

THE VISIBLE MANIFESTATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

(1 Cor.12:7) “But to each one (hekastos/ dsm) is given (didomi/ p.p.ind.3ps) the manifestation (he phanerosis/ nsf) of the Spirit for the common good (to suphero/ p.a.ptc asn).”

This lesson will study four aspects of the Visible Manifestation of the Holy Spirit by the ministry of spiritual gifts within the local church.

1. Spiritual gifts were designed by God to keep on giving continuously to those Church Age Believers in both the local and universal church.

The Greek word for giving is didomi (present / passive / indicative / 3rd person singular).

We learn at least three things from the grammar of this verb:

- **Present tense** declares that spiritual gifts are continuous service to the church through-out the Church Age Believer’s life time.
- **Passive voice** tells us that spiritual gifts are given by Holy Spirit and that He also services other Church Age Believer’s on basis of grace.
- **Indicative mood** tells us that our spiritual gift is the reality of needed within the local church.
- **3ps (third person singular)** tells us that each Church Age Believer is given a spiritual at moment of grace salvation.

2. 1 Cor.12:7 also tell us that the ministry of spiritual gifts is the visible manifestations of the ministry of indwelling Holy Spirit in the local church.

The Greek word for visible manifestation is (he phanerosis /nsf). The suffix (sis) focuses on the action of the ministry of spiritual gifts (Heb.2:1-4).

3. Each Church Age Believer receives a spiritual gift at the moment of grace salvation on the basis of God’s grace.

The Greek word for each Church Age Believer is (hekatos/ dsm). This Greek word is used three times in (1 Cor.12 (12:7, 11, 18) on spiritual gifts.

Spiritual gift is 1 of 8 works of the Holy Spirit at the moment of grace salvation because we are under the New Covenant (NC) (1 Cor.12:7, 11-13). [50 Things FREE](#)

- This means there are no ungifted Church Age Believer’s.

4. All spiritual gifts are designed for the common good of the church (1 Cor.12:7). The Greek word for common good is (to sumphero/ p.a.ptc.asn).

Sumphero teaches that the function of the ministry of spiritual gifts is profitable to bring together the eternal plan of God into the dynamics of the present day local church like DSBC (2016).

Spiritual gifts are **not for personal edification** but rather for the edification of the body of Christ, the church (1 Cor. 12:12-27).

In 1 Cor. 12:15-19, Paul relates how spiritual gifts are intended to minister to the whole body and not just the one with the gift (foot and hand; ear and eye).

(1 Cor.12:21) “And the eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’; or again the hand to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’”

HOW IMPORTANT IS BEING A FUNCTIONING PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST, THE CHURCH?

Spiritual gifts are the foundational ministry program of DSBC.

For example, the **nursery and children’s ministries** came into existence because there concerned spiritual mature believers of DSBC desired for new members to be able to study the teaching of the word of God for two hours on Sunday morning and others gifted mature believers have supported them for 41 years. These believers are willing to give up Sunday service and attend Tuesday and Wednesday.

The same can be said for our School of Biblical Theology, Summer Camps, community bible studies, web ministry, crisis counseling, marriage conference, prayer meetings, evangelism, missions, Ladies, and battered women ministries.