



# The Charismatic Gifts

## 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 RSV

7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

### The Charismatic Gifts of the Holy Spirit

<b>The Power to Say</b>	Prophecy, Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues
<b>The Power to Know</b>	The Word of Wisdom, The Word of Knowledge, and Discernment of Spirits
<b>The Power to Do</b>	Faith, Gifts of Healing and Working of Miracles

## Talents/Spiritual Gifts

**Spiritual gifts are not talents.** Natural talents, skills, and abilities are granted by God just as everything good and worthwhile is a gift from Him. But those things are natural abilities shared by believers and unbelievers alike. An unbeliever can be a highly skilled artist or musician. An atheist or agnostic can be a great scientist, carpenter, athlete, or cook. If a Christian excels in any such abilities it has nothing to do with his salvation. Though he may use his natural talents quite differently after he comes to Christ in His Church, he possessed them before he became a Christian. Spiritual gifts come only as a result of regeneration by the Holy Spirit.

**Spiritual gifts are not natural**, but rather are supernaturally given by the Holy Spirit only and always to believers in Jesus Christ, without exception. Spiritual Gifts are special capacities given to believers to equip them to minister supernaturally to others, especially to each other. Consequently, if those gifts are not being used, or not being used rightly, the body of Christ cannot function the way God intended it to and the work of God is hindered.

### The Gifts Defined

**Prophecy:** The gift whereby God communicates in first person either to the gathered community or to an individual.

**Speaking in Tongues:** A message given in an unknown tongue to the Body of Christ. Must be interpreted.

**Interpretation of Tongues:** Once a message is spoken in tongues the Church should begin to pray and wait for interpretation. Note that this is not a translation.

**The Word of Wisdom:** The gift whereby the Holy Spirit gives direction to the Body of Christ or for the life of a member in need.

**The Word of Knowledge:** The gift whereby the Holy Spirit reveals something about a person that could not be humanly known by

the person exercising the gift.

**Discernment of Spirits:** The gift whereby the Holy Spirit makes known the movement of a spirit be it human, demonic or Divine.

**Faith:** Not to be confused with believing, saving faith. This is the gift whereby it is known that God is going to act, therefore a command is given for God's will to manifest.

**Gifts of Healing:** Note that the word "gift" is plural because healing can occur physically, emotionally and spiritually (deliverance from demonic bondage).

**Working of Miracles:** The gift whereby God intervenes beyond the rational laws of nature.



### Further Reading:

*A Key to the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church* by Monsignor Vincent Walsh. Go to [www.BrendanCase.com](http://www.BrendanCase.com) and click on the tab "Tools for Growth" and scroll to the bottom of this page.

*An Introduction to Catholic Charismatic Renewal* by John & Therese Boucher

*Hearts Aflame: The Holy Spirit at the Heart of Christian Life Today* by Alan Schreck

<http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net>

<http://www.nsc-chariscenter.org/>

### How to Receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1. Ask God for the gifts.
2. Set aside time so that God can speak to you.
3. Confess any sin, fears, doubts or unbelief that is in your life, so you can be a much more effective instrument in His hand.
4. Cultivate a strong desire for the Gifts.
5. Expect God to use you.
6. Go to a prayer group and work alongside people who are already flowing well in the Gifts. Learn as much as you can.
7. Seek an impartation for a greater release of the Gifts.
8. Always remain teachable.
9. Work within the guide-lines/frame-work set by the Church hierarchy of your parish and or prayer group.

# Personal Reflection

Look up the following. What did you learn?  
Catechism of the Catholic Church #799-800

1 Cor 12:1

1 Cor 12:7

1 Cor 14:1

1 Cor 14:12

1 Cor 14:26

1 Cor 14:40



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