



THE THIRD GOD

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The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

YES, NO, & MAYBE

1. As a child, I dreamed of having superpowers.
2. I dreamed of using these superpowers against my siblings or students in my school.
3. I have identified the spiritual gifts that the Holy Spirit has given me.
4. When people claim to prophesy, I am a little more than suspicious.
5. I am currently and intentionally investing in and using my gifts of the Spirit.

DIG DEEPER

SUPERNATURAL POWERS

§ When you were a child, what superpowers did you dream of having, and how did you plan to use them?

• READ 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (New Revised Standard Version).

"7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses."

§ Why do you think that the Holy Spirit is in charge of distributing the Spiritual gifts? What does this mean?

∞ Why does the Holy Spirit give you these gifts?

∞ What do you think is meant by "utterance of wisdom" and "utterance of knowledge"?

∞ Do any of the gifts on this list make you uncomfortable?

NOTES

DIG DEEPER...continued:

THE LIST GETS LONGER:

- READ Romans 12:6-8 (New Revised Standard Version)

"6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness."

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- READ Ephesians 4:11-13 (New Revised Standard Version)

"11 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."

§ When we look at the entire list of the Gifts of the Spirit, they can be summarized down to 18 , they can be categorized as **1) Gifts That Say Something; 2) Gifts That Do Something; & 3) Gifts That Reveal Something.**

∞ What might be the Holy Spirit's purpose in giving someone any of these gifts?

∞ Was this a list for the early church, the end time church, or the everlasting church?

∞ Are these gifts given permanently or temporarily? Are some of them naturally permanent and some naturally temporary?

∞ Which ones do you question when people talk about them or publicly manifest them?

§ To what degree should we be living with the expectation that the Holy Spirit will give us one or more of these gifts?

§ What does it say about God's character that He would utilize this method of supernatural "gifting" to accomplish His will through us?

MY PRAYERS:

1. What spiritual gifts has the Holy Spirit given to me within my lifetime?
2. How intentional and determined am I in developing the spiritual gifts I've been given for God's Kingdom?
3. What new thing does God need me to know about His character this week?