

Jesus, the Gifts, *and* Me...



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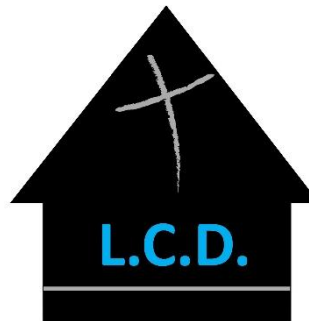
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How To Use This Study Guide

This self-guided study, “**Jesus, The Gifts, and Me,**” was created as a tool to help Parents and Kid’s Ministry Leaders introduce younger children to the **Spirit-Empowered Gifts found in I Corinthians 12:1-11.**

This is meant to be an **interactive study** with your child (student). You will gain the most from this study together by allowing your child (student) to:

- **FIND** the Bible verse referenced. (You can also help them learn the Books of the Bible in the process.) The Study uses the **New Living Translation.**
- **READ** the Bible verse out loud. (You can help them with any words they do not know, but assist them in reading the verses aloud themselves.)
- **ANSWER** the questions themselves. (You can assist them by asking key questions that will guide them in their discovery, but it is important that they discover the answers themselves.)
- **INTERVIEWS** are to be conducted at the end of the study of each spiritual gift. Instructions on how to conduct this interview are found on **Page 15.** Learning how to experience the Spirit-Empowered gifts of I Corinthians 12 is more caught than taught. Therefore, this is one of the most important exercises in the entire study! Please guide your child (student) carefully with this section.
- **PACE** the study according to your child’s (student’s) personal level of interest and understanding. In a classroom setting, this will take on a different dynamic. However, the goal is not to rush the child to complete the booklet, but to lead them to an understanding of the Holy Spirit’s gifts and how they can be used by the Holy Spirit to help others.
- **ENJOY** the study with your child (student). This discovery process is meant to be both life-changing and fun. (Use creativity in finding examples that can further illustrate the truths.)
- **CELEBRATE** the answers and discovery of your child (student). When he or she gets an answer correct – rejoice! Let your child know that both you and the Lord are proud of them!

God Bless you as you lead your child (student) in this wonderful discovery of “Jesus, the Gifts, and Me!”

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The Holy Spirit's Role in My Life

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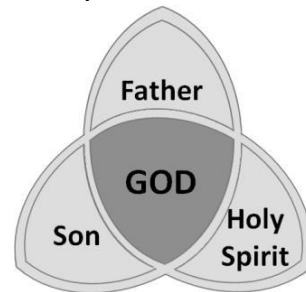
REVIEW

The Holy Spirit Gives Me SPECIAL ABILITIES!

I. Who Is The Holy Spirit? A review of **Jesus, the Trinity, and Me**

A. The Bible teaches us that there is **ONE GOD** who is made up of three distinct persons. This is what we call the **Trinity**.

1. The **Father** is God - He is our **Creator**.
2. The **Son** (Jesus Christ) is God - He is our **Savior**.
3. The **Holy Spirit** is God - He is our **Guide** and constant **Companion**.



Genesis 1:26-27: “Then God said, ‘Let Us (*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*) make human beings in Our image, to be like Us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground. So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”

B. The **Trinity’s** role in our salvation:

1. The **Father** sent Jesus so that we could have eternal life (John 3:16).
2. The **Son** (Jesus Christ) died on the cross for our sins and rose again from the dead to unite us with the Father (John 1:12-13).
3. The **Holy Spirit** draws us to Jesus Christ so that we can be **saved** (I Cor. 12:3) and then fills us with **power** so that we can walk and live like Jesus and be witnesses to others about Jesus (Acts 1:8)

II. What Does The Holy Spirit Do? A review of **Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and Me**.

A. The Holy Spirit lives in our hearts and gives us God’s “**Special Power**.”

B. Have you ever seen a “**fire hydrant**”? There is a great, powerful supply of water that is inside a fire hydrant. As long as the cap stays on the fire hydrant, the power is not released. **Yet when someone takes the cap off, there is a great release of water that is so strong it can even put out a fire!**

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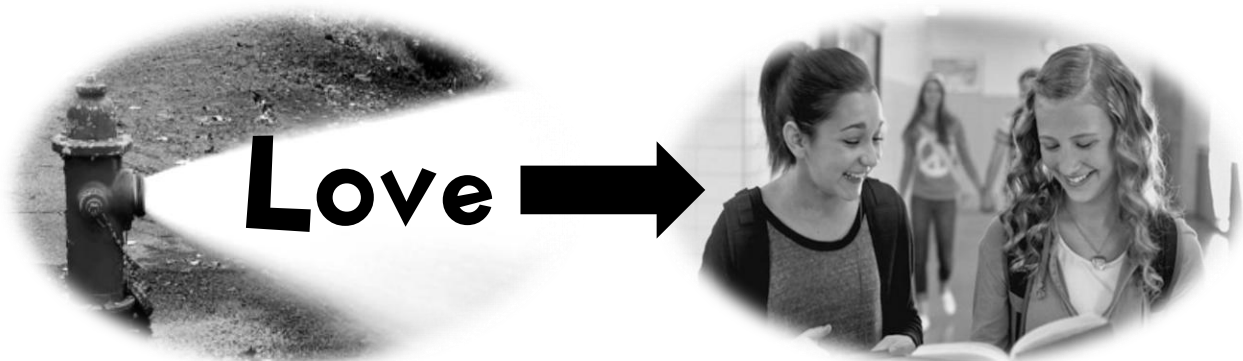
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II. A review of **Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and Me** Continued

- C. This is what happens in our hearts when we are **baptized in the Holy Spirit**. When we ask for God's "**Special Power**," He releases **His Great Love** from our hearts, in an overflowing way, **through the Holy Spirit**!

III. The Holy Spirit Gives Me **BOLDNESS TO WITNESS!** Acts 1:8

- A. A "**Witness**" is simply someone who tells someone else what they have seen, heard, or experienced. (Read I John 1:1-3.)
- B. The outpouring of **God's Love** in our lives gives us the power and boldness **to tell other people** what Jesus has done in our lives and to share how **they, too, can be saved** by placing their faith in Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord.
- C. **Who does God want us to tell the Good News about Jesus Christ?** Acts 1:8
 1. My family.
 2. My friends.
 3. People who live in my country.
 4. The whole world.



REVIEW

The Holy Spirit Gives Me SPECIAL ABILITIES!

IV. The Holy Spirit Gives Me a Special Ability to **PRAY!**

A. **What Is Prayer?** Prayer is simply when we talk to God. Sometimes we pray to give thanks and tell God how much we love Him, and sometimes we pray to ask Him for help for ourselves or someone else.

B. **How does the Holy Spirit help us pray?**

1. **Romans 8:26-27**: The Holy Spirit helps us pray when we don't know what to ask for.
2. **Acts 2:1-4**: The Holy Spirit enables us to pray in what we will call our "**heavenly language**" (the Bible calls this "**other tongues**").
3. For a complete understanding of this special ability to pray, please review the workbook - **Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and Me** (pages 9-10).



V. The Holy Spirit is my Daily, **FOREVER HELPER!**

- A. The Holy Spirit **COMFORTS** me: Acts 9:31
- B. The Holy Spirit **TEACHES** me: John 14:25-26
- C. The Holy Spirit **GUIDES** me into all truth: John 16:12-13
- D. The Holy Spirit shows me what is **WRONG** and what is **RIGHT**: John 16:8
- E. The Holy Spirit gives me **JOY**: I Thessalonians 1:6
- F. The Holy Spirit is God's **GUARANTEE** that everything He has promised will come true: Ephesians 1:14
- G. The Holy Spirit makes me more and more like **JESUS**: II Corinthians 3:17-18



Ephesians 5:18-20: "...keep on being filled with the Spirit. Then you will recite to one another psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. You will sing and make music to the Lord with your hearts. You will always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (ISV, author paraphrase).

SECTION TWO

The Holy Spirit Has Some WONDERFUL GIFTS For Me!

Principles for Young Believers

The Holy Spirit's **WONDERFUL GIFTS**

“Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans (*unbelievers*), somehow or other, you were influenced and led astray to mute idols (*false gods with no power*). Therefore, I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.” 1 Corinthians 12:1-3

Principles for Young Believers

The Holy Spirit's **WONDERFUL GIFTS**

- I. The Holy Spirit Has **SPECIAL GIFTS** He Gives To Every Child of God!

“A spiritual gift is given to **each of us**
so we can **help** each other.”

1 Corinthians 12:7

- A. Spiritual gifts are given to each _____.
- B. Spiritual gifts are given so we can _____ each other.
- II. The spiritual gifts we will discover in I Corinthians 12:8-10, we will call the **SPIRIT-EMPOWERED** gifts from God.

A. **Spirit**: The **Holy Spirit** is the one who gives these gifts.

B. **Empowered**: These gifts **enable us** to do things that we could not do in our human strength or ability.

C. **NOTE**: These gifts are **NOT** supernatural abilities that we can do whenever we want to, like a DC or Marvel superhero. They are **special abilities** given by the **Holy Spirit** for a specific time, task, or purpose. He chooses the person He wants to give them to. When the Holy Spirit's task or purpose is completed, ***the gift goes back to God!***



NOT



- D. These are not gifts given to us because we are better, smarter, or stronger than anyone else. They are simply expressions of God's love, working through us, as He chooses, to help others.

“It is the one and only Spirit who
distributes all these gifts.

He alone decides which gift
each person should have.”

1 Corinthians 12:11

SECTION THREE

Unwrapping The Wonderful Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Principles for Young Believers

3 Kinds Of SPIRIT-EMPOWERED Gifts

The **DISCOVERY** Gifts...



- Special Knowledge
- Wise Advice
- Spiritual Discernment

The **POWERFUL** Gifts...



- Great Faith
- Performing Miracles
- Gifts of Healings

The **SPEAKING** Gifts...



- Prophecy (Message from God)
- Speaking in a Heavenly Language
- Interpret the Heavenly Language

Principles for Young Believers

The SPIRIT-EMPOWERED Gifts

“...To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give **wise advice**; to another the same Spirit gives a message of **special knowledge**. The same Spirit gives **great faith** to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the **gift(s) of healing(s)**. He gives one person the power to **perform miracles**, and another the ability to **prophecy**. He gives someone else the ability to **discern** whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to **speak in unknown** (heavenly) **languages**, while another is given the ability to **interpret** what is being said. 1 Corinthians 12:7-10

Principles for Young Believers

The 3 DISCOVERY Gifts



Special Knowledge

- I. **Special Knowledge**: This is the gift of **special knowledge and information** that is only known in the mind of God. The Holy Spirit will give **special knowledge** to believers to share with others to accomplish God's purposes in helping others.

How does the Holy Spirit communicate this **special knowledge** to believers?

- A. In the Bible, we discover that the Holy Spirit gives **special knowledge** to God's people by placing this knowledge in their hearts and minds through a vision, a dream, and through a prophetic word (this includes speaking in a heavenly language with an interpretation, pages 21-22).

- B. **Special Knowledge** from the Holy Spirit deals with the **past** or the **present**. The gift of **wise advice**, our next gift, deals with the **present** and the **future**.

- II. **Let's Look At The Bible**: Read the following verses about Joseph's life and answer these questions:

- A. **Genesis 41:15-16**: Who did Joseph say was the only one who could interpret Pharaoh's dream (give him **special knowledge**): _____

- B. **Genesis 41:25-27**: In Pharaoh's dream, God gave Joseph **special knowledge** about what was going to happen for 7 years and then for another 7 years. Why did God give Joseph this **special knowledge**?

Read **Genesis 41:28**: "...God has shown Pharaoh in _____ what He is about to do!

- C. This **special knowledge** from the Holy Spirit helped Pharaoh and the children of Israel to survive a very difficult time of famine (a food shortage). Let's look at the next gift of **wise advice** to understand how this would happen!



Conduct an Interview (Page 15)

How To Conduct An Interview

For each Spiritual Gift, please interview one of the following persons: a Parent, a Teacher, or your Pastor. Ask them to tell you a story about how God used them through the Spirit-Empowered Gift you have just studied. Write their story in the “My Interview” box for each different gift.



My Interview

The Gift of Special Knowledge:

How did God use them to help others through this gift?



The 3 DISCOVERY Gifts



Wise Advice

- I. **Wise Advice:** The gift of **wisdom**, or **wise advice**, many times works hand in hand with the gift of **special knowledge**. It is a special ability from the Holy Spirit to understand God's **special purpose** for someone (what to do and say). How does the Holy Spirit give the believer this **wise advice** to help others?
- A. As we study the Bible, we find that God gave people the special gift of **wise advice** by speaking to them in a voice that could be heard, through a vision or a dream, and through a prophetic word (this includes speaking in a heavenly language with an interpretation, see pages 21-22).
- B. **Wise advice** from the Holy Spirit is for a situation in the **present** or the near **future**.
- II. **Let's Look At The Bible:** Read and answer the following questions.

- A. **Genesis 41:26-27:** The seven healthy cows represented seven years of _____. The seven thin cows represented seven years of _____. This was the gift of **special knowledge**.
- B. **Genesis 41: 33-36:** After the Holy Spirit gave Joseph his **special knowledge** regarding what would happen in Egypt, the Holy Spirit then gave Joseph the gift of **wise advice** so that Pharaoh would know what to do. Name three things Joseph's **wise advice** helped Pharaoh plan for the upcoming famine.
- 1) appoint wise _____, 2) collect 1/5 of the crops during the seven _____, 3) _____ food in the cities so that during the famine they will have enough.
- C. **FUN FACT:** **Genesis chapters 42-47** show how God not only helped the Egyptians but also saved Joseph's family (the Children of Israel), who moved to Egypt and became a mighty nation over the next 400 years!



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My Interview

The Gift of Wise Advice:

How did God use them to help others through this gift?



The 3 DISCOVERY Gifts



Spiritual Discernment

- I. **Special Discernment:** To **discern** means to understand whether something is good (from God) or bad (from sin, our sinful nature, or the devil). **Special discernment** is the Holy Spirit's help to see ***behind the curtain*** and know who or what is behind an attitude or an action (what someone says and does).

How does the Holy Spirit give a believer this special **gift of discernment**?

- A. As we study the Bible, we discover the Holy Spirit gives believers this **special discernment** through God's written Word, a special understanding (the Holy Spirit speaking to our hearts), through a vision, or a dream.
- B. **Special Discernment** from the Holy Spirit deals with the **present**. It is a gift for the here and now!
- II. **Let's Look At The Bible:** Read the following verses about the Apostle Paul and answer the questions for insight into the gift of **special discernment**.

- A. **Acts 16:16-17:** One day, when Paul was going to the place of prayer, they met a slave girl who had a spirit that enabled her to tell the

_____.

Was this the same as the gift of **special knowledge**? **NO!** – It did not come from the Holy Spirit! It came from an unidentified evil spirit. **And - God never charges money for His special gifts!** (Review verse 16).

- B. **Question: (Read the end of verse 17.)** Was this girl saying good things or bad things about Paul? _____ things. Can we always tell who is behind an attitude or action simply by what they say? Yes _____ No _____
- C. **Acts 6:18:** The Holy Spirit gave Paul **special discernment**. This girl was being controlled by a demon, and in Jesus' Name, Paul cast it out of the girl.
- D. **FINAL NOTE:** The gift of **special discernment** is given to protect the believer and to help others. It is never given to hurt or embarrass another person.



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My Interview

The Gift of Spiritual Discernment:

How did God use them to help others through this gift?



The 3 POWERFUL Gifts



Great Faith

- I. **Great Faith: First**, there is the gift of faith that draws a person to Jesus Christ to receive Him as their personal Savior and Lord (John 6:44, John 1:12-13). **Then**, there is a special gift of **great faith** that the Holy Spirit gives at special times in our lives to trust God and see **the impossible happen** right before our eyes!

How does the Holy Spirit give a believer the gift of **great faith**?

- A. The Holy Spirit places **great faith** in a believer's heart to trust God and obey Him until what He has promised has come to pass!
- B. The gift of **great faith** allows us to receive God's promise without doubting. The gift of **great faith** is for the **present** or the **future**.
- II. **Let's Look At The Bible:** Read the following verses about Abraham, the Father of Faith, to discover how the gift of **great faith** enabled him to trust and obey God in one of the most difficult situations in his life!

- A. **Genesis 22:1-14:** God called Abraham to go to a mountain with his son Isaac and offer a sacrifice to worship God. Answer the following questions:

1. Verse 7: According to Isaac, what were they missing? _____
2. Verse 8: Who did Abraham say would provide the sacrifice: _____
3. Verses 9-11: Abraham, obeying God, was willing to sacrifice his only son. God was testing Abraham's faith and would never allow this to happen. **However**, God would show us this same kind of love through Jesus, Abraham's descendant, and God's Son. **Read John 3:16 and Romans 5:8**

- B. **Hebrews 11:17-19:** Why was Abraham willing to offer up his only son?

Abraham believed God was able to bring him back to _____!

NOW THAT IS GREAT FAITH!



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My Interview

The Gift of Great Faith:

How did God use them to help others through this gift?



The 3 POWERFUL Gifts



Performing Miracles

- I. **Performing Miracles: What is a miracle?** It is when God allows a believer to experience something that could never happen without God's power. When Moses parted the Red Sea – ***that was a miracle!*** When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead – ***that was a miracle!*** **Only God can work miracles!**

How does the Holy Spirit help a believer to be used by God to **perform miracles**?

- A. The Holy Spirit gives the believer a gift of **great faith**, along with the ability of **believing prayer** and **bold obedience**, that allows him to see God work and do something that is otherwise impossible to do – **perform miracles!**
- B. The gift of **performing miracles** is a gift that operates in the **present**.
- II. **Let's Look At The Bible:** The gift of **performing miracles** was used in Jesus' life and the life of the disciples to help meet **great human need** and to show people **God's power and glory**. Let's look at some accounts of miracles in the Bible.

- A. **John 6:1-14:** Jesus, having compassion on the large crowd of people who had gathered to hear Him teach, took _____ barley loaves and _____ fish (Vs 9), to feed how many people? _____ (Vs10).
- B. **Acts 8:4-8:** Philip, a believer in Jesus, was not one of the 12 Apostles. **YET**, God did many mighty miracles through Philip's prayers and preaching. List two miracles the Holy Spirit did through the gift of **performing miracles** in Philip's life: 1) _____
2) _____
- C. **REMEMBER** – God performs miracles in and through our lives to meet great human needs and show His power and glory.



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My Interview

The Gift of Performing Miracles:

How did God use them to help others through this gift?



The 3 POWERFUL Gifts



Gifts of Healings

- I. **Gifts of Healings:** The **gifts of healings** are the **restoring power** of the Holy Spirit working through our lives to experience God's physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. The word in the original language the Bible was written in is in the plural form – **healings**.

How does the Holy Spirit give a believer the **gifts of healings**?

- A. God gives the **gifts of healings** primarily through the laying on of hands and prayer (see Mark 16:18c). This gift works in conjunction with the gifts of **great faith** and **performing miracles**.
- B. The **gifts of healings** can extend God's healing power to a person **naturally** (through medication or time, Isaiah 38:21, James 5:14); through **confession and prayer** (James 5:13-16); and through gifts of **great faith** and **performing miracles** (Mark 11:24; I John 5:14-15).
- II. **Let's Look at the Bible:** The Bible is filled with wonderful examples of God performing healings in people's lives. He does this to show His great love and compassion for His children. Let's look at a couple of examples.

A. **Luke 9:1-2:** Healing is part of telling others about the Kingdom of _____!

B. **Luke 4:18:** Name three kinds of people that God heals through the Holy Spirit's **gifts of healings**. 1) The captives will be _____ (emotional healing), 2) the blind will _____ (physical healing), and the oppressed will be set _____ (spiritual healing).

C. **NOTE:** While the Holy Spirit gives the **gifts of healings** according to His will, it is always good to pray for one another to be healed! (James 5:16).



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My Interview

The Gifts of Healings:

How did God use them to help others through this gift?



The 3 SPEAKING Gifts



Prophecy (Special Message from God)

- I. **Prophecy:** In the Old Testament, God spoke through Prophets to guide God's people and predict future events. In the New Testament, the gift of **prophecy** is a **special message from God**. It is not a prediction of the future (that would be the gift of **special knowledge** or **wise advice** (see pages 14-15). The New Testament gift of **prophecy** is sharing a **special message from God** to **encourage, strengthen, or comfort** another person.

How does the Holy Spirit give a believer a **special message from God**?

- A. The Holy Spirit will give the believer a **Scripture** or a **simple message** that will **encourage, strengthen, or comfort** the person you share it with.
- B. This gift primarily deals with the **present**, and all believers are encouraged to desire this gift. (Read: I Corinthians 14:1).
- II. **Let's Look At The Bible!** The Apostle Paul talks about **prophecy**, a **special message from God**, in the book of 1 Corinthians, chapter 14. Let's read the following verses and answer the questions below.

- A. Read I Corinthians 14:3: List three things that happen when someone hears a **special message from God**: 1: _____
2: _____ 3: _____
- B. Read I Corinthians 14:24-25: When a **special message from God** is given in the church, who benefits the most? (Check one) **Believers** _____ or **Unbelievers** _____?
- C. Read I Corinthians 14:29: In a church service, how many people should give a **special message from God**: (1) _____ (1-2) _____ (2-3) _____



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My Interview

The Gift of Prophecy (Message from God):
How did God use them to help others through this gift?



The 3 SPEAKING Gifts



A Heavenly Language and Interpretation

- I. **Tongues** (Heavenly Language): In the book **Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and Me**, we explored the wonderful gift of speaking in **tongues**, speaking in a God-given **heavenly language** that enables us to worship the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit in a very special way. We also explored how this special gift enables us to pray in times when we don't have the words to express our hearts to God. The Holy Spirit enables us to pray in our **heavenly language** so that we can pray according to the will of God. (P. 8-12 in the book **Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and Me**).
- II. **Interpretation**: This is the special ability to **understand the meaning** of the words we are speaking in a **heavenly language**, or the words someone else speaks in a **heavenly language**. This understanding is given so we can share this message with others who have gathered to worship in the church.

NOTE: While these are two different gifts from the Holy Spirit, when they work together, they are given for a special purpose.

- III. **Let's Look At The Bible**: As we read the Apostle Paul's letter to the Corinthian church, we will understand the difference between these two gifts and also how they work together. Read the following Scriptures and answer these questions.

- A. **I Corinthians 14:2**: When I speak in my **heavenly language**, who am I speaking to? (check one) God: _____ or man: _____
- B. **I Corinthians 14:4**: When I speak in my **heavenly language**, I am encouraged and spiritually strengthened. True _____ or False _____
- C. **I Corinthians 14:3-4**: The **interpretation** of a message in our **heavenly language** is the ability to give the meaning of this word or prayer to others so that they can be *strengthened, encouraged, and comforted*. This makes the gifts of speaking in my **heavenly language**, with the **interpretation**, equal to _____ (a special message from God).

The 3 SPEAKING Gifts



A Heavenly Language and Interpretation

III. Let's Look At The Bible: Continued

- D. I Corinthians 14:5: The Apostle Paul says that **prophecy** (a special message from God) is better than sharing a message in **our heavenly language**, unless God gives someone the _____ of that message.
- E. I Corinthians 14:13-15: Fill in the blanks.
1. Verse 13: A person who prays in a **heavenly language** should also pray for the ability to _____ what has been said.
 2. Verse 14: Praying in my **heavenly language** is (Check one):
Praying - a) with my understanding _____ or, b) with my spirit _____.
 3. Verse 15: Paul says that we should (Check one) - Pray with our spirit _____ Pray with our understanding _____, or Pray with both _____.
- F. I Corinthians 14:27-28: If someone gives a message in a **heavenly language** in a church service, then someone in the church should give the **interpretation** of that message so the church can be *encouraged, strengthened, and comforted*. If there is no interpretation, what is the person with the message supposed to do? (Check one) - 1) Never speak in tongues again _____ or, 2) Speak in tongues quietly to God rather than to the church _____.
- G. I Corinthians 14:39-40: Paul concludes his instruction to the Corinthian church by telling them to be eager to **prophecy** (give a special message from God), and not to forbid **speaking in heavenly languages** (with **interpretation** when spoken to the church). The important thing to remember is to make sure everything is done _____ and in _____.



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My Interview

The Gift of a Heavenly Language and The Interpretation

How did God use them to help others through this gift?



SECTION FOUR

**The Holy Spirit
Can Use Me
To Help Others!**

Principles for Young Believers

The Holy Spirit Can Use Me!

I. Let's Review **The Spirit-Empowered Gifts:** I Corinthians 12:8-10

A. The Discovery Gifts:



1. **Special Knowledge:** Knowing something that only God knows and chooses to show us so we can help others.
2. **Wise Advice:** Knowing what to do or say to accomplish the will and purposes of God in helping others.
3. **Spiritual Discernment:** Knowing who or what is behind someone or some action. (Whether it is God, man, or the devil).

B. The Powerful Gifts:



1. **Great Faith:** The special ability to trust and obey God until His promises are fulfilled through me to help others.
2. **Performing Miracles:** Being used by God to do something impossible to show God's power and to help others.
3. **Gifts of Healings:** Gifts of the Holy Spirit's restoring power to help heal someone physically, spiritually, and emotionally.

C. The Speaking Gifts:



1. **Prophecy:** A special message from God to help encourage, strengthen, and comfort others.
2. **Tongues/Heavenly Language:** The special ability to pray, worship, or speak to God in a special heavenly language.
3. **Interpretation:** The understanding of a message in a heavenly language so it can be shared with the church, and others can be encouraged, strengthened, and comforted.

Principles for Young Believers

The Holy Spirit Can Use Me!

II. The **GREATEST GIFT!** (*Let's Explore I Corinthians 13*)

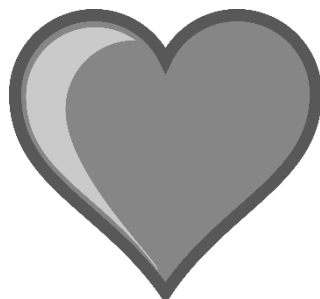
A. **I Corinthians 13:1-3:** We can speak in **heavenly languages**, receive **special messages** from God, and even **give everything** we have to the poor. Yet, Paul says if we do not have _____, we would have gained nothing!

B. **LOVE** is the greatest gift! Read I Corinthians 13:4-7 and list 5 things that make love so powerful:

1. **Love** is _____ and kind.
2. **Love** is not jealous, boastful, _____, or rude.
3. **Love** is not irritable and keeps no _____ of being wronged.
(*It does not hold grudges!*)
4. **Love** does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever _____ wins out.
5. **Love** never _____, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures every circumstance.

C. **Focus:** Some people focus on the **Spirit-Empowered Gifts**. Some people focus on **Love**. Paul's message is not choosing one over the other. Paul's message is that when we are chosen to use a **Spirit-Empowered Gift**, we must always do it (choose one), 1) to the best of our ability _____, or 2) in the power of God's Love _____

D. **I Corinthians 13:13:** (Finish this verse) "Three things will last forever - _____, _____, and _____ - and the greatest of these is _____!"



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III. FIVE STEPS To Let The Holy Spirit **USE ME!**

- 5. Make yourself available:** Do you want to experience the **Spirit-Empowered Gifts** working in your life? The first step is to ask God to baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and then ***make yourself available to God!*** (Read Isaiah 6:8)

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, please baptize me with the Holy Spirit. Help me walk closely with Jesus each day. And, as the Holy Spirit chooses, please use me to help others through Your **Spirit-Empowered Gifts**. In Jesus' Name!* (Read Luke 11:13)

- 4. Daily Read God's Word and Pray:** The more you read God's Word, pray, go to church, and worship with others, the more you will become familiar with God's will (as revealed in the Bible) and the Holy Spirit's voice (speaking to your heart). (Read Romans 8:16)

- a. The Holy Spirit will place thoughts and impressions in your heart and mind when you read, pray, and worship. This is how He communicates with us.
- b. When we feel like the Holy Spirit is wanting to use us to help others through one of the **Spirit-Empowered Gifts**, the first thing we should do is pray and make sure that what we feel led to do is something that will help others, is something the Bible teaches, and will lead others to Jesus.

- 3. Talk to your Pastor and Parents:** God has given you wonderful protection in your life through your Parents and Spiritual Leaders (Pastors). It is good to share with them what you believe God wants you to do. They will help you in making sure this is God's leading and guide you in the next steps of using God's **Spirit-Empowered Gifts**.

- a. Read Exodus 20:12: God calls us to _____ our Father and our Mother. God uses them to guide and protect us.
- b. Read Proverbs 11:14: God says there is _____ when we have many advisors (wise counselors, spiritual leaders). Pastors and leaders in the church are called by God to train you in Biblical truth, teach you how to hear God's voice, and guide you in using spiritual gifts.

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2. **Keep Your Heart Humble:** It is easy to think that you are important or have more faith than someone else when God uses you to help others with one of His **Spirit-Empowered Gifts**. Pride is when we don't give God all the credit and begin to think we are more important than others. Read the following verses and note what God says about **pride** and **humility**.

- a. Proverbs 11:2: Pride leads to _____, but with humility comes _____ (understanding God's will).
- b. John 15:5: Jesus teaches us about a vine and its branches. Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches. A branch cannot create fruit. A branch can only abide (stay connected to) the vine. Jesus reminds us – *"For apart from Me, you can do _____!"*
- c. Psalms 25:9: God promises to help the humble (those who help others and give God all the credit) to know how to do what is _____ and He will teach them His _____.

1. **Get Ready for God to use YOU!**

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. **A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.**"
1 Corinthians 12:4-7

"God has **given each of you** a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. **Use them well to serve one another.**" 1 Peter 4:10

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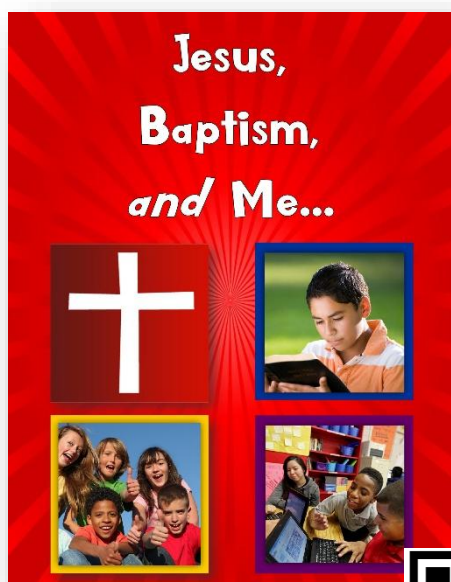
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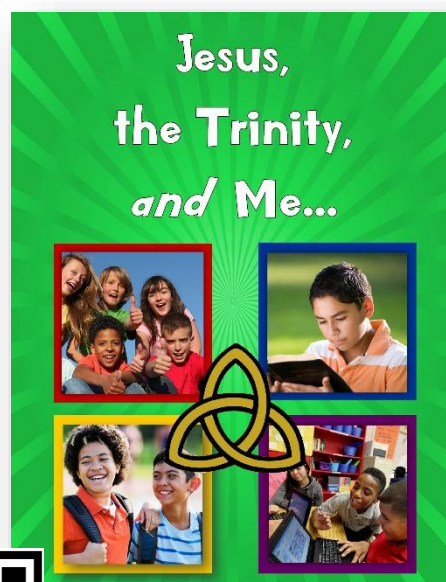
- **THE GIFT OF SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE:** II Kings 5:25-26, Genesis 41:25-32, II Samuel 12:1-7, John 4:17-18, John 16:19, Acts 5:1-10, Acts 9:10-12, Revelations 2-3
- **THE GIFT OF WISE ADVICE:** II Kings 20, Jonah 3, Luke 12:11-12, Acts 9:15-16, Acts 11:28-30, Acts 15:13-31, Revelation 2-3
- **THE GIFT OF SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT:** Isaiah 6:1, Revelation 1:4, Matthew 22:15-18, Mark 8:33, Acts 16:16-18, I Corinthians 14:29 (cf., I John 4:1, Luke 10:19, Mark 16:17)
- **THE GIFT OF GREAT FAITH:** I Kings 17:2-6, Daniel 6:16-17, 19-23, Mark 4:37-41, John 11:39-44, Acts 27:21-25, Matthew 21:21, Mark 11:22-24, (Modern Day Examples: George Mueller – cared for 10,000 orphans; William Carey, the pioneer missionary to India; Aimee Semple McPherson, the founder of the Foursquare Church.)
- **THE GIFT OF PERFORMING MIRACLES:** Exodus 7-12, 17; I Kings 17:12-16, II Kings 4:26-36, 5-6, John 2:1-11, 6:5-14, 6:15-21, Mark 4:39, Acts 13:4-12, 19:11-12, Mark 9:38-40, 16:17-20
- **THE GIFTS OF HEALINGS:** II Kings 4:32-37, 5:1-5, Acts 10:38, Matthew 10:8, Luke 9:1-2, 5, 10:1, 9, 17-19, Mark 16:17-18, Acts 5:15-16, Acts 9:17-18, Acts 28:8-9
- **THE GIFTS OF PROPHECY (A Message from God), TONGUES (Speaking in a heavenly language), and INTERPRETATION (The understanding of a message in a heavenly language):** Acts 2:1-11, 10:44-48, 19:1-6, I Corinthians 12-14

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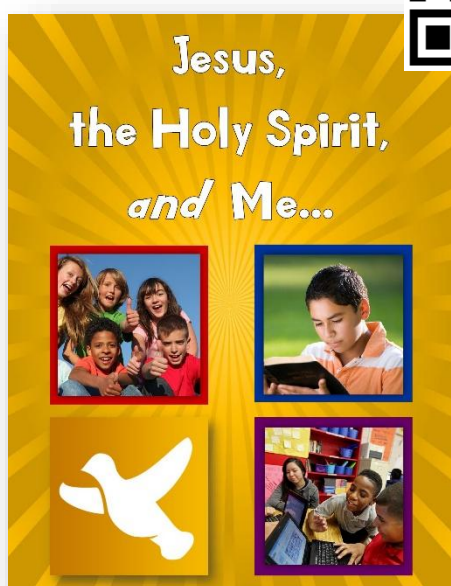
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