

 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Gifts of the Holy Spirit – Inspirational gifts

 Let's hear your story

1. Have you ever had to explain to a friend or family member the gifts of the Holy Spirit?
2. What signs did Jesus say in Mark 16:17 will follow believers?
(In My name they will cast our demons, they will speak with new tongues.)
3. What two scriptures explain the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament? **(1 Corinthians 12 and 14.)**
4. To whom does a believer speak to, when speaking in tongues? **(1 Cor. 14:2; For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God.)**

 Let's go deeper

5. According to 1 Cor.14:5; what is the purpose of tongues publicly in the church? **(For edification, through the gift of interpretation.)**
6. According to 1 Cor.14:27; what gift must follow the gift of tongues in a church gathering? **(The gift of interpretation of tongues.)**
7. What is the purpose of the gift of prophecy according to 1 Cor.14:3?
(He who prophesies speaks edification; exhortation and comfort to men.)
8. What specific gift does Paul encourage the church to desire in 1 Cor. 14:1?
(Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy)
9. What does 1 Cor.14:31 tell us? **(For you can all prophesy one by one...)**

 Let's apply this

- 10. 1 Corinthians 12:7;** But the manifestation (expression and enabling) of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to enable you to speak in tongues to glorify God as an act of worship and giving thanks.
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to enable you with the gift of interpretation of tongues to edify the church in a public gathering.
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to enable you with the gift of prophecy to edify; exhort and comfort believers and the church.
 - Faith is needed for the gifts of the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 11:6).

SUMMARY:

The inspirational gifts:

The spiritual gifts are supernatural gifts that God enables believers to have so that we can do ministry for, and like Jesus on the earth today.

Did the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit cease with the apostles? NO.

Read: Mark 16:17; Acts 10:44 – 48; Acts 19:1 – 7 and 1 Corinthians 12 and 14.

What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit? Read: 1 Corinthians 12:1 – 11.

Revelation gifts: Word of wisdom; word of knowledge and discerning of spirits. (The eyes of God). **Power gifts:** Faith; gifts of healing and working of miracles. (The hands of God). **Inspirational gifts:** Gift of tongues; interpretation of tongues and prophecy. (The mouth of God).

Tongues:

Definition: It is the supernatural enabling by the Holy Spirit to speak in languages never learned by the speaker.

Purpose:

For the individual as a prayer language (See 1 Cor.14:2; 4; 14 – 19; Jude 1:20 – 21). **It is for the body as a gift of tongues** (See 1 Corinthians 14:5; 13; 26 – 28). **It is a sign for unbelievers** (See 1 Corinthians 14:22 and Acts 2:6 – 12).

Interpretation of tongues:

This gift allows the gift of tongues to be of benefit for those other than the speaker, as they can hear and agree with the tongue-speaker's words to God. **Definition:** The supernatural interpretation of the meaning of the message given in tongues. **Purpose:** To edify the church (See 1 Corinthians 14:5 and 26).

Prophecy:

To speak by inspiration or under inspiration of Holy Spirit; prediction or to foretell of events. **Definition:** A supernatural utterance using a known tongue.

Purpose: 1 Corinthians 14:3; Edification; exhortation and comfort.

The importance of prophecy: (see 1 Cor.14:1; 31; 1 Timothy 4:14).

Principles for judging prophecy: (see 1 Cor.14:32; 1 Thess.5:19 – 21; 1 John 4:1).

Does it comfort, edify, and exhort? (1 Cor. 14:3). Does it agree with the Word of God? (2 Tim. 3:16). Does it exalt Jesus? (John 16:13 – 14). Does it promote obedience? Does it promote liberty, not bondage? Does it produce life? (2 Cor.3:6).

False prophets and prophecy:

Look at the messenger – do they love the Lord; are they godly and accountable?

Listen to the message – Does it agree with God's Word?

Look at the motive – What is their motive of giving you a prophetic word?