



MIRACLES // GIFTS OF ROMANS 12:6-8

'Universal' understanding of miracles

God's direct, supernatural intervention in a circumstance which produces an outcome that defies 'natural' explanation.

Ultimately draws attention to the Lord (awe, glory, wonder, gratitude, belief, etc.)

Characteristics of the Gift of Faith

- Supernaturally-induced assurance/confidence that God will act
- Not being forced to believe the unbelievable
- Not the overturning of doubt
- (Often) associated with answered prayer

Characteristics of the Gifts of Healings

- Believer(s) used by God through whom He supernaturally heals those who suffer
- Related to differing illness/disease, OR each occurrence
- Not a resident gift
- In the Bible, often related to faith

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; (31)but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

Characteristics of the Gift of Miracles

- Related to faith
- “workings of powers” (1 Cor. 12:10)
 - All gifts *qualify*
 - Implies potential for *limitless* unlisted gifts
- Not a resident gift

1 Corinthians 12:8–10 (ESV)

For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, (9) to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, (10) to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, 'Tabitha, arise.' And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; (7) if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; (8) the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Characteristics of the Gift of Service

- Any act done in genuine love, for the edification of a believer and/or the body
- Seeing needs, crises, or tasks in the body of Christ and feeling an impulse to act
- Meeting needs with the intention of freeing others

Acts 6:1–3 (ESV)

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. (2) And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the Word of God to serve tables. (3) Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.

But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” (5) And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. (6) These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

Characteristics of the Gift of Teaching

- The ability to make clear to a diverse group of hearers what God's Word means.
- Being able to study and learn the Scriptures in order to bring understanding and depth to others.
- Explaining the Bible in a way that leads others to desire to learn it further, and to obey it.

And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, (12) to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ

1 Timothy 4:15–16 (ESV)

Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. (16) Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Characteristics of the Gift of Exhortation

- Coming alongside in order to urge and encourage
- Passionately, lovingly calling others to live out God's truth
- The ability to minister words of comfort, consolation, and counsel

Characteristics of the Gift of Generosity

- Sharing/giving of one's resources (treasures, time, talent) generously, without condition
- Providing for others, often sacrificially (experiencing abundant joy, 2. Cor. 8:1-5)

1 Timothy 6:17–19 (ESV)

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. (18) They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, (19) thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

2 Corinthians 8:1–5 (ESV)

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, (2)for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. (3)For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, (4)begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— (5)and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

Characteristics of the Gift of Leadership

- Attending-to/directing others diligently, sacrificially, for their well being
- Recognizes the ultimate Leader: Jesus, subjecting himself/herself to Him (Rom. 1:1)
- Infers personal care and nourishing of those he/she leads

Characteristics of the Gift of Mercy

- Empathy and compassion for those who suffer, translated into cheerfully done deeds which reflect Christ's love and alleviate suffering
- Senses the emotional, physical, and/or spiritual needs of others
- Never mechanical or obligatory, but always eager to offer support



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