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Experiencing the Presence of the Holy Spirit
The Speaking Gifts

Ephesians 4:10-16

Hebrews 2:1-4

Ephesians 2:18-22

Apostles and Prophets

The Apostles and Prophets were men in the Old and New Testament to whom God gave his revealed word for direct communication to God's people for the purpose of aligning them with God's will and purposes, and establishing for them the written and completed word of God for all time, focusing people on the glory of God and his mighty works.

Evangelists/Evangelism

The gift of Evangelism is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body to effectively train others to share the Gospel, and to share the Gospel with unbelievers resulting in responses of faith and their becoming dedicated disciples of Jesus Christ, focusing people on the glory of God and his mighty works.

Shepherd/Pastor

The gift of Shepherd/Pastor is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body to assume a long-term personal responsibility to nurture and guide God's people with God's word, resulting in ongoing spiritual maturity and full discipleship, focusing people on the glory of God and his mighty works.

Teaching

The gift of Teaching is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body to understand, clearly explain, and teach God's Word to the body, resulting in its members learning, obeying and using God's word in their lives to thrive, focusing people on the glory of God and his mighty works.

Romans 12:3-8

Encouragement

The gift of Encouragement is the special ability God gives to certain members of the body to offer words of comfort, consolation, encouragement, counsel, and a summons to action resulting in other members of the body feeling helped, strengthened, and compelled to change and act, focusing people on the glory of God and his mighty works.

Words of Wisdom

The gift of Wisdom is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body to help others understand how God's truths can be applied in specific situations, resulting in practical solutions for real needs, and focusing people on the glory of God and his mighty works.

Words of Knowledge

The gift of knowledge is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body to bring truth to the body of Christ through personal biblical insights, resulting in a deeper faith and stronger commitment to God for those who hear, and focusing people on the glory of God and his mighty works.

Prophecy

The gift of prophecy is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body to reveal a Spirit-prompted message to believers that is aligned with God's purposes and truths, and which has relevance for personal decisions, correction, or edification. The message may have immediate or future applications but all must be evaluated in line with God's already revealed truth, focusing people on the glory of God and his mighty works.

Tongues

The gift of Tongues is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body to speak with languages that are unknown to them without having any previous knowledge of that language. It is intended to build up the body of Christ resulting in corporate edification when interpreted, in personal edification when not translated, and validating God's messenger and message, focusing people on the glory of God and his mighty works.

Tongues Interpretation

The gift of Interpreting Tongues is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body to make known in the vernacular the message of one who speaks in tongues. It results in the edification of the corporate body with revelation, knowledge, prophecy or teaching and usually validates God's messenger and message, focusing people on the glory of God and his mighty works.