

## Spiritual Gifts

### A Greek Word Study

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My document entitled *Spiritual Gifts – A Greek Word Study* is a printed learning tool and may be viewed or purchased [here](#).

This tool measures 5.5 x 8.5 inches when folded; it can easily be kept in your Bible. The inside includes a complete list of spiritual gifts from 1 Corinthians, Ephesians, Romans and 1 Peter, along with their Greek words and Greek-word meanings.

On the inside I've included a list of conclusions. The back includes a devotional called *Embracing Unity in Diversity*. These Learning Tools make great gifts for your Bible Study friends and make facilitating a study easy!

For your convenience here are the conclusions and the devotional you'll find on this learning tool:

#### Conclusions

In 1 Corinthians 12, the word *another* is two different Greek words meaning either *another but of the same kind* or *another but of a different kind*. I've added lines on this tool to group the gifts according to their kind.

**Beauty in diversity** – These passages teach the value of our diversity. They encourage us to embrace each other's gifts realizing our need for one another.

**Each believer is given unique gifts** that are expressed through their distinct, one-of-a-kind personality.

**The Lord chooses our gifts.** The one Spirit works and distributes as *He wills*. (1 Corinthians 12:11)

**The gifts are dependent upon the grace gift He supplies.** (Romans 12:6)

**Jesus (Yeshua the Messiah) is the Head**, and we are His body held together by each part supplying the other parts. With the proper working of each part, the body grows in love, until we all attain to the unity of faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, and maturity in the fullness of Him. (Ephesians 4:16)

**We cannot box His gifts in neatly defined packages.** Just as the Spirit is like the wind (John 3:8), we often cannot see where His gifts overlap. We must be led by the Spirit. (Romans 8:14)

**We receive our gifts when we are born again**

(John 1:12-13), immersed into the Holy Spirit. *Baptize* means *immerse, saturate, whelm (to make fully wet)*. May He overwhelm us in the Holy Spirit!

#### Embracing Unity in Diversity

God's desire for unity among His people is expressed through:

#### David's heart

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)

### Jesus' heart

I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word that they may all be one, even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one just as We are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them, even as You have loved Me. (John 17:20-23)

### Paul's Heart

Be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:3)

Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. (Philippians 2:2)

We must have the humility, gentleness, patience, forbearance, love, and reverence to recognize our own limitations and to appreciate rich, new perspectives that come through listening interaction. When we listen carefully to someone who sees things differently than us, a synergy results that is often beautiful and life-changing. A new color of understanding is created and we grow in unity.

We do not necessarily agree, and we do not tolerate false teaching, but we take time to listen and consider the other person's view or story. **We remember what is absolutely essential to our faith and message, considering Jesus' heart for us to be one.**

Jesus gave His life to bring into being **one new creation of God in the Spirit**, the body of Jesus (Yeshua) the Messiah, the family of God, His living temple, so that His joy, love and truth would be full in us and made known to others!