THE QUESTION

# What did the early Christians believe about the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

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## The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

The early Christians taught that the risen and ascended Christ pours out many gifts of the Holy Spirit on believers, men and women alike, such as understanding, healing, teaching and prophecy. One Spirit gives them to each as He chooses, for the good of the church, and a gift that is neglected can be taken away.

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## The ascended Christ gives gifts to believers

***Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say***

Justin reads the psalm about the Lord ascending on high and giving gifts as a promise fulfilled in the church. The gifts that rested fully on Christ are now handed out by Him to those who believe, each as He judges fitting.

**1** “And I said to him, "Listen, friend, for I am not mad or out of control; but it was prophesied that, after Christ's ascent to heaven, He would deliver us from error and give us gifts.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *Dialogue with Trypho* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 6, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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**2** “So He rested, meaning He ceased, when He came, after whom, in the period of this arrangement accomplished by Him among men, it was necessary that such gifts should stop from you; and having found their rest in Him, should again, as had been predicted, become gifts which, from the grace of His Spirit's power, He gives to those who believe in Him, according to how He considers each person worthy of them.”

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## Many different gifts, among men and women

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Justin lists a range of gifts given to new disciples, from understanding and counsel to healing, foreknowledge and teaching. He also tells his Jewish listener that both women and men among the Christians can be seen to have gifts of the Spirit.

**3** “For one receives the spirit of understanding, another of counsel, another of strength, another of healing, another of foreknowledge, another of teaching, and another of the fear of God.””

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *Dialogue with Trypho* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 7, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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**4** “Now, it is possible to see among us women and men who possess gifts of the Spirit of God; it was prophesied that the powers listed by Isaiah would come upon Him, not because He needed them, but because these would not continue after Him.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *Dialogue with Trypho* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 4, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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## Irenaeus saw such gifts in his church

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Irenaeus speaks of what he himself hears in the church: members with prophetic gifts who speak in many languages, reveal hidden things for the common good and declare God's mysteries.

**5** “Similarly, we also hear many members in the Church who have prophetic gifts, speaking all kinds of languages through the Spirit and revealing hidden truths for the common good and declaring God's mysteries.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book V* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 8, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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## One Spirit works every gift

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Ignatius uses Paul's words to stress that the many gifts come from one and the same Spirit. Irenaeus places the gifts within the work of the whole Trinity: the Spirit works, the Son serves, and the Father approves, all for our salvation.

**6** “And it is clear that all these gifts [possessed by believers] "are worked by one and the self-same Spirit."”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistles of Ignatius* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 3, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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7 “In this way, God was revealed; for God the Father is shown through all these operations, with the Spirit working, the Son ministering, and the Father approving, while human salvation is achieved.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 9, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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## Each person is fitted for a calling

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After quoting Paul's list of gifts, Clement says believers all share the common virtues but are each especially skilled for the task given to them. Novatian adds that the one Spirit hands out His work according to the times and needs.

8 “This does not mean that they do not share in the common virtues, but that they are especially skilled in the things to which they are appointed.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Stromata* 4.21 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 11, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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9 “Rather, He is one and the same, distributing His offices according to the times, the occasions, and the impulses of things.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Novatian,** *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 29 (c. 240–258 AD) **Source 23, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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## Signs serve people who do not believe

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The Apostolic Constitutions say the sign gifts of Mark 16 came first to the apostles and then to those they taught. They were not for the benefit of the one using them, but to win over people whom preaching alone had not yet persuaded.

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**10** “They were not for the benefit of those who performed them, but to convince unbelievers, so that those whom the word did not persuade might be put to shame by the power of signs.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD)
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## A neglected gift can be taken away

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Origen compares an unused gift to the buried talent in the Gospel parable: if it is not rightly used, the gift is withdrawn. Hermas likewise warns believers not to grieve and crush the Holy Spirit who lives in them, or He may leave.

**11** “When, whether by baptism or by the grace of the Spirit, the word of wisdom, or the word of knowledge, or any other gift, has been bestowed on a man, and has not been rightly administered, that is, either buried in the earth or tied up in a napkin, then the gift of the Spirit will certainly be withdrawn from his soul.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 10 (c. 215–254 AD)
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**Source 18, page 7** Read it in the library ›

**12** “Therefore remove grief from yourselves, and do not crush the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, lest he entreat God against you, and withdraw from you.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hermas,** *Shepherd* (c. 90–150 AD)
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## The church prayed for the Spirit's gifts

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The early liturgies asked God to give the Spirit's gifts to the church. The Liturgy of St. Mark ties the gift of the Spirit to living a blameless life after receiving the Lord's Supper.

**13** “Even now, O Lord, bestow on her the rich gifts of Your all-holy Spirit.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Early Liturgies,** *Divine Liturgy of St. James* 1 (c. 200–400 AD)
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**14** “Give us the grace and gift of the All-holy Spirit. Enable us to live blameless lives, and guide us to perfect redemption, adoption, and the everlasting joys of the world to come.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Early Liturgies,** *Divine Liturgy of St. Mark* 1 (c. 200–400 AD) **Source 15, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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THE LIMITS

## What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not give a complete list of the gifts or rank them in order of importance.
- They do not settle whether every gift continued in every place and time.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

## The Sources

The 24 early Christian passages and 205 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–24, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 25–97, in Bible order), then 132 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF’s updated English unless marked “1885 English” (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). “… [continues online]” marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

### EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *24 passages from 11 writers*

**Hermas**, *c. 90–150 AD · sources 1–2*

**1** *Shepherd* makes no reply. Nor does he speak privately. Nor, when a man wishes the spirit to speak, does the Holy Spirit speak. It speaks only when God wishes it to… [continues online] **read ›**

**2** *Shepherd* **Quote 12, page 5** then, he says, foolish man, to how grief crushes out the Holy Spirit, and on the other hand saves. When the doubting man tries to do any deed, and fails… [continues online] **read ›**

**Ignatius of Antioch**, *c. 98–117 AD · source 3*

**3** *Epistles of Ignatius* (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 3** “it is manifest that all these gifts [possessed by believers] “worketh one and the self-same Spirit.” There are not then either three Fathers, or three Sons, or three Paracletes… [continues online] **read ›**

**Justin Martyr**, *c. 130–165 AD · sources 4–7*

**4** *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English) **Quote 4, page 3** “it is possible to see amongst us women and men who possess gifts of the Spirit of God… [continues online] **read ›**

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5 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English) **Quote 2, page 2** "having received their rest in Him, should again, as had been predicted, become gifts which, from the grace of His Spirit's power, He imparts to those who believe in… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English) **Quote 1, page 2** "it was prophesied that, after the ascent of Christ to heaven, He would deliver us from error and give us gifts… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Dialogue with Trypho* **Quote 3, page 2** "one receives the spirit of understanding, another of counsel, another of strength, another of healing, another of foreknowledge, another of teaching, and another of the fear of God… [continues online] **read ›**

**Irenaeus**, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 8–10*

8 *Against Heresies: Book V* **Quote 5, page 3** "shaping it to be like His own Son. Through the Father's hands, meaning through the Son and the Holy Spirit, humans, not just a part of humans, were made… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Against Heresies: Book IV* **Quote 7, page 4** "there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Against Heresies: Book II* (on point 4) "Spirit of the Savior searches all things, even the deep things of God, for us there are different gifts, administrations, and operations; and while on earth, as Paul states, we… [continues online] **read ›**

**Clement of Alexandria**, *c. 190–215 AD · source 11*

11 *Stromata* 4.21 **Quote 8, page 4** "of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith through the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing through the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to… [continues online] **read ›**

**Tertullian**, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 12–13*

12 *Against Marcion* 8 (on point 4) "will be the spirit of knowledge. See how the apostle agrees with… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *De Anima (On the Soul)* 9 (1885 English; on point 3) "the apostle most assuredly foretold that there were to be spiritual gifts in the church… [continues online] **read ›**

**Early Liturgies**, *c. 200–400 AD · sources 14–15*

14 *Divine Liturgy of St. James* 1 **Quote 13, page 5** "for Your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church throughout the world. Even now, O Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Divine Liturgy of St. Mark* 1 **Quote 14, page 6** "us the grace and gift of the All-holy Spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

**Origen**, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 16–20*

16 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 3 (on point 4) "are diversities of administrations, but the same Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 7 (1885 English; on point 4) "also I think is it with the Holy Spirit, in whom is contained every kind of gifts… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 10 (1885 English) **Quote 11, page 5** "if this Spirit is of divine nature, i.e., is understood to be a Holy Spirit, we shall understand this to be said of the gift of the Holy Spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

19 *Commentary on John* 2 (on point 5) "am led to this view of the charisms by the words of… [continues online] **read ›**

20 *Commentary on John* 6 (1885 English) "are cleansed from that foulest leprosy, receive a double portion of spiritual gifts, and are made ready to receive the Holy Spirit, since the spiritual dove does not light on… [continues online] **read ›**

**Gregory Thaumaturgus**, *c. 240–270 AD · sources 21–22*

21 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (on point 4) "there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

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22 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 “who heard Him. God also bore them witness with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and with gifts of the Holy Spirit" Hebrews 2:3-4. And again he says… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Novatian**, *c. 240–258 AD · source 23*

23 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 29 **Quote 9, page 4** “is He who places prophets in the Church, instructs teachers, directs tongues, gives powers and healings, does wonderful… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Apostolic Constitutions**, *c. 250–380 AD · source 24*

24 *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 10, page 5** “when there were only seven thousand holy men in Israel who had not bowed the knee to Baal, 1 Kings 19:18… [continues online] **read ›**

## THE BIBLE *73 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

25 **Exodus 23:8** And you shall not accept gifts; for gifts blind the eyes of those who see and corrupt righteous words. **read ›**

26 **Leviticus 1:2** “Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘If any man of you brings gifts to the Lord, you shall bring your gifts from the cattle, from the oxen, and from the sheep. **read ›**

27 **Leviticus 1:10** If his gift to the Lord is from the sheep, from the lambs or from the young goats, for whole burnt offerings, he shall bring an unblemished male. **read ›**

28 **Leviticus 3:6** If his gift, a peace offering to the Lord, is from the sheep, male or female, he shall offer it unblemished. **read ›**

29 **Leviticus 7:14** He shall bring one of all his gifts as a portion set apart for the Lord; it shall belong to the priest who pours out the blood of the peace offering. **read ›**

30 **Leviticus 21:8** You shall sanctify him; he offers the gifts of the Lord your God. He shall be holy, for I, the Lord who sanctifies them, am holy. **read ›**

31 **Leviticus 21:22** He may eat the gifts of God, the most holy things, and of the holy things; **read ›**

32 **Numbers 5:10** Each man’s holy things shall be his; and whatever a man gives to the priest shall be his.” **read ›**

33 **Numbers 18:29** From all your gifts you shall set apart a portion set apart for the Lord, or from all the firstfruits, the consecrated part of it.’ **read ›**

34 **Numbers 31:50** So we have brought the Lord’s gift, each man what he found: an article of gold, anklets, bracelets, rings, armlets, and hair clasps, to make atonement for us before the Lord.” **read ›**

35 **Deuteronomy 16:17** each one according to the ability of your hands, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you. **read ›**

36 **1 Samuel 10:6** Then the Spirit of the Lord will rush upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. **read ›**

37 **Ezra 2:7** The sons of Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four. **read ›**

38 **Ecclesiastes 1:3** What advantage does a man have in all his labor at which he labors under the sun? **read ›**

39 **Ecclesiastes 2:13** And I saw that wisdom has an advantage over foolishness, as light has an advantage over darkness. **read ›**

40 **Ezekiel 33:4** and the one who hears does hear the sound of the trumpet, yet does not take warning, and the sword comes and overtakes him—his blood shall be on his own head. **read ›**

41 **Amos 1:5** And I will break the bars of Damascus, and utterly destroy the inhabitants from the plain of On, and cut off a tribe from the men of Haran; and the select people of Syria shall be taken captive, says the Lord. **read ›**

42 **Amos 1:7** And I will send forth a fire upon the walls of Gaza, and it shall devour its foundations. **read ›**

43 **Amos 3:14** For in the day when I avenge the ungodly deeds of Israel upon him, I will also take vengeance on the altars of Bethel; and the horns of the altar shall be broken off, and they shall fall to the ground. **read ›**

44 **Habakkuk 3:1** A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, with a song. **read ›**

45 **Habakkuk 3:2** O Lord, I have heard your report, and I was afraid; I considered your works, and I was amazed. In the midst of two living creatures you will be known; as the years draw near you will be recognized; when the time has come you will be shown forth; when my soul is troubled, in anger you will remember mercy. **read ›**

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46 **1 Esdras 2:7** with horses and cattle, together with the other things added by vows for the temple of the Lord that is in Jerusalem." **read ›**

47 **1 Esdras 5:45** and to give to the holy treasury of the works a thousand minas of gold and five thousand minas of silver, and a hundred priestly robes. **read ›**

48 **Wisdom of Solomon 1:5** For the holy Spirit of discipline will flee from deceit, and will withdraw from foolish thoughts, and will be rebuked when unrighteousness comes in. **read ›**

49 **Wisdom of Solomon 1:7** For the Spirit of the Lord has filled the world, and that which holds all things together has knowledge of every word spoken. **read ›**

50 **Wisdom of Solomon 3:14** And blessed is the eunuch who has done no lawless deed with his hand, nor devised evil things against the Lord; for to him will be given the choice grace of faith, and a more delightful lot in the temple of the Lord. **read ›**

51 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:22** for wisdom, the craftsman of all things, taught me. For in her is a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, of many parts, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, unhindered, beneficent, **read ›**

52 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:23** loving mankind, steadfast, sure, free from care, all-powerful, overseeing all, and passing through all spirits that are intelligent, pure, and most subtle. **read ›**

53 **Wisdom of Solomon 9:17** Who has known your counsel, unless you gave wisdom and sent your holy Spirit from on high? **read ›**

54 **Wisdom of Solomon 12:1** For your incorruptible Spirit is in all things. **read ›**

55 **Wisdom of Sirach 11:17** The gift of the Lord remains with the godly, and his good pleasure will prosper forever. **read ›**

56 **Wisdom of Sirach 17:6** Counsel, and a tongue, and eyes, ears, and a heart he gave them for understanding. **read ›**

57 **Wisdom of Sirach 20:10** There is a gift that will not profit you, and there is a gift whose return is double. **read ›**

58 **Wisdom of Sirach 32:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

59 **Wisdom of Sirach 36:11** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

60 **Wisdom of Sirach 38:6** And he gave skill to men, that he might be glorified in his marvels. **read ›**

61 **Wisdom of Sirach 39:6** If the great Lord wills, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of his wisdom, and in prayer he will give thanks to the Lord. **read ›**

62 **2 Maccabees 1:3** May he give you all a heart to worship him and to do his will with a great heart and a willing soul. **read ›**

63 **2 Maccabees 1:35** And the king received many gifts and gave a share of them to those he favored. **read ›**

64 **2 Maccabees 2:13** The same things were also reported in the records and in the memoirs of Nehemiah, and how he founded a library and collected the accounts of the kings and prophets, and the writings of David, and letters of kings about dedicated gifts. **read ›**

65 **1 Enoch 14:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

66 **1 Enoch 15:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

67 **1 Enoch 37:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

68 **1 Enoch 40:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

69 **1 Enoch 49:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

70 **1 Enoch 59:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

71 **1 Enoch 60:15** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

72 **1 Enoch 103:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

73 **Mark 2:5** Jesus, seeing their faithfulness, said to the paralyzed man, "Child, your sins are forgiven you." **read ›**

74 **John 7:39** But he said this about the Spirit, which those believing in him were to receive. For the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. **read ›**

75 **Acts 8:20** But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! **read ›**

76 **Acts 11:2** When Peter had come up to Jerusalem, those who were of the circumcision contended with him, **read ›**

77 **Acts 15:8** God, who knows the heart, testified about them, giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us. **read ›**

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78 **Romans 12:6** And we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: if prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faithfulness; **read ›**

79 **1 Corinthians 1:7** so that you lack no gift as you eagerly await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, **read ›**

80 **1 Corinthians 2:12** But we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God. **read ›**

81 **1 Corinthians 2:13** These things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Holy Spirit, comparing spiritual things with spiritual things. **read ›**

82 **1 Corinthians 7:7** For I wish all men to be as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one in this way and another in that. **read ›**

83 **1 Corinthians 12:1** Now concerning spiritual things, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. **read ›**

84 **1 Corinthians 12:4** Now there are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. **read ›**

85 **1 Corinthians 12:6** There are various kinds of workings, but the same God who works all things in all. **read ›**

86 **1 Corinthians 12:7** But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the profit of all. **read ›**

87 **1 Corinthians 12:8** For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit, **read ›**

88 **1 Corinthians 12:9** to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, **read ›**

89 **1 Corinthians 12:10** to another workings of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discernment of spirits, to another kinds of tongues, and to another interpretation of tongues. **read ›**

90 **1 Corinthians 12:11** But the one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing to each one separately as he desires. **read ›**

91 **1 Corinthians 12:28** God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, and kinds of tongues. **read ›**

92 **1 Corinthians 12:30** Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? **read ›**

93 **1 Corinthians 14:1** Pursue love and earnestly desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. **read ›**

94 **1 Corinthians 14:12** So also you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, seek to abound in building up the church. **read ›**

95 **Ephesians 4:7** But to each one of us, the grace was given according to the measure of the gift of Christ. **read ›**

96 **Hebrews 2:4** while God also bore witness with signs and wonders, various miracles, and distributions of the Holy Spirit according to his will. **read ›**

97 **1 Peter 4:10** As each has received a gift, employ it in serving one another, as good managers of the grace of God in its various forms. **read ›**

## ALSO LINKED BY THF TO THESE PASSAGES *132 verses, by reference*

*Partly machine-linked: related to the passages, not always quoted in them. Each reference links to the verse in our audio Bible.*

**Exodus** 25:11

**Nehemiah** 8:10

**Psalms** 33:6

**Isaiah** 11:2 · 61:3

**Jeremiah** 23:16

**Ezekiel** 13:3

**Joel** 2:28

**Malachi** 1:11

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**Mark** 3:28 · 6:3 · 13:32 · 16:17

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