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Discovering Spiritual Gifts

**There is the matter of information
(EDUCATION)**

**There is the matter of inclination
(EXERCISE)**

**There is the matter of investigation
(EXAMINATION)**

9 Temporary Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:8-10) BEFORE Scripture Complete

1. **Word of wisdom** – how to understand & apply the word before the Bible was complete
2. **Word of knowledge** – how to systemize & communicate the word before Bible was complete
3. **Faith** – to believe in and confirm the word through miracles prior to the canonization of Scripture
4. **Gifts of healing** – to prove the new word of revelation
5. **Working of miracles** – to authenticate the word
6. **Prophecy** – predicting the word (foretelling + forthtelling)
7. **Discerning of spirits** – knowing the truth of the word
8. **Divers kinds of tongues** – confirming the word (Mk. 16:20)
9. **Interpretation of tongues** – confirming the word

9 Permanent Gifts AFTER Scripture was Completed

- **Ministry** (Rom. 12:7)
- **Exhortation** (Rom. 12:8)
- **Giving** (Rom. 12:8)
- **Mercy** (Rom. 12:8)
- **Helps** (1 Cor. 12:28)
- **Governments/Ruling** (1 Cor. 12:28; Rom. 12:8)
- **Teaching** (Rom. 12:7; 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11)
- **Pastoring** (Rom. 12:8; Eph. 4:11)
- **Evangelism** (Eph. 4:11; Acts 21:8; 2 Tim. 4:5)

1 Corinthians 13:8-10 and Cessation of miraculous gifts: “Charity never faileth: but whether there be **prophecies** (foretelling and forthtelling truth prior to Bible), **they shall fail**; whether there be **tongues** (speaking in different languages), **they shall cease**; whether there be **knowledge** (direct revelatory knowledge before the Bible was complete), **it shall vanish away**. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come (the completed canon of Scripture), then that which is in part (the 9 temporary sign gifts used to spread and confirm the truth) shall be **done away**” (meaning they are no longer needed since the Bible is completed – **Jude 3**).

Explanation of the Cessation Words

1 Corinthians 13:8-10

“Charity never faileth: but whether *there be prophecies*, they shall **fail** (**become entirely idle and useless**); whether *there be tongues*, they shall **cease** (**stop in and of themselves**); whether *there be knowledge*, it shall **vanish away** (**disappear**). For we know in part, and we prophesy in part (**piecemeal revelation during Pauls’ day**). But when **that** which is perfect is come (**the completed Scriptures**), then **that** which is in part shall be **done away** (**prophecy and all the 9 sign gifts**).”

Hebrews 2:3-4 (written in AD 66-67) looking back on the Cessation of Miraculous Gifts

“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation (**God’s Word on salvation**); which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and **was confirmed (PAST TENSE) unto us (the original Christians who lived with the apostles- prior to AD 66-67) by them that heard *him* (the apostles who lived during the days of Jesus Christ); **God also bearing them witness (the original apostles- not us today!**), both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?”**

Mark 16:17 (Early New Testament Christianity)

“And these **signs (miraculous signs) shall follow them that believe (not be performed by everyone who believed);**

In my name shall **they (the apostles and their close associates who possessed these gifts)** cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.”

Mark 16:20 (Early New Testament Christianity)

And **they (the apostles)** went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and **confirming the word with **signs (miraculous signs) following.** Amen.**

The miraculous signs gifts were used to authenticate early New Testament Christianity by confirming the word (the truth being spoken) and the person speaking the truth **prior to the completion of the Bible.**

What is occurring with those who claim to possess the miraculous sign gifts?

They are **spurious or sham gifts**; counterfeit experiences riddled with delusion, error, and lies (Col. 2:18; Jer. 23:25).

They are **self-produced and artificial recreations** of these gifts (psychological/psychosomatic experiences produced by one's own mind and emotions) which seem real but are not of God or after Christ (Col. 2:8).

They are **satanically manipulated**; Satan and demons interfering with one's emotions and producing counterfeit experiences in order to deceive people (2 Cor. 11:14; 1 John 4:1; Eph. 6:12; 1 Pet. 5:8).

God's Healing Program for Today is Prayer – Not Miraculous Gifts

James 5:14-15 is an example of prayer:

“Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him ... And the **prayer of faith** shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up...”

1 John 5:14-15 – “And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if **we ask any thing according to his will**, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.