

## These equip us in Apostolic Mission and Vision.

2. **The Prophets** / A person called by God to speak (along with other Prophets) to the Church giving it divine instruction. These keep us focused on the Mission and Vision in light of God's holy reputation. There is also the gift of prophecy mentioned generally in the lists. **These equip us in Prophetic Passion and Direction.**

3. **The Evangelists** / A servant who is spiritually endowed to equip others for the evangelistic work of making sure that the Gospel permeates and saturates a region in which it is planted.

## These equip us in Evangelical Preparation and Cultivation.

4. **The Shepherds** / A servant who is spiritually endowed to oversee, protect and care for the assembly as a shepherd does the flock. **These equip us in Pastoral Compassion and Protection.**

5. **The Teachers** / A servant who is spiritually endowed to organize and communicate God's truth to the assembly. There is also the gift of teaching listed generally.

## These equip us in Faithful and True Instruction (Sound Doctrine)

6. **Word of Wisdom** / The Spiritually endowed ability to communicate how to live in truth, goodness and glory before God.

7. **Word of Knowledge** / The Spiritually endowed ability to know and communicate truth perhaps without having "learned" it.

8. **Faith** / The Spiritually endowed ability to trust God in unusual ways or in unusual circumstances.

9. **Healings** / The Spiritually endowed ability to bring God's power for physical healing upon illness, with or without the concurring faith of the person being healed.

10. **Working of Miracles or Signs** / The Spiritually endowed ability to work "supernatural signs."

11. **Discerning Spirits** / The Spiritually endowed ability to identify the "spirit" that is influencing a person, particularly teachers within the community.

12. **Languages (tongues)** / The Spiritually endowed ability to speak in a human language that has never been learned in order to proclaim the Gospel to unbelievers.

13. **Interpretation of Languages** / The Spiritually endowed ability to interpret human languages (perhaps more specifically the interpretation of to the gift of languages) that have never been learned.

14. **Assistance or helps** / The Spiritually endowed ability to give some benefit or help especially those who are weak, sick or helpless.

15. **Governing** / The Spiritually endowed ability to guide the local assembly in the goals that Christ has established for His Body.

16. **Service** / The Spiritually endowed ability to serve all people "above and beyond the call of duty." \* *Jesus places great emphasis on this idea, not as gift, but as the greatest of the qualities of anyone who desires to be His disciple. All believers are called to this ministry. "deaconing"*

17. **Exhortation** / The Spiritually endowed ability to comfort and encourage as they pursue maturity in Christ.

18. **Sharing or giving** / The Spiritually endowed ability to share with others who are in need.

19. **Managing or Caring** / The Spiritually endowed ability to oversee the spiritual welfare of the assembly. This term is often used in reference to "managing a household."

20. **Mercy** / The Spiritually endowed ability to compassionately comfort those who are sick and suffering in the community.

## 13. The Relationship of Ephesians 4 to the Other Gifting Passages

As we said a little earlier, in Ephesians 4, the 5 key gifted people that Christ gives to His Church are to "equip the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the Body of Christ . . ." We can assume perhaps that these 5 key people are given to train all others in how to use their gifts. If this is the case, then it may be that all of the other "giftings" are represented in ministry of these 5 key people.

*The following chart is only a suggestion as to how this might work.*

1.1 **Where do we find the Spiritual Gifts listed in the New Testament?**

**Ephesians 4:11** And He gave some as (1) apostles, and (2) some as prophets, and (3) some as evangelists, and (4) some as pastors and (5) teachers, ....

**1 Corinthians 12:7-11** But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given the (6) word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the (7) word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; 9 to another (8) faith by the same Spirit, and to another (9) gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 and to another the (10) effecting of miracles, and to another (2) prophecy, and to another (11) the distinguishing of spirits, to another (12) various kinds of tongues, and to another (13) the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

**1 Corinthians 12:28** And God has appointed in the church, (1) first apostles, (3) second prophets, (5) third teachers, (10) then miracles, (9) then gifts of healings, (14) helps, (15) administrations, (12) various kinds of tongues.

**Romans 12:6-8** Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if (2) prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; 7 if (16) service, in his serving; or (5) he who teaches, in his teaching; 8 or he who (17) exhorts, in his exhortation; he who (18) gives, with liberality; he who (19) leads, with diligence; he who (20) shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

1.2 **What are the Spiritual Gifts and how should we define them?**

1. **The Apostles** / An appointed servant of Christ, called specifically to take the Gospel into new territories to establish and spread local churches in order to advance the Kingdom of God. In modern terms, we would call these people *missionaries*.

	Apostle	Prophet	Evangelist	Pastor	Teacher
Prophecy	√	√			
Word of Knowledge	√	√	√?	√?	√
Word of Wisdom	√	√	√	√	√
Teaching	√	√	√	√	√
Service	√	√	√	√	√
Exhortation	√	√	√	√	√
Sharing or Giving	?	?	?	√	?
Mercy	?	?	?	√	?
Assistance or Helps	?	?	√	√	
Managing or Caring	√			√	
Governing	√			√	
Faith	√?	√?	√?	√?	
Discerning Spirits	?	?	√?	√?	
Miracles	√	√			
Healings	√	√?			
Languages	√?				
Interpreting Languages	√?				