



Real Church Supernatural: Gifts of the Spirit—The Ministry Gifts

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“So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,¹² to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”
Eph. 4:11-13

About Spiritual Gifts

- Charisma - grace, favor, kindness
- Charismata - gifts of grace - Rom. 6:23 the free gift - same word
- Pneumatikos - spiritual matters, above the natural order of things

- The spiritual gifts are from God.
- The spiritual gifts are necessary for the common good.
- There are different gifts distributed according to God's will.

The Ministry Gifts

- To equip the church for service
 - To strengthen the church in unity
 - To grow the church in faith and knowledge
 - To keep the church from being confused and deceived
 - To speak the truth in love
1. Apostles - the ground breakers of the church in the first century
 - Apostolos - to send, commissioned with responsibility to and full authority from the sender
 - 1. Had seen Christ - 1 Cor. 9:1
 - 2. Commissioned by Christ - John 14
 - 3. Knew Jesus and witnessed his resurrection - Acts 1:21-22
 2. Prophets - the mouthpiece of God to encourage and move the people
 - Served the Church at large
 - A foreteller and a forth-teller
 3. Evangelists - those with a heart for lost souls who preach and teach others to reach out
 - Evangelist – Literally, bringer of good news
 - Modern day missionaries?
 4. Pastors – Shepherds of the “flock”. Belong to the local church.
 - Stay in one location and care for the church
 - Concerned with the needs, hearts and protection of the people
 5. Teachers – Instructors gifted in explaining the scriptures and guide the people in the spiritual life
 - Interpret and uncover meanings, reveal truths
 - Will be judged more critically due to great responsibility