

The Gifts, Ministries and Authority of the Holy Spirit

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PREFACE

Through the millennia Christ's church has been greatly modified. The supernatural aspects have been suppressed. An artificial hierarchy has been imposed on it. Even the Bible was suppressed for a while. True Christian fellowship was banned. Satan has ran the church since around 300 A. D.

Today's Christians don't even know what it was like in the early church. Jesus was the head of the house churches through the Christians who could receive immediate guidance from Him. Primarily, prophets acted as ambassadors for Christ. Casting out demons was something everyone did. The charismata were used regularly. Those that didn't have them prayed earnestly for them. Blessed oil was the #1 ingredient in the medicine chest. As they were in the presence of God Almighty daily in the house churches, they grew mighty in faith, hope and love. The Bible portions already existed and were common.

Should we pray for gifts of the Holy Spirit from God the Father? Satan says "no." After all, the lack of gifts leaves the Christians vulnerable to lies, without divine guidance and without signs & wonders. Jesus says "yes." In Luke 11:13, Jesus said, "If you then who are evil, now how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" Jesus taught us through the Lord's Prayer to ask for a gift of daily bread.

Who has the authority to cast out demons? Only Christians. Every Christian. At salvation we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit who has authority over all demons & angels. Whatsoever you (Christians) bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven (by God). We have power of attorney over demons! Demons may be reluctant to go, as in the case of the Gadarene demoniac, but inevitably they must go.

In Acts 19:13, the seven sons of Sceva were practicing "exorcism" (*Exorcisto*) with demons. That Greek word means, "to bind away with vows." The best any non-Christian can do is negotiate with demons. But Satan won't cast out Satan. These exorcists could only add demons to the sufferer on an agreement to give him some relief.

God also wants us to walk in faith, hope and love. That is more important than all these gifts, ministries and authority. But we need the gifts, ministries and authority in order to walk in faith, hope and love!

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Order of Saint Patrick

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1. What the Bible Teaches About Supernatural Gifts, Ministries and Authority
 - A. WHAT IS A SPIRITUAL GIFT?
 - I) Working Definition: A spiritual gift is a charismata or ministry from the Holy Spirit, which enables each endowed believer to contribute to the Body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:1, 4-7)
 - II) terminology:
 - a Charismata - "gifts"; general supernatural gifting of God's grace
 - b Pneumatikon - "spiritual actions"; by the Holy Spirit
 - c Diakonia – "service" or “deacon”; to serve others
 - d Energama - "energizing"; express God's power
 - e Phanerosis - "manifestation"; visually reveal the supernatural
 - B. WHO HAS SPIRITUAL GIFTS?
 - I) Every Christian has at least one gift - 1 Cor. 12:7; 1 Peter 4:10
 - II) Most Christians have more than one gift - 1 Cor. 12:29-30
 - III) Not all Christians have the same gifts - 1 Cor. 12:11, 14:20, 29-30
 - IV) Every Christian should pursue all the gifts, especially prophecy – 1 Cor. 14:1
 - C. HOW DO WE GET THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS?
 - I) sovereign act of God - Acts 11:44-45
 - II) The prayer of faith of another Christian - Acts 6:6
 - III) pray for God to give them to us - Luke 11:9-13; James 1:5-7
 - D. WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DO NOT USE OUR GIFTS?
 - I) As stewards, we are accountable! 1 Peter 4:10; 1 Cor. 4:2; Matt. 25:14-30
 - E. CAN SPIRITUAL GIFTS BE ABUSED?
 - I) Self exaltation
 - II) over emphasis on the gifts
 - III) Ungodly ends
 - F. WHAT ARE THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS?
 - I) Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:8-11, 28-30; Eph. 4:7-12
 - G. WHAT THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE NOT
 - I) Natural talents or skills
 - II) The Fruit of the Spirit
 - III) Christian roles
 - IV) Counterfeit gifts
 - H. HOW LONG DO WE KEEP OUR GIFTS?
 - I) Until we graduate to heaven. 1 Cor. 13:8-12
- A. The list is not exhaustive
- B. There are hyphenated gifts
- C. There are variations and degrees

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2 THE MEANING OF EACH GIFT, MINISTRY AND AUTHORITY

A The personal Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Charismata)

- I 1 Corinthians 12:7-10, list of charismata to individuals for common good
- II Wisdom (hearing supernatural word of wisdom)
- III Knowledge (hearing supernatural word of knowledge)
- IV Faith (supernatural confirmation)
- V Healing (supernatural healing of spirit, mind and body)
- VI Miracles (doing naturally impossible deeds)
- VII Prophecy (supernatural visions, dreams, utterance)
- VIII Discerning of Spirits (discriminating the divine, demonic and soulish)
- IX Tongues (speaking in languages never learned)
- X Interpretation of tongues (understanding languages never learned)

B The Ministries or Roles the Holy Spirit Gives the Church through Christians

I 1 Corinthians 12:28, list of ministers for the church:

- a Apostle (missionary, sent out one)
- b Prophet (official ambassador)
- c Teacher (sharer of wisdom and knowledge)
- d Miracle worker (agent of naturally impossible deeds)
- e Healer (agent of healing of spirit, mind and body)
- f Helper (agent of nursing and caring)
- g Leader (elder, bishop, administrator)

II Ephesians 4:11, church gifts of ministers :

- a Apostle (missionary, sent out one)
- b Prophet (official ambassador)
- c Evangelist (agent for sharing the gospel)
- d Pastor (agent of discipling)
- e Teacher (sharer of wisdom and knowledge)

III Romans 12:6-8 example of ministers for the body of Christ:

- a Prophet (official ambassador)
- b Server (agent of service, deacon)
- c Teacher (sharer of wisdom and knowledge)
- d Exhorter - *parakaleo* (agent of comforting, encouraging)
- e Liberal Giver (agent of contributing, generosity, sharing)
- f Leader (elder, bishop, administrator)
- g Comforter (agent of sympathy, comfort to the sorrowing, showing kindness)

C The Authority of the Holy Spirit given Christians for casting out (*ekballo*) demons -- Mark 3:22

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3 The Meaning of Each Gift

A THE GIFT OF WISDOM

I Definition: "The supernatural gift that God gives to Christians to hear the Holy Spirit give insight into how given knowledge may best be applied to specific problems."

II Examples:

a Jesus (John 8:3-8)

b James (Acts 15:13-20)

III How to get Wisdom

a use casting out demons to eliminate any demonic influence.

b Ask in prayer. When you get faith, declare it and receive it. (James 1:5-6)

IV Identifying the Gift of Wisdom

a Have you had amazingly brilliant solutions just 'come to you'?

b Can you intuitively arrive at solutions to fairly complicated problems?

c Have you intuitively had outlandish solutions come to you that turned out to perfectly work?

B THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

I Definition: "The supernatural gift that God gives to Christians to spiritually hear His voice with regards relevant things that are happening."

II What it is not:

a occult means of divination -- automatic writing, ouija board, astrology, seances, etc.

b demonic voices.

c personal Bible study.

d predicting beyond what God has told you.

III Characteristics:

a Spends time alone with God in dialogue with Him.

IV How do you get Word of Knowledge?

a use casting out demons to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.

b prayer, asking for this gift. If the peace of God descends, declare you have it and walk in it.

V Identifying the Word of Knowledge

a Have others told you that you have helped them distinguish key and important facts?

b Do you have ideas come to your spiritual ears that is confirmed by peace and turns out right

c Have you frequently discovered new insights into Scripture through personal study?

d Paul's concern (Col. 1:10) that believers be "increasing in the knowledge of God" is something you take very seriously.

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C THE GIFT OF FAITH (1 Cor. 12:9)

I Definition: "The supernatural gift of peace that God gives to Christians to trust God's confirmation for what He has said He will do."

II Verses:

- a "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for (when you pray), the divine conviction of things not seen (when you pray)." Heb. 11:1 When the faith descends from the throne, it's yours!
- b "...I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." (Matt. 17:20)
- c "...I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." (Matt. 21:21-22)
- d "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." (Mark 11:24)

III Problem to Avoid: using presumption to try to force God's Hand.

IV Identifying the Gift of Faith:

- a Have you received from God confirmation for the impossible and seen it happen in a tangible way?
- b Have other people told you that you had faith to accomplish what seemed impossible to them?
- c Have there been times when you have felt sure you knew God's specific will for the future growth of His work, even when others have not been so sure?
- d Do you depend upon God's resources and guidance to an unusual degree?

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D THE GIFT OF HEALING (1 Cor. 12:9)

I Definition: "The supernatural gift that God gives to Christians to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to cure a variety of maladies of people, families, societies, neighborhoods, cities, states and nations." "Gifts (plural) of healings (plural)" (1 Cor. 12:9): suggests different gifts for different kinds of maladies.

II How can we appeal to God effectively for Healing?

- a We choose to obey God's blessing promises and avoid God's curse promises.
- b Our client and his generations must be free from any curses that would stop God's hand.
- c We must either align our specific healing gifts with their maladies -- or find some Christian who has a relevant healing gift for our client.
- d We may need to address causes such as poison, demons, radiation, preference to die, etc.
- e If some healing takes place, more prayer will bring more healing.
- f When divine confirmation comes in the form of faith, we can stop asking. It is done.

III What is not Divine Gift of Healing?

- a demonic power -- Buddhism, Hinduism, Animism, Reiki, Witchcraft, Sorcery, Charming, Yoga, Voodoo, Root Work, Santeria, Ubanda, Spiritism, Shamanism, "Christian Science," etc.
- b Advanced scientific medicine to heal. Political and religious strategies to heal the world.
- c Extraordinary situations that do happen but very rarely in accordance with random chance.

IV Why Does God Perform Healings?

- a To show Himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are upright before Him.
- b To show His love.

V How can we get various gifts of Healings?

- a Renounce any prior occult activities, ungodly submissions, charms and idols.
- b Use casting out of demons on yourself to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.
- c prayer, asking for this gift. If the peace of God descends, try it out.
- d As you get divine permission, pray for the sick people, families, organizations, neighborhoods, cities, etc.

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E THE GIFT OF MIRACLES

I Definition: "The supernatural gift that God gives to Christians to work supernatural power to alter the ordinary course of nature."

II Old Testament: miracles of Moses, Elijah, Elisha

a Life of Jesus: walked on water, raised the dead, etc.

b Acts: Peter (5:19); Paul (12:17)

c 1 Corinthians: Spiritual gifts (12:10,28)

III What is a Miracle?

a Power - translated miracle 9 times

b Wonder - occurs 16 times; something astonishing

c Sign - 70 times, meaning miracle 60 times

IV What are not God's miracles?

a Counterfeit miracles - Satan

b Naturalism and coincidence

V How can we get the Gift of Miracles?

a use casting out demons to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.

b prayer, asking for this gift. If the peace of God descends, try it out.

c Pray for the dead, for neutralizing poisons, for blind eyes, for withered arms, etc.

d realize it may take soaking prayer or drastic action. You need guidance.

VI Identifying the Gift of Miracles

a Can others point to specific instances where your prayers have resulted in visible miracles?

b Has God asked you to perform supernatural signs and wonders?

c Have people told you that the Lord used you to bring supernatural change in lives or circumstances?

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F THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

I Definition: "The supernatural gift that God gives to Christians to receive visual information or communicate a message of God to His people through a divinely-anointed utterance."

II Varieties of Expression:

- a Prediction - Acts 11:25-28
- b Proclamation - Acts 21:10-11

III The importance of Prophecy:

- a The Apostle Paul considered this the most important gift. 1 Cor. 14:1
- b "Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets." Amos 3:7
- c Satan discourages real prophecy and raises up numerous false prophets.

IV What Prophecy is not:

- a to predict beyond what God has shown us
- b occult divination.
- c To regard prophecy as a highly charged emotional state.
- d To regard prophecy as the same as preaching or teaching.
- e morale boosting encouragement
- f political harangues with "God told me" thrown in.

V How do we verify prophets:

- a Discerning of spirits will alarm on this.
- b God will warn you through Word of Knowledge
- c Other prophets' visions are in congruence with it -- or not.

VI Results: Comfort, encouragement, guidance, warning, rebuke

VII Guidelines (1 Cor. 14):

- a To build up the Body of Christ
- b Minister in an orderly way
- c Tested by Scripture
- d Concerned about evangelism

VIII How can we get Prophecy?

- a use casting out demons to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.
- b prayer, asking for this gift. If the peace of God descends, try it out.
- c check what you get with other prophets.

IX Identifying the Gift of Prophecy

- a Has God shown you specific things that will happen in the future?
- b Do you sometimes have a strong sense of what God wants to say to people in response to a particular situation?

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G THE GIFT OF DISCERNING OF SPIRITS

I Definition: "The supernatural gift that God gives to Christians which enables them to sense whether behavior is in reality divine, human, or Satanic."

II The Christian Role of discernment: Hebrews 5:14; Acts 17:11; 1 John 4:1

a Gift: 1 Corinthians 12:10

III Examples:

a In Corinth

b Apostle Peter: Acts 5:1-11; Acts 8:9-25

IV How the Gift Functions:

a The awareness comes through "gut" feelings, "odors", "irritable" skin, intuition.

b Ability to know that apparently good behavior is in reality the work of Satan.

c Knowing whether something a Christian does emerges from godly or carnal motives.

d Ability to distinguish truth from error, even when motives are proper.

V How can we get Discerning of Spirits?

a use casting out demons to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.

b prayer, asking for this gift. If the peace of God descends, try it out.

c walk by obviously demonized places and see what you feel. I use "Hot Topic," "Spencer's Gifts" and seedy ends of town to trigger it and see how it feels.

VI Identifying the Gift of Discerning of Spirits

a Have others in the church noted that you are able to see through phoniness before it is evident to other people?

b Is your "sense" that a person's teaching is from God, Satan, or of human origin later confirmed to be true?

c Are you given affirmation by other Christians that you are able to distinguish spiritual untruth from supernatural insights?

d Are you able to differentiate between demonic influence and mental illness?

e Can you judge between the inadequate and the acceptable, or between evil and good?

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H THE GIFT OF TONGUES

- I Definition: "The special ability that God gives to Christians:
 - a to speak to God in a language they have never learned and/or
 - b to communicate a message from God to His people through a divinely-anointed utterance in a language they never learned."
 - c These languages are not universal; they are unknown by some or perhaps all those present.
- II Is it for Today?
 - a Christians, other than apostles and prophets, exercised these gifts (1 Cor. 12:14).
 - b The Bible nowhere states that any of the Gifts have passed away.
 - c The Bible does not distinguish between "extraordinary" and "ordinary" gifts.
 - d 1 Cor. 13:8-12 points out that all the gifts will be unneeded after Graduation Day.
- III What are the Purposes of this Gift?
 - a Personal edification - 1 Cor. 14:2,4,14-15: "Tongues enables our spirits to communicate directly with God above and beyond the power of our minds to understand."
 - b Edification of the church - 1 Cor. 14:5
 - c Judgment for unbelievers - 1 Cor. 14:20-25
- IV Could All Believers have the Gift?
 - a God chooses to give us gifts as He wills -- according to His promises of answered prayer - 1 Cor. 12:11 and Luke 11:13
- V What guidelines are Placed on its Use in the Church? 1 Cor. 14:26-28
 - a Exercised for edification
 - b Two or three, and one at a time
 - c Interpretation is necessary
- VI Should We Forbid Its Use?
 - a "...do not forbid speaking in tongues" 1 Cor. 14:39
- VII What if there is No Interpreter in a church service?
 - a "...the speaker should keep quiet..." - 1 Cor. 14:28
- VIII How can we get the Gift of Tongues?
 - a use casting out demons to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.
 - b prayer, asking for this gift. If the peace of God descends, open your mouth and try it out.
 - c check it out with the older brethren in worship.

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I THE GIFT OF INTERPRETATION

I Definition: "The special ability that God gives to Christians to make known in the vernacular the message of one who speaks in another tongue (an interpretation, not a translation)."

II Who Interprets the Tongues?

- a It is often the person who has spoken in the tongue - 1 Cor. 14:13
- b It may be someone else - 1 Cor. 14:27

III What Should be the Results?

- a Comfort, guidance, warning, encouragement, admonition, edification
- b Divine guidance when done in combination with someone using the gift of tongues.
- c a miracle when the speaker is a skeptical foreigner speaking their own tongue!

IV How can we get the Gift of interpretation?

- a use casting out demons to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.
- b prayer, asking for this gift. If the peace of God descends, try it out with a foreign Christian praying in their native tongue.

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4 The Meaning of Each Ministry

A THE MINISTRY OF APOSTLE

I Definition: "The special ministry that God gives to Christians which enables them to go start and grow a number of churches."

a An example: Paul (Eph. 3:2-13; Acts 9:15; 1 Cor. 9:19-23)

II The importance of Apostles:

a "God has appointed these to the church: first apostles, ..." 1 Cor. 12:28

b "Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets." Amos 3:7

c Satan raises up numerous false apostles by starting cults

III Reasons

a The New Testament calls many "apostles":

i The ministry of the 12 Apostles plus Paul was temporary.

ii James, the Lord's brother (Gal. 1:19)

iii Barnabas (Acts 14:4,14)

iv Epaphroditus (Phil. 2:25)

v Silas and Timothy (1 Thess. 1:1, 2:7)

vi Andronicas and Junia (Rom. 16:7)

vii Others (2 Cor. 8:23 1 Cor. 15:5,7; 2 Cor. 11:13)

b There is a continuing need for the gift:

i Strengthening churches

ii Starting churches

IV How can we get the Role of Apostle?

a Renounce any prior occult activities, ungodly submissions, charms and idols.

b use casting out of demons on yourself to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.

c Ask for all the gifts of the Holy Spirit you will need in this ministry. Get proficient in them.

d prayer, asking for this ministry -- for a couple of years if necessary. God will have to prepare you. If the peace of God descends, verify it with elders who are spiritually experienced. Pray for the anointing for the ministry the Lord is about to send you on.

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B THE MINISTRY OF PROPHET

I Definition: "The role that God gives to the Body of Christ to have reliable and frequent prophecies for conviction, edification, encouragement and solace."

II Varieties of Expression:

- a Prediction - Acts 11:25-28
- b Proclamation - Acts 21:10-11

III The importance of Prophets:

- a "God has appointed these to the church: first apostles, second prophets, ..." 1 Cor. 12:28
- b "Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets." Amos 3:7
- c "Therefore, brethren, desire (pray for) earnestly to prophesy," 1 Cor. 14:39

IV How can we be a Prophet?

- a Renounce any prior occult activities, ungodly submissions, charms and idols.
- b use casting out of demons on yourself to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.
- c ask for this gift of the Holy Spirit.
- d Become proficient at discerning it over time. Check what you get with other prophets.
- e prayer, asking for this ministry in the church. The rest is up to God.

V What a Prophet is not:

- a A misguided person, trying to influence Christians for good or ill by pretending prophecy.
- b An occult diviner, medium, shaman or witch pretending to be a Christian.
- c A compromised Christian who is under demonic influence as well as divine influence.
- d A highly charged emotional person who is blown by every wind of doctrine.

VI How do we verify prophets:

- a what they say is either congruent with the teachings of the Bible or not.
- b Discerning of Spirits will give alarm or peace.
- c God will tell you through Word of Knowledge
- d Other prophets' visions are in congruence with it -- or not.

VII Guidelines (1 Cor. 14):

- a To build up the Body of Christ
- b Minister in an orderly way
- c Tested by Scripture
- d Concerned about evangelism

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C THE MINISTRY OF TEACHING

I Definition: "The special ministry that God gives to Christians to communicate information with divine assistance so others will learn and be edified."

II Description :

- a Operates through special grace to impart understanding
- b Communicates any subject
- c Communicates divine truth

III How can we get The Role of Teacher?

- a Renounce any prior occult activities, ungodly submissions, charms and idols.
- b Use casting out of demons on yourself to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.
- c pray, asking for this gift and the other gifts necessary to this ministry. Become proficient at using them.
- d Start praying for this ministry in the church. the rest is up to God.

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D THE MINISTRY OF MIRACLE WORKER (1 Cor. 12:28)

I Definition: "The special ministry that God gives to the church to regularly work His supernatural power to alter the ordinary course of nature."

II Examples of Miracle Workers:

- a Moses & Joshua: the miracles in Egypt, in the desert, in taking the promised land
- b Elijah, Elisha: calling fire down from heaven, neutralizing poisons, an ax head floats, etc.
- c Jesus: walked on water, raised the dead, etc.
- d Peter (Acts 5:19); Paul (Acts 12:17)

III Who are not Divine Miracle Workers?

- a Counterfeit miracle workers using demonic power -- Buddhist and Hindu monks, Witch Doctors, etc.
- b Secular people using advanced scientific technology to impress people
- c Liars who come into the church to influence or attract Christians.

IV How can we be Miracle Workers?

- a Renounce any prior occult activities, ungodly submissions, charms and idols.
- b Use casting out of demons on yourself to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.
- c prayer, asking for this gift and the gift of healing. If the peace of God descends, try it out.
- d As you get divine permission, pray for the dead, for neutralizing poisons, for blind eyes, for withered arms, etc. Become wise & experienced at using this gift and when to use it.
- e Start praying for this ministry in the church. The rest is up to God.

V Identifying the Miracle Workers

- a Can others point to specific instances where your prayers have resulted in naturally impossible results?
- b Have people told you that the Lord used you to bring supernatural change in lives or circumstances?

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E THE MINISTRY OF HEALER (1 Cor. 12:28)

I Definition: "The special ministry that God gives to the church to regularly work His supernatural power to bring healing to people, organizations and nations." Jer. 33:6-9,

II Scripture:

- a 2 Chronicles 7:14 "if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."
- b Matthew 14:14 "When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick."

III Examples of Healers:

- a Moses & Nehemiah
- b Daniel
- c Jesus: prayed for people, Israel and Jerusalem
- d Peter (Acts 5:19); Paul (Acts 12:17)

IV Who are not Divine Healers?

- a Counterfeits using demonic power -- Buddhist and Hindu monks, Witch Doctors, Reikists, Witches, Sorcerers, Charmers, Yogis, Voodooists, Root Workers, Santeros, Ubandists, Animists, Spiritists, Mediums, Shamans, Energy Workers, Christian Science Practitioners, Satanists, etc.
- b People using advanced scientific technology to heal.
- c Humanists & Muslims trying to remake the world, thinking their ways will heal the world.
- d extraordinary situations that do happen but very rarely.

V How can we be Healers?

- a Renounce any prior occult activities, ungodly submissions, charms and idols.
- b Use casting out of demons on yourself to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.
- c prayer, asking for this gift. If the peace of God descends, try it out.
- d As you get divine permission, pray for the sick people, families, organizations, neighborhoods, cities, etc. Become wise & experienced at using this gift and when to use it.
- e Start praying for this ministry in the church. The rest is up to God.

VI Identifying the Healers

- a Can others point to specific instances where your prayers have resulted in unlikely healings?
- b Have people told you that the Lord used you to bring supernatural change in lives or circumstances?

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F THE MINISTRY OF HELPER

I Definition: "The role that God gives to the church and Christians to fix things."

II Examples:

- a The tabernacle was built by people appointed to help make it.
- b Jesus used His disciples as helpers to feed people and organize them.

III How can we be Helpers?

- a Renounce any prior occult activities, ungodly submissions, charms and idols.
- b Use casting out of demons on yourself to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.
- c prayer, asking for this gift. If the peace of God descends, try it out.
- d As you get divine permission, help people and organizations. Become wise & experienced at using this gift and when to use it.
- e Start praying for this ministry in the church. The rest is up to God.

IV Identifying the Gift of Helps

- a Have other Christians told you that you have helped them a lot?
- b Do you enjoy doing routine tasks that lead to more effective ministry by others?
- c Is this time in your life: "When I do things behind the scenes and others are helped, I am joyful." "And I really do not care who gets the credit"?
- d Would you rather be a supportive background person than an up-front leader or speaker?
- e Do you enjoy typing, filing, recording minutes, or similar church-related tasks, in order to assist others?

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G THE MINISTRY OF LEADERSHIP

I Definition: "The ministry that God appoints to the Body of Christ to communicate God's goals from the prophets to others in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish these goals for the glory of God."

II Characteristics:

a Diligence - Rom. 12:8

b Leader, Elder, Bishop - used interchangeably in the New Testament (Acts 20:17,28)

III How can get the ministry of Leadership?

a Renounce any prior occult activities, ungodly submissions, charms and idols.

b Use casting out of demons on yourself to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.

c prayer, asking for this gift. If the peace of God descends, try it out.

d Only as you get divine permission, lead people and organizations. Become wise & experienced at using this gift and when to use it.

e Start praying for this ministry in the church. The rest is up to God.

IV Identifying the ministry of Leadership -- To what extent are these true in your life:

a When I speak, people seem to listen and agree.

b When I join a group, others expect me to take leadership.

c When I am in charge, things seem to run smoothly.

d I find it easy to motivate others to follow through on a ministry project.

I would enjoy guiding a group of people to achieve their desired ends.

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H THE MINISTRY OF EVANGELIST

- I Definition: "The special ministry that God gives to Christians to bear great fruit when sharing the gospel with unbelievers."
- II Usage: "Evangelist" occurs three times in the New Testament
 - a Acts 21:8; Eph. 4:11; 2 Tim. 4:5
- III What is not Evangelism?
 - a trying to do it out of insecurity and false bravado -- They'll see right through it.
 - b trying to do it without any anointing or favor from God -- little fruit after great effort.
 - c Holding a rally or "revival" in your church, hoping someone will come.
- IV Identifying the role of Evangelist
 - a Do you have great fruitfulness when sharing the gospel?
- V How can we get The ministry of being an Evangelist?
 - a use casting out demons to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.
 - b prayer, asking for this gift and the gifts of miracles & healing. When the peace of God descends, a fire will burn in your heart.
 - c As you get divine permission, go out to the store, the parks, the malls, the neighborhood, the family, to the ghettos and try it out. Become wise & experienced at using this gift and when to use it.
 - d Start praying for this ministry in the church. The rest is up to God.

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I THE MINISTRY OF PASTOR (Eph. 4:11)

I Definition: "The ministry role that God gives to the Body of Christ to shepherd the believers."
The Greek word, "*Poimenas*" means "shepherd". Luke 2:8, 1 Peter 5:1-4

II Description :

- a Brings the Christians up into spiritual maturity, a discipler of individuals and groups.
- b oversees the flock he loves, even to the point of risking his own life

III What is not a Pastor:

- a A hireling, paid to look after the sheep solely for his own gain.
- b A denomination's agent, sent from church to church to gain credentials and recommendations.
- c An ordained Christian who became spiritually compromised in a spiritually corrupt seminary.
- d A counterfeit Christian who was ordained by witchcraft influence and given a church of Christians.

IV How can we get The Role of Pastor?

- a Renounce any prior occult activities, ungodly submissions, charms and idols.
- b Use casting out of demons on yourself to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.
- c pray, asking for this gift and the other gifts necessary to this ministry. Become proficient at using them.
- d Start praying for this ministry in the church. the rest is up to God.

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J THE MINISTRY OF SERVICE (Romans 12:6)

I Definition: "The special ministry that God gives to Christians to identify the unmet needs involved in a task related to God's work, and to make use of available resources to meet those needs and help accomplish the desired goals." From the Greek, "*diakonian*" which means "deacon" or "servant" or "minister" in English. Phil 1:1, John 12:26

II Identifying the ministry of Service

- a Do you enjoy doing menial jobs around the church?
- b Have others mentioned that you don't mind routine tasks and do well at them?
- c Do you respond cheerfully when asked to do a job, even if it seems menial?

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K THE MINISTRY OF SHOWING MERCY (Rom. 12:8)

I Definition: "The role that God gives to Christians to feel God's empathy and compassion towards both good and evil, who suffer distressing physical, mental or emotional problems, and to translate that compassion into cheerfully done deeds that alleviate the suffering." From the Greek "*eleoun*" meaning kindness, goodwill and mercy.

II How can we get The Ministry of Mercy?

- a Renounce any prior occult activities, ungodly submissions, charms and idols.
- b Use casting out of demons on yourself to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.
- c pray, asking for this gift and the other gifts necessary to this ministry. When the peace of God descends, a fire will burn in your heart. Become proficient at using them.
- d As you get divine permission, go out to the store, the parks, the malls, the neighborhood, the family, to the ghettos and try it out. Become wise & experienced at using this gift and when to use it.
- e Start praying for this ministry in the hearts in the church.

III Identifying the ministry of Mercy

- a Do you desire to work with those who have physical or mental problems, to alleviate their suffering?
- b Have you cared for others despite their evil past or their habit of returning evil for good?
- c Do you enjoy visiting in hospitals and/or nursing homes, and feel you do well in such a ministry?
- d Would you enjoy spending time with a lonely, shut-in person or someone in prison?
- e Do you work joyfully with and help those people who are ignored by the majority of those around them?

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L THE MINISTRY OF EXHORTER

I Definition: "The special ministry that God gives to Christians to teach, admonish and console other members of the Body."

II Varieties of Expression:

- a Group
- b One-on-one

III How can we get The Ministry of Exhorter?

- a Renounce any prior occult activities, ungodly submissions, charms and idols.
- b Use casting out of demons on yourself to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.
- c pray, asking for this gift and the other gifts necessary to this ministry. When the peace of God descends, a fire will burn in your heart. Become proficient at using them.
- d As you get divine permission, go out to the store, the parks, the malls, the neighborhood, the family, to the ghettos and try it out. Become wise & experienced at using this gift and when to use it.
- e Start praying for this ministry in the hearts in the church.

IV Identifying the Role of Exhortation

- a Have you verbally encouraged the wavering, the troubled or the discouraged?
- b Can you effectively motivate people to get involved in ministry when such motivation is needed?
- c Have people come to you in their afflictions or sufferings, and told you that they have been helped, relieved and healed?

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THE MINISTRY OF GIVER

I Definition: "The special ministry that God gives to Christians to contribute their material resources to the work of the Lord with liberality and cheerfulness."

II Principles:

- a In secret - Matthew 6:2-4
- b In love - 1 Corinthians 13:3
- c In cheerfulness - 2 Corinthians 9:7

III Results (Phil. 4:14-19):

- a Alleviates human need (vss. 16,18)
- b Extends the gospel (vss. 14,15)
- c Enriches the giver (v. 17)
- d Honors God (v. 18)

IV How can we get The Ministry of Giver?

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- b Use casting out of demons on yourself to ensure you are clean of demonic influence.
- c pray, asking for this gift and the other gifts necessary to this ministry. When the peace of God descends, a fire will burn in your heart. Become proficient at using them.
- d As you get divine permission, go out to the store, the parks, the malls, the neighborhood, the family, to the ghettos and try it out. Become wise & experienced at using this gift and when to use it.

V Identifying the ministry of Giving

- a Do you seek to manage your money well in order to give liberally to the Lord's work?
- b Are you willing to maintain a lower standard of living in order to benefit God's work?
- c Do you strongly agree with this statement: "I am so confident that God will meet my needs that I give to Him sacrificially and consistently"?
- d Do you consider all that you own as resources for God's use, and do you freely and joyfully give of these resources because you love God?

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N THE MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATOR

I Definition: "The ministry that God gives to the Body of Christ to understand clearly the immediate and long-range goals of a particular unit of the Body of Christ, and to devise and execute effective plans for the accomplishment of those goals."

II Word Picture: Pilot or helmsman (Acts 27:11)

a Titus 1:5

III Characteristics:

a Likes to prepare agendas and reports to help a committee to be more productive

b Takes satisfaction in a well-run organization

c Will pay careful attention to even small details in planning an activity.

IV Identifying the ministry of Administration

a If a group you are in is lacking organization, do you desire to step in to help it to run more smoothly?

b Do you enjoy handling the details of organizing ideas, people, resources and time for more effective ministry?

c Have you ever made effective and efficient plans for accomplishing the goals of a group?

d Are you able to give directions to others without using persuasion to get them to accomplish a task?

e Do you enjoy bearing the responsibility for the success of a particular task within the church?

f Do you enjoy working with facts and figures in order to complete a project successfully?

g Are you able to lead a committee or group in making decisions together?

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5 The Study of Our Authority

A OUR CONFERRED AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS

I Definition: "The conferred divine authority that God gives all Christians to cast out demons or evil spirits through the Holy Spirit who indwells us."

a Greek words used:

- i "ekballo" means "casting out." It is the only word that is used for what Christians did to demons. Sometimes today Christians say "deliverance" instead. "Banishing evil influences" has the same effect.
- ii "exorcisto" means "to force to an oath." It was only used once in Acts 19:13 and referred to unbelievers who tried to use incantations against demons. When these unbelievers tried "ekballo" instead they were injured by the demonized client. However, the Roman Catholic church uses the word, "exorcism" when they practically mean "cast out."

b Examples:

- i Jesus gave His apostles the power to expel demons: Mark 3:14-15; Mark 6:13
- ii The ministry was exercised in the earliest days of the church: Acts 15:16; Acts 16:16-18
- iii Casting out demons was a prominent ministry in the early centuries of the church. "Many of our Christian men have cast out (in the name of Jesus Christ who was crucified under Pontius Pilate) numberless demoniacs throughout the whole world, and in your city. When all other exorcists and specialists in incantations and drugs have failed, they have healed them and still do heal, rendering the demons impotent and driving them out." -- Justin (A.D. 150) Apology

c Precautions:

- i A fascination in demons and demonic things is probably inspired by demons!
- ii Casting out demons is futile if there are permissions for demons to return because of sin.
- iii Avoid attributing mental illness, disease or poisoning to demonic possession.
- iv Assuming that demons and the devil don't exist.
- v After ministering, do a deliverance for yourself for any demons that you might have caught.
- vi It might not be the person who is demonized but their properties, environments and families.

I How can I get the ministry of casting out demons?

a Receive Jesus Christ of Nazareth as your only Lord and savior. Welcome to the war.

May those who read any part of this paper be blessed with salvation and deliverance. May they grow in faith, hope and love for Jesus.