



## Benefits of the Manifestations

**A**s regards the manifestations of holy spirit, there are only three Bible chapters that completely detail their usage and the operation. Yet, these three chapters primarily discuss the first three manifestations. Most people have arrested a single chapter from these three chapters, but all three chapters comprise a complete set. If we pull out one, we dismiss God's intended impact. I am referring to 1 Corinthians 12-14. It is chapter 13 that people often laud, while dismissing 12 and 14. We, in no way, want to diminish their unique relationship.

Today, to determine addressees, our starting point needs to be chapter one.

**(1 Cor 1:2 KJV) Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,**



**both theirs and ours:**

Can you tell me to whom Corinthians is addressed? Verse two says, 'unto the church of God'. Further, it qualifies the church as people "called to be saints with all in every place..." It is addressed to the church, to us. Notice how easy it is to determine the addressee of the Bible. We can safely proceed to chapter 12 in our study of the Benefits of the Manifestations, aware that what we are about to learn is meant for Christians.

**(1 Cor 12:1 KJV) Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.**

The word *gifts* is in italics. What does this mean? It means that there is no supporting Greek word and that it was added to support the translators' doctrinal beliefs. For centuries, this single word *gifts* has caused the church oodles of confusion. If you leave it in, you'll be in the soup a lifetime.

Understand that the word spiritual is translated from the Greek word pneumatikos; it means, 'spiritual matters.' Spiritual matters is far different than spiritual gifts. All spiritual gifts are spiritual matters; all spiritual matters are not spiritual gifts. Why does this matter, you might ask? The answer determines the difference between truth and error. Truth brings you closer to God. In my books, that is everything. Remove the word gift from this verse.

**Pneumatikos**

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A manifestation of the spirit is not a gift, but it is a spiritual matter. The word pneumatikos

Immediately portrays the heart of the matter. Pneumatikos is better translated, "things of the spirit." How ignorant we have been. We think we know so much about math, science, the earth, etc.... Even those who think that they know only perceive their knowledge in light of private interpretation.

## Idols

(1 Cor 12:2 KJV) **Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.**

What is an Idol? It is a material object worn around the neck, set on a dashboard, shelved in the home, etc.... You can't teach more than you know, and sadly, you can't venture beyond what you know. These idol worshippers practiced this because someone taught them to do so. They were carried away, led, unto dumb idols.

## Calling Jesus accursed

(1 Cor 12:3 KJV) **Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.**

It sets in verse three laced in gold. No man speaking by the spirit, speaking in tongues [SIT], calls call Jesus accursed. These men had been pagan Gentiles. Others heard them speaking in tongues and claimed that they were cursing their gods. This verse isn't in the Bible by happenstance. It was provided to Paul by revelation. God wants us to know that speaking in tongues will not curse Jesus, God's son.

## Calling Jesus Lord

No man can say Jesus is lord but by .... When you SIT, you must walk out on absolute believing. You must absolutely believe that Jesus is lord because feelings are not involved. I walk out on the truth that I have made him lord. I've heard preaches try to explain this verse. They completely ignore the subject—speaking in tongues. They focus on saying that

Jesus is the lord and teach how you really have to mean it. This verse teaches no such thing. It teaches that the real way to say that Jesus is the lord is by speaking in tongues. That's what 'saying by the holy spirit' means. When you speak in tongues, you are proving that you've made Jesus your lord.

Jesus is God's son. It's easy to say that God the Father is Lord, but making His son lord is an entirely different matter. When I speak in tongues, I prove that I've made Jesus lord of my life. There is no other proof in the senses realm that I've made him lord. "...but by holy spirit" should be translated "except in holy spirit."

## Speaking in the spirit of God

Speaking in the spirit of God is speaking in tongues. Therefore, saying 'Jesus is Lord' in holy spirit is speaking in tongues. That's the law. Anybody can say "Jesus is Lord." Take a man and ask him. Can you say peanuts? This isn't what it's talking about. It's saying what the verse has been saying to the church from the beginning. How few of us

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understand it and how ignorant we are, yet verse one says that God would not have us ignorant.

## Charismata - Gifts of God's Grace

(1 Cor 12:4 KJV) Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

'Gifts' is translated from the Greek word charismata referring to gifts of God's grace, God to man. They are God-given abilities.

Gifts from God are unmerited; they are by God's mercy. They are not given because we worked for them; they are always by God's grace. When speaking about spiritual matters, there are diversities of gifts, charismata, God to man. Charismata is the God given ability. Every time this word charismata is used, this is its meaning and significant usage. Charismata is God to man. I need to show you that the charismata, the gifts of God, formulate themselves into three logical orders.

## Gifts - three orders

TO UNSAVED - ETERNAL LIFE - ROMANS 10:9

TO BELIEVERS - THE ABILITY TO OPERATE THE NINE MANIFESTATIONS - ACTS 2

TO THE CHURCH - 5 MINISTRIES - EPHESIANS 4

## Gifts in the Word

(1 Cor 12:1 KJV) Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

These spiritual matters encompass *all* spiritual matters, not just the ones you prefer to discuss. Now concerning spiritual matters—in their entirety.

Have you ever counted gifts from God to man in the Bible? Let's do that right now. The new birth is a gift. Then there are five gift ministries. These six are all that are mentioned. So when the theologians start talking about the gift of this and the gift of that, you know they are wrong. In the Word of God, there are only these six gifts from God to His people.

(1 Cor 12:4 KJV) Now

there are **diversities** of gifts, but the same Spirit.

Verse four is talking about gifts, further, diversities or distinctions of the same spirit's gifts.

(1 Cor 12:5 KJV) And there are **differences** of administrations, but the same Lord.

Verse five talks about differences of administration, meaning that the gifts serve people differently, *but* the same Lord gives them all.

(1 Cor 12:6 KJV) And there are **diversities** of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

Then, verse six speaks of differences of operations meaning that the gifts are distributed or energized by God. *But*, the same God energized all of these gifts. The new birth is a gift of God's grace. Who energizes the new birth? God does. Otherwise, you couldn't operate any of the nine manifestations.

## Diversities - diairesis

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Let's spend a few moments sorting out some Greek. In three verses, three words are translated from the same Greek word, diairesis, which means, 'acts of dividing.' In verses four and six, note 'diversities', and in verse five, note 'differences'. All are in the genitive case. The meaning is that both the gift and the 'acts of dividing' are the effects of God's gracious workings. In other words, the act of dividing is God's business. If God wants to make you an apostle, that's His business. If God wants to make you a prophet, that's His business. But, the *operation* of the manifestations is not God's business; that's your business. We get confused on what's God's business and what's our business.

## Administration

DOREA- BENEFICIUM- DIAKONIA – three Greek words for gifts of God in action on the horizontal plane. The benefits are realized man to man; they are seen via men in service. That's what 'ways of serving' refers to. Ministers and servants serve.

(1 Cor 12:5 KJV) And

there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

In verse 5, administration is the word diakonia which means, 'gifts of God in action'. They are services to man. When they are put in action, they become dorea, beneficium, diakonia which are on the horizontal level, man to man. This is why the word 'benefit' fits so well. We render these benefits to our fellow man because we have been filled with the gift from on high. That's why they are horizontal benefits. We are sons of God serving on a horizontal plane. Ministers are ministering servants to their fellow men. We are sons of God, heaven to earth, so to speak, but we are ministers horizontally to fellow men.

Now, let's read verse five again.

(1 Cor 12:5 KJV) And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

These are differences in ways of serving after you have received the charismata of verse four, but it is the same Lord.

## Operations - worketh

(1 Cor 12:6 KJV) And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

'Operations' comes from energema. 'Worketh' comes from energeo. Both are from the same Greek root word. This root means, 'to be energized'. Simply put, God divides and God energizes. The effects produced by the charismata are different, yet God divides and God energizes all of them. The charismata of verses four, five and six are the subject. This root is again used in verse 11 when it says, 'worketh.'

(1 Cor 12:11 KJV) But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

By now, you should realize that God does not give nine spiritual gifts. He gives one gift of pneuma hagion which energizes our spiritual ability to manifest nine different operations. He also energizes five gift ministries of service in the Church body. We'll talk about this later.

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## Manifestations

(1 Cor 12:7 KJV) **But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.**

BUT, BUT, BUT, in contrast to gifts, the context has changed to manifestation.

Delete the word 'withal'. It's not in the text.

The manifestation of the spirit (singular) is given to every man to profit withal.

If God wanted gift in this verse, He would have put it here. It doesn't say the gift of anything. It says manifestation of the spirit. The gift is spirit; you can't see spirit, but you can see the manifestation. Charismata is something you cannot see, but the manifestation [evidence] is something that you can see. Most teach that the manifestations are gifts. {Are you tired of hearing that yet?} The text says manifestation. All of the great theologians teach gifts. It's a sickness in Christendom. There's another vile doctrine in Christendom that destroys the Christian psychic—it is that the dead are not really dead. Keep in mind that you are learning pivotal doctrines

that make all the difference in attaining and retaining a strong spiritual relationship with God. Here they are in brief:

- God gave nine manifestations to the Church.
- God gave two gifts to the Church.
- The dead are dead, not alive in heaven.

Okay, back on topic. Thanks for bearing with me in order to become an irrefutably burly Christian. They refuse to believe that manifestations are NOT gifts, but there's as much difference between gift and manifestation as between night and day. That's why I call it a sickness. No matter what people teach, the word still proclaims, "the manifestation." The context has entirely shifted.

**The manifestation is given to every man to profit**

When I received the gift of holy spirit, I received potential, I receive ability. Starting in verse seven, we begin discussing manifestation of the gift. The manifestation is given to every man to profit. This means that every Christian can manifest. Then why

do these manifestations not automatically come into operation? Because they are free-will manifestations. You have the battery [gift of holy spirit] which is the power of Christ in you. But, you must operate it. If a believer doesn't want to operate them, he won't. Why? Because he is in absolute control. Unless the recipient believes he has the ability to operate them, he never will.

**Manifestations are clumped together**

'Manifestation is singular'. Think of a bunch of grapes. They are one bunch with nine juicy pieces. Spiritually, we have one gift and nine juicy evidences. Every Christian can operate all nine manifestations. So then, why doesn't he? Because he hasn't been taught the truth of God's Word, or he refuses to believe.

**FOR - IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH  
BUT - IN CONTRAST WITH"**

**What is the meaning of "to profit?"**

(1 Cor 12:7 KJV) **But**

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the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal (NIT).

The word 'profit' means, to keep you on the black side of the ledger. The manifestations are for profit. The profit in every manifestation of the spirit is always singularly important to every believer. What is the profit in knowing today how many people will die tomorrow in a certain calamity if I can't do anything about it? What about if I know that my spouse shouldn't go on a train ride because it will crash? What about the other people? There must be profit withal. It's the difference between truth and error. The question is what is the profit? Each manifestation has singular profit.

"To" = pros meaning, 'to' or 'for.'

'To profit' is properly translated and means, 'actively profiting a person.' It literally means, 'to profit him immediately as well as ultimately.'

**Each manifestation will profit the believer**

(1 Cor 12:8-10 KJV) For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; {9} To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; {10} To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

Verses 8-10 lists the manifestations. Each manifestation will profit you. Notice that each one begins with 'to one' or 'to another.' Also, notice that only one is referred to as a gift. Healing is a gift because every time you are healed, even if it is the hundredth healing, it is considered a gift. It has to be a gift according to the laws God set up in the beginning. A Dr. can't heal. He can only assist in the healing process. Consider setting a bone. Every time I am healed of a simple headache, it is a gift. The Aramaic has 'gift' in the singular—'gift' of healings. I can be healed of multiple problems, and that is why it is 'gift of healings'. God

makes healings available by revelation—Peter said, 'such as I have, give I unto you.'

Some propound that speaking in tongues is the least important because God listed it last. Well, friends, it isn't last at all. Point that out and they'll change it to 'it's almost last.' What if you're from a family of five or six children and you are the youngest? Does that mean that you are the least important? Friends, a collection has a first and last. Shame on those who try to discredit the Word like this just to elevate their egos.

**'For to one' or 'to another'**

Some teach that "to one" means that not everyone can manifest all nine. In verse seven, we learned that they are given to all. Verse 11 tells us this also.

(1 Cor 12:11 KJV) But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

It says 'to every man.'

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## The Greek word ho

(1 Cor 12:8 KJV) For to one [ho] is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

The first word in verse eight is the word “for.” It sets verses 8-10 in contrast with verse seven. Also, in verse eight, the words ‘to one’ are from one Greek word, ho. It is the dative case of the relative pronoun hos. Being in the dative case, it can be translated either ‘to one’ or ‘for one.’ From the context, it should be translated ‘for one.’ ‘One’ is a relative pronoun and can be used interchangeably with the word ‘that.’ ‘That’ is referring to ‘profit.’ This phrase can literally be translated “For that profit.” The accuracy of God's word sets like a great diamond. Nobody can touch it.

Everyone has the privilege to operate all nine manifestations. He will operate one more effectively because of his believing. This is why it says, ‘for that profit.’ It is in the church that he operates all nine. In a specific ministering situation though, a specific manifestation will

be needed, and that is the one he will believe to operate. When I believe God's Word to operate the Word of knowledge, I operate it. When you believe to operate another one, you operate it. Your believing determines how effectively you operate the manifestations.

Much love in Christ,

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