

WHEN THE SPIRIT SHOWS UP ²

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Tooling Up To Change The World, Part 4

MAIN IDEA: Each time we gather, God's Spirit shows up, and wants to use each of us to reveal something of God's fullness. That's what the spiritual gifts are all about.

KRA: Ask him to use you to bless others utilizing the spiritual gifts; look for the Spirit's prompting and jump in!

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- "Each one" means that **we are all on the playing field.**
- "Manifestation" ... **invisible Spirit, visible, thru gifts.**
- "Is given" ... **not rewards**, but **gifts** to bless others!
- Not gift-keepers... **Mailmen!**
- Good for everyone. **Blessed to be a blessing!**
- **ALL gifts available to everyone...** some specialties

"Now eagerly desire the greater gifts." **1 Cor. 12:31**

"Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy... since you are eager for things of the Spirit, strive to excel in those that build up the church." **1 Cor. 14:1, 12**

"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father." **John 14:12 NLT**

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. **(7-11)**

What's in your tool belt?

- **Word of wisdom:** A supernatural revelation of instant insight, direction, or how something God reveals may be applied, not learned by natural means. (John 8:7; 1 Kings 3:26-27)
- **Word of knowledge:** A supernatural revelation of facts about a person or situation, not learned by natural means. (Acts 5:3; John 4:17f)
- **Gift of faith:** A supernatural surge of confidence from the Spirit of God which arises within a person faced with specific situation/need where they receive certainty beyond fact that God is about to act in that situation. (Dan. 6:3; 1 Kings 18:19f; Acts 13:8)
- **Gifts of healing:** God's supernatural healing of diseases coming thru human agents for his glory and the benefit of others. (Luke 5:17; Acts 3:6)
- **Works of power/miracles:** The supernatural intervention of the Spirit in the natural order through an individual. (Mt. 8:26; 9:36; 14:14; 20:34)
- **Prophecy:** A Spirit-enabled ability to receive and communicate an immediate message from God to his gathered people or person. Forth-telling more than foretelling. (Acts 11:28, 21:10)
- **Discernment of spirits:** A Spirit-enabled perception given to distinguish the motivating spirit behind certain words or deeds. (Mt. 9:4; 16:23; Lk. 9:47; Acts 5:3)
- **Speaking in different tongues:** A Spirit-enabled ability to speak in a language not known by the speaker. 3 dimensions in NT. (Acts 2:4-8; 1 Cor. 14:27; 14:4)
 - 1) Language unknown to speaker, known to hearers (Acts 2/10)
 - 2) Believer's meeting, unknown to speaker & audience, needs interpreting to be beneficial to Body (1 Cor. 14)
 - 3) Tongues unknown to speaker, spoken/sung alone, "prayer language," but is beneficial to speaker. (1 Cor. 14:15)
- **Interpretation of tongues:** A Spirit-enabled ability to interpret a tongue given that makes the message intelligible and beneficial to the hearers. (1 Cor. 12: 10; 14:13, 28)