

12—The Gifts and Fruit of the Spirit

“What We Believe”

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“We believe that the Holy Spirit has the following gifts to bestow upon the believing church of the Lord Jesus Christ:¹ wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, interpretation;² that according to the degree of grace and faith possessed by the recipient,³ these gifts are divided to every man severally, as He, the Holy Spirit, wills;⁴ that they are to be most earnestly desired and coveted,⁵ in the order and proportion wherein they prove most edifying and beneficial to the church;⁶ and that the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, should be put forth, cultivated, and diligently guarded as the resultant adornment, the constant, eloquent, and irrefutable evidence of a Spirit-filled life.⁷”—*Compiled by A. S. McPherson*

1. 1 Corinthians 12:1
Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.
2. 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 (Manifestations)
Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.
3. Romans 12:6-8 (Motivations)
We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.
4. 1 Corinthians 12:11
All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.
5. 1 Corinthians 14:1
Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.
6. 1 Corinthians 14:12
Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church.
7. Galatians 5:22-23
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

13—Moderation

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“We believe that the moderation of the believer should be known of all men¹; that his experience and daily walk should never lead him into extremes, fanaticism², unseemly manifestations,³ back-bitings,⁴ murmurings⁵; but that his sober, thoughtful, balanced,⁶ mellow, forgiving,⁷ and zealous Christian experience should be one of steadfast uprightness, equilibrium,⁸ humility, self-sacrifice and Christ-likeness.”⁹—*Compiled by A. S. McPherson*

1. Philippians 4:5
Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.
2. 1 Timothy 6:4-5
They are conceited and understand nothing. They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions and constant friction between people of corrupt mind.
3. 1 Corinthians 14:32
The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. For God is not a God of disorder but of peace.
4. Galatians 5:15
If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.
5. Philippians 2:14
Do everything without grumbling or arguing.
6. Titus 2:2
Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.
7. Colossians 3:12-13
Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
8. Titus 1:8-9
Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined.
9. 1 John 3:16
This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.