

# THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING TALENTED AND GIFTED

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(Deuteronomy 8:18) (1st Corinthians 12:4)

Everyone has talents. However, everyone is not gifted. Everyone has the power to attain wealth according to Deuteronomy 8:18. However, everyone **DOES NOT** have the ability to do supernatural things.

People are **BORN WITH TALENTS** but they are **GIVEN GIFTS**. Your talents equip you with the ability to be different and unique. Your gifts empower you to fulfill your God-given assignment.

Many people believe they are gifted when in actuality they are talented. You cannot be gifted until you have **ACCEPTED THE HOLY SPIRIT**. The Holy Spirit is the **ONLY** person who is authorized to give gifts according to 1st Corinthians 12:4. In order to understand the difference

between being talented and gifted you must keep this in mind.

## TALENTS ARE NATURAL. GIFTS ARE SPIRITUAL!

### TWO DIFFERENT LEVELS

(1st Corinthians 12:4)

Using your talents will enable you to do **GREAT** things while being gifted will empower you to do **SUPERNATURAL** things. You have the opportunity to do great **AND** supernatural things. Kingdom citizens have advantages that non-believers do not have because they have received the Holy Spirit.

Non-believers (*people who have not accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior.*) are very **LIMITED** in their ability to create changes within the hearts and minds of people. Being talented and functioning in the realm of your talent will

**NOT** allow you to touch the hearts and minds of people. God did not give you talents to change the character of people.

### WISDOM NOTE

**GOD GAVE YOU TALENTS TO INSPIRE PEOPLE.  
HE GAVE YOU GIFTS TO CHANGE PEOPLE!**

When a person accepts the Holy Spirit into their life they are endowed with spiritual gifts. These gifts will enable them to do supernatural things that will **CHANGE** the hearts and minds of people. The Holy Spirit decides how He will disburse the gifts to each individual who accepts Him.

You may receive one spiritual gift or you may receive multiple gifts but only the Holy Spirit will make this determination. Remember this wisdom key. The **PURPOSE** of being gifted is to **CHANGE** the hearts and minds of people. The **PURPOSE** of being **TALENTED** is to inspire people.

# WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES

(1st Corinthians 12:4-10)

When the Holy Spirit enables you to become gifted you will be given gifts that will empower you to do **SUPERNATURAL** things such as...

- 1) **THE GIFT TO SPEAK WITH WISDOM**: Having the gift to speak with wisdom will change the mindset of the people you are talking to.
- 2) **THE GIFT TO SPEAK WITH KNOWLEDGE**: Having the gift to speak with knowledge will enlighten people to hidden information.
- 3) **THE GIFT OF FAITH**: Having the gift of Faith will empower you to move mountains and overcome impossible situations.

- 4) **THE GIFT OF HEALING**: Having the gift of healing will enable you to do what the Dr. cannot do. The doctor can **TREAT** illnesses. However, the person who has the gift to heal can **REMOVE** illnesses.
- 5) **THE GIFT OF MIRACLES**: Having the gift of miracles will empower you to do what is naturally impossible. This gift will **REVEAL** the power of God to the unbeliever.
- 6) **THE GIFT OF PROPHECY**: Having the gift of prophecy will enable you to warn and prepare people of the things they cannot see coming ahead.
- 7) **THE GIFT OF DISCERNMENT**: Having the gift to know the difference between good and evil spirits will empower you to feel the **PRESENCE** of God. However, you will also feel the **PRESENCE** of evil.
- 8) **THE GIFT OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES**: Having the gift of speaking in tongues permits you to

communicate with God in a Heavenly language that the enemy cannot comprehend.

- 9) **THE GIFT OF INTERPRETING TONGUES**: Having the gift of interpreting tongues will empower you to **UNDERSTAND** a divine language the human brain cannot process.

These are the gifts the Holy Spirit gives to the people who decide to accept Him. The gifts you will receive will be dependent on the Holy Spirit's decision. However, anyone of these gifts will empower you to do **SUPERNATURAL** things on the earth.

REMEMBER,  
YOUR TALENTS INSPIRE PEOPLE.  
GOD'S GIFTS CHANGE PEOPLE!

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