



1 Corinthians Study: *Spiritual Gifts & More*

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Spiritual gifts and the fruit of the Spirit are given by God to strengthen us in our life of faith and to equip us, together with our human talents, to serve God faithfully and to serve in both the Church and the world. Paul's first concern for the new believers in Corinth was to clarify between Counterfeits and Real Gifts. In addition, we want also to see the Fruit of the Spirit, our Human Talents and the Offices of the Church.

<i>Counterfeits</i>	<i>Fruits/Clothes</i>	<i>Real Gifts</i>	<i>Offices/Roles</i>	<i>Talents</i>
<p>Religious and spiritual actions and powers done by those who are not filled with the Holy Spirit</p> <p>The results may or may not be kind, civil, or religious.</p> <p>For example, a preacher in another religion preaches, but does not have the gift of the Holy Spirit to preach.</p>	<p>The character of Jesus Christ formed in the life of the believer by the Holy Spirit, which character shapes the attitude, words, and actions of the believer.</p> <p>The character of Jesus Christ shapes our life to match the purposes of Jesus in our life and in our service to others.</p> <p>The character of Christ can grow in our lives as we entrust more and more of our heart and soul to the Lord.</p>	<p>Religious and spiritual actions and powers done by those who are filled with the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>The results are always for the purpose of giving witness to Jesus.</p> <p>Gifts are given for the moment of the action: we may receive an empowerment for a specific occasion, and we must be careful to nurture our trust in the Spirit.</p>	<p>Within the life of the Church responsibilities are delegated to individuals—which may or may not correspond to specific gifts.</p> <p>Therefore, some pastors preach according to their office but without the gift of preaching. When they do so, they are using a talent to the best of their ability for the glory of God.</p>	<p>Human actions and powers done by believers and non-believers as part of the course of their lives.</p> <p>For the believer, talents are to be dedicated to the Lord to be lived with the holiness of God, and infused with the character and purposes of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>The result of a dedicated life will also witness to Jesus.</p>