

# A Study of Spiritual Gifts

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Some sources for this study include 1 Cor. 12, 14 I.V., Moroni 10, DC 46, observing the lives of spiritual people, personal experiences, and E. Curry writings.

1. The purpose of today's study is the hope of helping to climb up the mountain to a higher spirituality. Our spiritual condition, or lack thereof is what is hampering Zion. We do not want to be among the 10 virgins whom the Bridegroom says "*ye knew me not*" but, among the ones who were wise and knew the H.S. (Matt. 25:1-12)
2. To have spiritual growth, the H.S. dwelling in us, and the Spiritual Gifts promised us = **we must have a strong testimony of Jesus Christ**. (Mi.10:5, Isa. 43:1-3, Ps, 18:1-3).
3. S.G. comes by faith, an active prayer life, asking, seeking, knocking, reading, pondering His word, giving thanks for whatever He gives us. (DC46:9; Mi.10:14-15; Matt. 21:19-20)
4. Spiritual growth comes on an individual basis, no *one-size-fits-all*; ie.: visions, words spoken, inspired writings, etc. (DC46:5b-c, 6a; 2N13:5, Mi. 10:8-12; 1Cor. 12:11, 14:4-6).
5. Spiritual growth takes sacrifice, giving up of self in obedience to His still small voice. Even getting out of a warm bed at 2 a.m. to kneel and pray or receive a word. It has to do with the desire of the heart. (2N13:9-11; Mos.9:41; Lk 6:12; Mk 9:26; DC9:3a)
6. Spiritual growth means illumination at unexpected times. In A Study in Prophecy, Concerning Jesus Return to the World E. Curry says: *It is good to keep issues of prophetic understanding and interpretation prayerfully before our minds continuously because spiritual light/understanding will often come to us at the most unexpected times. Usually such light needs to be written down as soon as possible.* (Acts 9; 8:26; Hel. 3:113-114; DC139 preface).
7. E. Curry in his Study of Spirituality, he says of S. Gifts: *There is a very great variety of what Paul, in 1 Cor., calls spiritual gifts. By these gifts the Heavenly Father ministers unto, lifts up, inspires, and illuminates the individual person or groups of persons. It was this kind of experience with the realm of the spiritual that produced the prophets of Israel, the Paul's, the John's of the N.T., the Lehi's and the Nephi's of the Book of Mormon and the Joseph's of the Restoration. These and many like them, who have lived, far up on the mountain of Spirit-blessed experience, these have changed the course of history.*

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### 8. Why we should seek Spiritual Gifts?

His word tells to (1Cor12:31, 14:1; DC 46:4a)

For mankind's benefit (DC 46:4-8); those who love Him and keep his commands.  
(Mi 10:7-9; DC 95:3a)

For an abiding concern and real dedication to righteousness (DC 46:4b)

Every person is given a gift of the H.S (DC 46:5b)

To use the gifts we are given (DC 6:5)

To know the power of God (Mi 10:7-9)

To know that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God (DC46:5d)

To be quickened and have the Holy Spirit's light— (DC 85:3)

H.S. which comes from God is the building block of the church and of creation.  
(Gen. 1, DC28:8c-d,9a; 44:2; 3N9:20-24)

We need to know this H.S. He shows himself by these gifts. (1Cor.12, Gal. 5:22-25)

We are to desire the SG to edify the church. (Eph. 4:12-16)

Because of the times we live in, fear, anxiety, distress, wickedness that darkens the  
earth we ought to be even more desirous of having these gifts. (Eph. 4:17-24)

The more we have of Gods Spirit in us the more grace we have, and the closer we  
are to God. (Mos.9:41 & 48)

### 9. We have not because we ask not. (2N14:5, James 4:2)