **Matthew 24,** for one
	+ Nathanael, You saw, you will see - John 1
* Agabus - famine **Acts 11:27-30**
	+ Historically accurate, came true

**\*\*\*\*Example of Knowledge, wisdom, prophecy -**

*Say a Church is about to purchase a vacant building to accommodate growth and there’s a lot of input about it spiritually. Here’s what it may look like:*

**Knowledge** - I see an issue with the plumbing on the West Wing, Or the seller is asking for more than they actually need in order to recoup funds from another business deal gone south.

**Wisdom** - Felt the Lord saying not to put in an offer until these 3 things are in order, or specifically to watch out for this in a contractor

**Prophecy** - There will be an add-on to the building in the next 2-3 years as God does something in the Youth far beyond what we’ve seen. The Youth room will not be large enough.

**Distinguishing (discerning) of spirits**

* *Ability to distinguish what comes from demonic motivation, selfish motivation, and Godly, even if it’s “true”*
	+ *Spirits*
	+ *1. The Holy Spirit*
	+ *2. angels*
	+ *3. Demons, or evil spirits*
	+ *4. Human spirits*
* *The right word from the wrong spirit is the wrong word*
* Jesus - “you don’t know what spirit you are of!” - **Luke 9:55**
* Slave girl **Acts 16:16-21**
	+ Accuracy doesn’t guarantee source
* Hebrews - senses trained to discern good and evil **5:14**
* Solomon - 2 mothers - **1 Kings 3:16-28**

**Kinds of tongues**

* Personal, corporate, witness
* *Supernatural language uttered through the mouth of a natural person*
* Pentecost, of course - **Acts 2**
* **Corinthian church Chapters 12 and 14**
* **Acts 10** - peter among the gentiles sign
* Should not be forbidden - **1 Corinthians 14:39**

**interpretation of tongues**

* Obviously inextricably linked to tongues
* Don’t have many examples other than this passage
* *Should be present* if tongues are given for exhortation purposes

**Helps**

* Word Only in this passage
* *To aid and to help - in my experience, a bent to help those in office gifts*
* Connective tissue
* We tend to burn these people out
* Greek word Antilēmpsis, whereas in Romans 12, Diakonia - deacon, service

**Administration**

* Only in this passage is the greek word used
* *Governing, government*
	+ Administer the affairs of the church, the machinery
* organize, direct, and implement plans to lead others in the various ministries of the Church. This gift is closely related to the gift of leadership, but is more **goal or task-oriented** and is also more concerned with details and organization.
* Can be challenging to do well and have a Spirit-Led environment

**Service**

* More connective tissue
* *Diakonia - deacon, to wait tables, present food*
	+ Service to the body, facilitate life in the body
* I would say **service** is more body-oriented, **helps** is more leader-oriented - ***opinion***
* *Service and helps may very well be same thing, but could not be*
* **Stephen** - not a sentence to be obscure, did the stuff!

**Teaching**

* *Divinely empowered, able to teach the Word of God to people*
* Not just natural ability to teach - natural teachers are not necessarily guaranteed to be able to teach
* Can teach without being in the office of a teacher
* [1Ti 5:17 NASB95] 17 The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.
* Keep the body from error, devoted to scriptures

**Exhortation**

* The encouragers in the body
* *Gift of utterance for keeping people going, refreshing, replenishing, recalibrating, comfort*
* Paraklesis - romans 12:8
	+ Holy Spirit is the paraklete
* Barnabas - son of encouragement - acts 4:36
* More than just motivational talk, spirit-empowered
* **2 Corinthians 7:13** - For this reason we have been comforted. And besides our comfort, we rejoiced even much more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has *been refreshed* by you all.
* **1 Timothy 4:13** - Until I come, give attention to the [public] reading [of Scripture,] to *exhortation* and teaching.
* **Philemon 1:7** - For I have come to have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been *refreshed* through you, brother.
* Could be teaching and preaching

**Giving**

* *Spirit-empowered sharer, giving out of their means*
	+ Not just rich people looking for a tax write off
	+ See money as a tool for Kingdom work
	+ Take people in, give freely
	+ will seek out ways and opportunities to help others. They are also excellent stewards and will often adjust their lifestyles in order to give more to the spread of the Gospel and the care of the needy
* *Empower the church to do things financially*
* Women who supported Jesus' ministry from their private means:
	+ *Soon afterward, he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod’s household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.* – **Luke 8: 1-3**
* Tabitha (Dorcas) - Acts 9

**Leadership**

* *People-oriented, general Spirit-Empowered ability to lead people in many aspects*
* Different from administration, **more people-oriented than task-oriented**
* Small group leaders are a good example
* Rom 12:8
* Engaged in church, spurring people on, care, protection, guardianship
* Not just natural leadership skills -
	+ dangerous when a naturally-gifted leader takes over in a situation without empowering grace, and will default to earthly wisdom

**Mercy**

* Obviously, all called to be merciful
* *Not just empaths (natural), but supernatural grace to run into the deep needs and wounds of people without getting embittered or easily burnt out*
	+ The “be there” people, listeners
	+ Regularly take on the “tough” cases we run out of juice for quick
* Jesus, insane mercy - Judas, others - have mercy on me, Son of David

**I’ve Heard Cases made for:**

Deliverance

Intercession

Dream/vision interpretation

Celibacy - 1 Corinthians 7

Hospitality? Helps and service to me

*All Could be biblically supported*

**Gifts are Given as God Sees Fit**

1 Corinthians 12:8 *But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body,* ***just as He desired.*** *19 If they were all* ***one member****,* ***where would the body be****? 20 But now there are many members, but one body.*

\*\*\*God designed it this way in His infinite wisdom. There are (in culture’s eyes) more “glamorous” gifts. And yet, to Him, He sees it all as good in His book. *If anything, more sternness was directed to the ones deemed “glamorous.”*

* If something is your main gift, you’re not limited to it. It’s for the Body anyway. Lean into it.

**We Need ALLLLLL OF IT**

**1 Corinthians 12:15-17, 21-27**