



MANIFESTATION GIFTS - PART 2

HEALING, MIRACLES, PROPHECY

Manifestation Gifts: | 1 Corinthians 12:7-10a

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy...

GIFT DESCRIPTIONS

Healing

The gift of healing is the divine strength or ability to act as an intermediary in faith, prayer, and by the laying-on of hands for the healing of physical and mental illnesses.

Miracles

The gift of miracles is the divine strength or ability to alter the natural outcomes of life in a supernatural way through prayer, faith, and divine direction.

Prophecy

The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to boldly speak and bring clarity to scriptural and doctrinal truth, in some cases foretelling God's plan.

NEW TESTAMENT EXAMPLES OF EACH GIFT IN ACTION

Read the following stories:

- **Gift of Healing:** Acts 3:1-10
- **Gift of Miracles:** Acts 9:36-43
- **Gift of Prophecy:** 1 Corinthians 14:1-5 & Acts 21:10-14

LET'S OBSERVE THE TEXT...

Gift of Healing - Observe Acts 3:1-10

- Peter and John were simply going to pray. The miracle happened in the normal act of obedience, showing that the gifts operate through those who walk in daily fellowship with God.
- The man expected money, but Peter offered something greater. The world often looks for temporary help, while the Spirit brings lasting transformation.
- The healing is done not by human ability but by calling on the authority of Christ.
- Witnesses were filled with wonder and amazement. The result of the healing is worship, not fame.
- This act of healing opens the door for Peter's sermon in the following verses, leading to salvation for many. The physical miracle prepared hearts for spiritual transformation.
- Though Peter was the one who spoke, John was with him. This reminds us that spiritual gifts often flow best in unity and partnership, not isolation.



CONCORDANCE



Healing (iama)

Strong's G2386

Found in 1 Corinthians 12:9



Miracles (dunamis)

Strong's G1411

Found in 1 Corinthians 12:10



Prophecy (propheteia)

Strong's G4394

Found in 1 Corinthians 12:10

Gift of Miracles - Observe Acts 9:36-43

- When Tabitha died, the believers didn't accept it as final. They sent for Peter from nearby Lydda, believing that God could still move even after death. Their faith created an atmosphere for the miraculous.
- Upon arrival, Peter clears the room, kneels, and prays before acting. This shows that miracles are not about human command but about seeking and aligning with the will of God.
- After prayer, Peter turns to the body and says simply, "Tabitha, get up." The authority and simplicity of his words reveal confidence in God's power, not in human performance.
- Peter calls the believers and widows back in and presents Tabitha alive. The miracle restores not only her life but also the community's hope and faith.
- The passage ends with, "This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord." The miracle's purpose was not spectacle but salvation.
- Peter's actions mirror those of Jesus when He raised Jairus's daughter (Mark 5:41). It underscores that the same Spirit who worked through Christ now works through His followers.

Gift of Prophecy - Observe Acts 21:10-14 through the lens of 1 Corinthians 14:1-5

- Agabus clearly identifies the source of his message, saying, "The Holy Spirit says..." This shows the prophetic gift operates by revelation from God, not human insight or assumption.
- Though the message predicts hardship, it strengthens Paul and the believers by preparing them for what's ahead. True prophecy builds up the body by giving clarity, not confusion.
- The word affirms Paul's mission rather than deterring it. The prophecy validates that his suffering is part of God's plan, encouraging perseverance and obedience even when the road leads through pain. While the message carries warning, it reminds everyone that events are under God's sovereign hand. Paul's calm acceptance, "The Lord's will be done", shows the peace that prophetic truth can bring. The point of Agabus's message isn't to predict doom but to align Paul's will with God's. It expresses divine care: God doesn't want His servant surprised, but spiritually fortified. The believers initially plead for Paul not to go, but ultimately surrender to God's will. This mirrors how prophetic words test, refine, and ultimately unite the church around God's purpose.
- According to 1 Corinthians 14:3, prophecy is meant to strengthen, encourage, and comfort. Even a hard word like Agabus's can do all three when it deepens faith and aligns believers with the will of God.



LET'S INTERPRET...

- What do you believe all of these verses mean?
- What is God speaking to you personally through this study?
- Read a trusted commentary and compare to your interpretation.



LET'S READ THE AFTER-SUMMARY TOGETHER

The manifestation gifts of the Spirit, described in 1 Corinthians 12:7-10, are evidence of God's power working through His people for the good of others. These gifts are not abstract or mystical, they are deeply personal expressions of God's heart for healing, restoration, and revelation. The study of healing, miracles, and prophecy reveals how the Holy Spirit moves through ordinary believers to bring extraordinary results, showing that the same power at work in the early church still moves today.

In Acts 3:1-10, Peter and John encounter a man who had been lame from birth, sitting by the temple gate called Beautiful. He expected coins, but God gave him something better...complete healing. The moment Peter declared, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk," the man's feet and ankles were instantly strengthened. What stands out here is that the miracle happened in the routine of obedience; Peter and John were simply going to pray. The healing brought public amazement and worship, proving that the gifts of the Spirit are meant to glorify God and open doors for the gospel, not to elevate the person being used.

The story of Tabitha in Acts 9:36-43 highlights the gift of miracles in action. When Tabitha died, her community refused to give up hope and called for Peter, believing that God could still move. Peter knelt to pray and then said with quiet authority, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, sat up, and was restored to life. This miracle not only brought joy to the believers but also led many in Joppa to faith in the Lord. The simplicity and humility of Peter's prayer show that miracles are never about performance or spectacle. They happen when faith meets God's will, and the result is always the same...God is glorified, and people are drawn to Him.

Acts 21:10-14 gives us a picture of the prophetic gift through the prophet Agabus, who foretold that Paul would be arrested in Jerusalem. The prophecy was not given to create fear but to prepare and strengthen Paul for what was coming. According to 1 Corinthians 14:1-5, prophecy is meant to strengthen, encourage, and comfort believers, and that is exactly what happened. Though the message warned of suffering, it reminded everyone that God was in control. Paul's calm response, "The Lord's will be done," shows how true prophecy aligns believers with God's plan rather than turning them away from it.

Through these three stories, we see that the manifestation gifts are not distant relics of the early church but present realities for today's believers. Healing reveals God's compassion, miracles reveal His power, and prophecy reveals His wisdom and care. When these gifts operate in love and unity, they strengthen the church and transform lives. The Spirit's work is never random, it is intentional, practical, and aimed at drawing people closer to Christ. That same Spirit still desires to move through willing hearts today.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

GIFT OF HEALING - ACTS 3:1-10

When Peter offered healing instead of money, he gave the man what he truly needed, not what he asked for.

- **Question:** In what areas of your life can you offer people something deeper than what they think they need like prayer, encouragement, or faith instead of quick fixes?

The man's healing became a public testimony that pointed people to Jesus.

- **Deeper Question:** When God moves through you to help or pray for someone, do you naturally draw attention to His power or your effort?
 - What does that reveal about where your confidence truly rests?

GIFT OF MIRACLES - ACTS 9:36-43

When the believers in Joppa called for Peter after Tabitha's death, they refused to accept that the situation was hopeless.

- **Question:** What impossible situation in your life or community needs you to believe that God can still move even when it seems too late?

Peter's miracle in raising Tabitha flowed from humility and prayer, not performance.

- **Deeper Question:** Are you willing to pause, clear the noise, and seek God's presence before you act, trusting that His power is released through surrender rather than striving?

GIFT OF PROPHECY - ACTS 21:10-14

Agabus' prophecy didn't stop Paul from obeying God...it prepared and strengthened him to walk in God's will with peace.

- **Question:** How can you remain faithful and at peace when God reveals a difficult path ahead, or when you sense His Spirit leading you into something uncomfortable?

Paul's response to prophecy was surrender: "The Lord's will be done."

- **Deeper Question:** When God's direction challenges your comfort or plans, how do you discern whether your resistance is caution from wisdom, or fear of losing control?

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, thank You for revealing Your power and presence through the gifts of Your Spirit. Teach us to walk in humility, to listen for Your voice, and to move with bold faith when You lead. Help us to see healing as Your compassion in action, miracles as Your glory made visible, and prophecy as Your heart speaking life to Your people. Strengthen us to use every gift You give, not for our recognition, but for the building up of others and the advancement of Your Kingdom. In Jesus name we pray, amen.



WHAT'S AHEAD...

Next Session

Manifestation Gifts - Part 3

Homework

Read 1 Corinthians 12:10-26