

A Study of Spiritual Gifts

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A list of special gifts and ways in which the Lord blesses, guides, enlightens & comforts His people, thus helping them to become a deeply spiritual people. This list is not all inclusive.

Resources for part #2 of this study include but, are not limited to: E. Curry's A Study in Spirituality and The Endowment; scriptures listed below & 1 Cor. 12, 14 I.V., Moroni 10, DC 46; observing the lives of spiritual people, and my own personal experiences.

Notes: Mark 16:16-19, Hymns *Keep Your Eyes Upon Jesus* and the hymn *Higher Ground*.

- 1. Know that Jesus was, is and always will be the Christ, the only begotten of the Father.**
Involves a life-long partnership with the H.S. in the working out of His purposes. Those with this gift increasingly cease to be dominated by the trivial, but are caught up in noble and worthwhile life pursuits. Examples include: Peter, John, Paul, Nephi, Joseph Smith, Jr. Other gifts testify of Jesus because the H.S. witnesses of Jesus. (DC68:1; Ps.18:1-3; DC42:5d; 2N11:26,29,48).
- 2. Instances of inspired wisdom.** What is wisdom? Knowing not to run before the Lord. Most important as this gift affects every aspect of our life (James 1:5; 1K4:29; DC86:3c). The H.S. guides in wisdoms path (Eph.1:17; 2N12:37). Wisdom can be acquired by: listening to the testimonies of others (Alma 18:11), by keeping the commandments of God (Alma 17:68-70), by the things we suffer, by giving service to fellow man same as doing it to God. Results of learning wisdom: (DC 6:3b&c) = eternal life.
- 3. Knowledge (k):** to understand what's already been given (DC8:1b-2b; Col.1:9-12; Alma 7:29). To reason with the Lord (DC 50:4). Understand what hasn't been given before — Joseph Smith received revelations on stewardship, tithing, B of M, WOW, etc. (Mos. 5:78-80; Hymn *Rejoice ye Saints*). Storing up k for future use—hidden treasures of k (DC 86:3c). And inspired perception of k. Just as we grow in grace we grow in k of the truth (DC50:8c); and are given k of truth by the H.S. The H.S. is given to teach us to know all things (Mi 10:5-6; DC 75:2c). Requirements: faith (Alma 12:113, Mos. 2:13-23; 2 Cor. 4:6). Different ways to receive k by H.S. (2N3:38).
- 4. Faith** — *He who comes to God must believe on Him that He is & He rewards those who seek him* (Heb. 11:6). From little to extra-ordinary, in special times or throughout life, it is important, all gifts work by faith. H.S. teaches how to acquire faith. Some ways to acquire: Increase holiness in life, thought, desires. Nourish the seed--ask, seek, knock (Alma 16:153-173). Associate with those of great faith (Ps.101:6). Search scriptures & other good books for examples of faith. Set personal projects which require the exercise of faith (Judges 6:37-40). Write insights given you of needs & work = grow your faith (Eph.6:16).

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5. **Faith to be healed** - (Alma 7:33), Immediate (Mat. 8:3-15; 12:11; 15:27; 17:18; 20:34; Acts 3:6-7) but, we know not all are healed immediately (1Tim5:25, 2Tim4:20, Mk8:23-26). It may come slowly for certain purposes of the Lord to be achieved in ones life (2 Cor. 12:7) or might be conditioned on our obedience to the laws of health, such as WOW (DC 86, 59:3-5a, 85:38b, 119:9a-b), or might be conditioned on faith of the individual (James 5:14-15, Matt. 8:28,35; DC 119:9c, 42:13).
6. **Instruments of healing**—(Mi10:10; DC46:7c, 83:11c). 3 Months in His Presence.
7. **Miracles** — To meet the deepest needs of men (Mos. 5:81); demonstrate that there is a great Father (Mn.4:76-84, Isa. 29:25); all may believe and none be left with excuse for not believing (2N11:145); emphasis should not be on miracles performed but, on Jesus (DC 23:6a).
8. **Prophecy** — To edify, exhort, comfort, for individuals and/or groups. The Lord desires us to have a vision of what He wants His people to do, be, and how to do it (Gen.6:27). Study for understanding the prophetic experiences and insights of the scriptures. Seek our own individual experience and write them down. Talk with spiritual individuals (Ps.101:60). Since the Lord works with us individually it is reasonable that the nurture and development of prophecy will be individualized. It could be: sharing prophetic experiences we already have in Scriptures, written experiences of everyday, discussions with spiritually minded people, individual experiences of our own, maybe an insight or foresight. It may come as we share a testimony. It is the H.S. with us that witnesses the truth and the content of what is said more importantly then "*thus saith the Spirit*". It depends on desire and level of understanding. If God lifts us up to levels of prophecy, we must have a great love: of God, His truth, His people—to have this gift. We also must perceive the needs of the people and have compassion for others. Have a very great faith and be sure we are in the H.S. before speaking. (Alma 7:31)
9. **Tongues & interpretation of tongues**— Given by the will of God and not of man (Mk 16:17, Acts 2:4-11). The promise of this gift was given to those assigned the task of taking the gospel to all the world (DC 87:4). Also, to edify the church, individuals and to glorify God. It requires totally giving ourselves over to H.S. (Alma 7:31)
10. **Interpretation (translation)**— God is intelligence (DC 90:6) and inspiring, in our weakness we often do not understand or misinterpret what is being communicated (Isa.55:9). We should ask for the interpretation and application (*how does this apply to me, what am I to do with this?*). See #20 (DC85:10, 90:5-6, 131:1; 2Pet.1:20, Dan 5:16, Alma 7:31).

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11. **Writing, speaking, singing under inspiration.** *Admonition* by Joseph Luff.
12. **To believe the word of the Lord and the testimony of others** — Giving confirmation, burning of bosom one way (DC 9:3).
13. **Beholding angels/ ministering spirits** — Seen or unseen, to be instructed, empowered for special duties, for the good of His work (Endowment 29:26). Appearing to those of strong faith and firm mind, set on the Lord (Mi.7:31). To call men unto repentance and to fulfill and do the work of the covenants of God (Mi.7:32). Prepare the way by declaring the word and testimony of Christ (1N3:54-252,2N14:3) DC22:8, Alma 7:30. Knowing qualifications of angels helps us discern what is of God, as Moses in DC22.
14. **Administered unto by those who have tarried** – 3 Nephites, John the Revelator in the Creston experience.
- 15 **Prayer** — all can seek for this gift. Asking H.S. to guide our prayers (1John 5:14-15, Eph. 6:18). We should be a praying people, in public and private.
16. **Know differences of administration**— different ways gifts are given to the individuals, conditions are based on: personality, language skills, ability to understand, willingness to accept—we know He never forces Himself on us. (1Cor14:4-6, MI.10:9, DC.46:6a).
17. **Diversities of operation**—how to approach the needs of individuals or of a group situation. Those in positions of responsibility need this gift. Holy Spirit moves according to each person as in #16.
18. **Discerning of spirits**—to know if something is inspired of the Lord, an individuals own personality or of the adversary. We are told to test the spirit (1John 4: 1-3). Confusion is one way to test, it is not of God, He brings peace and calm. Also by knowing the Word, having it written in our hearts so we are not misled or deceived. And asking for confirmation (DC 50:1-3).
19. **Inspired dreams**—to guide, inspire, comfort (1 N1:24, Gen. 41, 31:11-13).
20. **Interpretation of dreams**—as #10. May be interpreted by the person having the dream or by someone else as in Daniel 2.
21. **Inspired vision**—Inspired visions can come to anyone, for an individuals needs, to instruct or guide, usually the content is perfectly plain to understand.
22. **Inspired study**—Spiritual guidance and assistance in trying to understand and comprehend the scriptures or other spirit inspired readings. Can apply to a specific topic needed. (DC 9:3, 10:10; Endowment 29:21).

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23. **Inspired writing.** Those who write of the things of God should make every effort to make it plain to the understanding of all. (1Cor 14:19; 2N11:6-7,11; DC 90:1c+5c, 83:4a, 45:2i-j). Book of Mormon, Johns Revelation (DC 16:1).
24. **Inspired preaching/teaching.** This is more than mental illumination, feeling good or liberty of thought and expression. This is meeting the particular needs of individuals, groups or of a time or era (DC 50:4c-6a, 1Pet.1:12, Endowment 16:12-13, Alma 7:31).
25. **Spiritual impressions,** moved to look up certain scripture regarding a situation, challenge or concern; being made aware of a particular persons need (Endowment 29:18).
26. **Inspired insight** — Lord answers our prayer for understanding, opening our minds to a very concise explanation or concept, usually leaving it to us to work out its application. (Prov. 28:5)
27. **Discerning and knowing true values** — in all aspects of life, as we are faced with challenges, we understand what's important (Prov. 3:13).
28. **Peace, courage, serenity of mind** — no matter what circumstance we are in, we trust we will be okay. The peace that passes understanding (Gal. 5:22, Phil.4:7).
29. **Love** — a very high type of love that reaches toward God, changes our desire and attracts others about us to Him. Complete forgiveness when we are wronged. It begins with a desire to change, humility, coming to God to purge us of prideful hearts and to change our hearts (2N3:36, Mos.1:32; Alma 10:27-29; Gal.5:22).
30. **Glorified through persecution**—reproached for the name of Christ (1Pet. 4:14, Heb.11:35-40).
31. **Interpret prophecy** — taking the words of the prophets and revealing them or making them come alive for our time (Book of Daniel).
32. **Write music.** The 4th book of scripture, *the Hymnal*.
33. As with #32, The **use of our personalities are magnified** as they are inspired and dedicated to the Lord.
34. **Convincing power of God** —3 Nephites (3N13:41).
35. **Mighty Prayer** — only mentioned few times in all scripture, mostly in B.M (2N3:39). MP is **Spirit led**, inspired supplication, beseeching, petitioning and always praising and thanking (1Pet4:6, 1John 5:14-15, Eph.6:18).

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36. **Perceive profound intelligent concepts of truth** as though it were obvious or plain truth (Gen.6:63-64) and manifests truth (DC 88:1d).
- Example: E. Curry's 10 characteristics of the Endowment, *The hope of the future centers in the Lord Jesus Christ* (Rev. 5), *To be spiritually minded is life* (Rm. 8:6).
 - Suggestion: a notebook should be kept for these inspired thoughts.
37. **Tremendously important affirmations** — (Matt 5:3-14; 3N5:45-58, 1N3:187, DC 50:7f), "*blessed is ...*". These affirmations are to build us up, give purpose and objective to our lives, empower us as a never ending source of spiritual nourishment and motivation. Note: these may be found in scripture or given to individuals earnestly seeking a closer walk with the Lord. Keep a notebook when these are received.
38. **Spirit blessed remembrance** — recalling sermons, testimonies, experiences. Example: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John who remembered in such detail as they wrote years after Jesus' ministry.
39. **Patriarchal blessings** — often used by the Lord to enrich our spiritual lives and point out avenues in our lives for fulfilling the gifts and talents He has given us. Also **Special Blessings**, usually given for a specific reason i.e. a particular task or need for guidance, comfort, or counsel. P.B. study class taught by K. Keilig.
40. **Mental exaltation** — our powers of mind and spirit, under God's special blessing, function at their highest (Endowment 16:12-13).
41. **Counseling** — not to be confused with the worldly counseling, but specific to the person who comes in need, spirit lead (Endowment 16:12-13).
42. **Guiding prayer and testimony, and experience meetings** —specific to what is needed at that moment. This can be developed as one listens to and is directed by the H.S. (John 16:13).
43. **Profound spiritual perceptions** — usually during hours of slumber, when our minds are at rest and we aren't inundated with cares of the world. Like a dream or vision, but, not completely. Thoughts provided by the H.S. pass through the mind usually to help us understand, appreciate, use or encourage us. Sometimes we are awakened from sleep with a thought, sentence, idea (Endowment 16:12-13).
44. **Hearing a voice speaking** — advising and counseling along needed lines of thought or action. *The voice of the Spirit and the still small voice of the Spirit* (Gen. 6:26-27; Heb.3:7, Acts 7:31, 2Pet1:16-18, Alma 7:30).

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45. **Highly intensified & intelligent insight and understanding to the operating physician** — Patrick McKay's book Healing the Breach.
46. **Guidance or stabilizing comfort** — prayerfully coming before the Lord with the scriptures or hymnal in hand, earnestly asking the Lord that the Holy Word may fall open to page that may contain a thought or verse which will meet our need. In Heavenly Love Abiding.
47. **See the Lord and talk to Him fact to face** — as Moses, Enoch, Brother of Jared (DC 22; 36; 50:8g, 90:1).
48. **Continuing daily periods of enlightenment**—can cover months of time: John's Revelation, (Endowment 29:20).
49. **Sealing up** — or being sealed up unto paradise and eternal life. Probably most experienced by those noble-hearted saints who are about to die. (DC 68:1h). Matt. 16:2 priesthood given to bind up/seal/loose.
50. **Our Spirits seem to leave our bodies** — for a brief time (1N3:38).
51. **Being made semi-immortal** —3 Nephites, John the Revelator.
52. **Telling the gospel story readily & interestingly**.(1N1:65;Ps86:11;DC19:3a)*It's that easy!*
53. **Insensibility to pain**. Not from drugs, meds, or self-will. But is because of earnest prayer granted when needed, as in times of intense persecution (Mos.11:61).
54. **Health** — enabling us to carry on the Lord's work. Part of this gift is a growing enlightened understanding of the councils given for health in the scriptures (DC 86, 85:38).
55. **Know the signs of Christ's return to the earth**. (DC 68:1h).
56. **Spirit-borne testimony** — to witness whether a decision, insight, or conclusion is right with God.
57. **Gift of Aaron** Urim & Thummim. Aaron also had the gift of speaking readily (DC8:3; Ex28:30, Lev.8:8).
58. **Receiving the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**—(DC104) promised/responsibility of Melchisedek priesthood. Assumedly means: Able to understand difficulties of mortal life, lifted up to higher levels of spiritual experiences, foreseeing wonders of eternity, high wisdom & understanding (DC 76:1-2). God makes known the secrets of His will for all generations, & comprehending God (DC 76:1-2). Hold the keys of all the spiritual blessings of the church & taught the peaceable things of the kingdom (DC35:1b).

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59. **Having the heavens opened unto them** - Promised/responsibility of MP, this is to be part of their heritage if they are willing to live for and desire it. Possibly means: more than ordinary vision of future life, eternity. To see where God dwells (Isa 6). Perceive what interests and concerns, activities, purposes those who have been given the gift of eternal life will be engaged in. See purposes and destiny of all who love the Lord greatly & work toward His goals (DC 104).
60. **Commune with the general assembly and church of the firstborn.** See and converse with those who have gone to Paradise, specifically those of great faith and action. Example: Peter, James, and John at the transfiguration of Jesus. This depends upon MP faith and desire, the need for such experience, or problems facing us (DC 104).
61. **To enjoy the communion and presence of God the Father and Jesus** — Refers to personal contact with the Savior, and requires mighty prayer, great faith, seeking help and guidance from the Lord (DC104).
62. **Spiritual quickening** — Those of great faith, in mighty prayer, having no fear, jealousy and humbly seeking the Lord will be quickened. (Gen.6:64, 68; 1Tim6:13). Quickened means: *to make spiritually alive, sharpen, give keener perception, stimulate, to revive, reinvigorate, vitalize, refresh by new supplies of comfort or grace, nourish*. This SG is promised to the priesthood as they are admonished to preach and teach the gospel as they are directed by the Holy Spirit (DC 32:3d, 42:5b, 50:1-6, 67:3, 83:3; Ps. 119:37).
63. **Not be weary in mind, neither darkened, neither in body, limb or joint**—applies specifically to any priesthood member *preaching the gospel of the kingdom, continuing faithful in all things*. (DC 83:13c, Isa 40:27-31) and is associated with the WOW (DC86).
64. **Magnified and extended vision** — and converse with the Lord at the same time. Examples: Moses, Enoch, Brother of Jared (DC 22:19; 36).
65. **Different means of healing** — handkerchief & shadow of Peter (Acts 19:12, 5:15).
66. **Laws of space and time are set aside** — and there is instantaneous movement over distances (Acts 8:39). **Dimension outside of time.** A. Oakman presented at *Research and Planning for Zion's Communities*, 1967.
67. **Envisioning historical events** — from the past or repetition of the word of the Lord spoken in the past. (DC 22, 36) and some other sections of the DC.

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68. **Manna** — as Christ feeding of the multitude (Matt 14:13-21).
69. **Apocalyptic experience** — As John the Revelator, Nephi, Brother of Jared, Enoch, Moses, Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon (DC 76:3).
70. **Inspiring people toward finer personality development.** (1Pet.1:22).
71. **Perception of potential personality characteristics** — Used for the work of the Lord in setting up and unfolding the work of the kingdom, one aspect of the endowment (Endowment 16:12-13).
72. **Command the forces of nature** — This is only done for a useful purpose and to glorify God (Mk 11:14-16, 22-25; DC 22:17; Rev. 11:6, Jacob 3:7; Gen 6:36, 14:30).
73. **Putting at defiance the armies of the nations and subduing principalities & powers.**
In a small way (Luke 4:16-30), Jesus passing through the angry crowd; more profoundly the days we live in and the future. To subdue=under obedience. (Eph.6:12, Luke 4:16-30, Heb.11:33-34; Gen. 14:31; Alma 12:113; Endowment 48:30-51).
74. **A new heart and a new mind** — Under the influence of H.S. personality is made over and sanctified, attitudes are ennobled, countenance changes and becomes glorified (Ezek. 11:17-20). Often may/should happen with a new member, but, applies to anyone earnestly seeking change in their hearts (Rm. 8:13, Gal.5:22-26).
75. **Spiritual radiance, Transfiguration** — Metamorphose = changed, transformed. When the H.S. rests upon anyone, in power, their whole being glows. This has occurred when men have been unusually blessed in preaching (Matt. 17:1, Mk. 9:1, Lu.9:29; DC22:8c).
76. **Receiving counsel or guidance** — The nurturing of gifted personalities, men or women, old or young, into extraordinary usefulness and spiritual power in the Lord's work. (Jn. 16:13; Endowment 16:12-13).
77. **Guidance** — to search out spiritual things (Endowment 29:20).
78. **Raising up wise men for statesmanship** — Such as the founding of our nation.
79. **Spirits subject to us** — subject = be under obedience (Luke 10:17-20, DC 50:6f-7e).
80. **Led by H.S. to a destination**—When God calls us, He calls us to go outside our comfort zone. This is to help us grow. This gift can be a real challenge for some of us (Acts 8:26, 10:19-21). **Exercise:** ask H.S. to direct you to a destination then follow.
Native flute class.
81. **Raising the dead** — (Acts 9:39-41, Heb.11:35; 3N3:60,9:4, 10:36).