The Gifts of the Spirit

These are the lesson notes for the following YouTube video(s):

#9 Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit Explained

God Gives Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:

There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. [5] There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. [6] And there are diversities of activities, ***but it is the same God who works all in all.***

- The grace gifts of the Holy Spirit (9).
- The ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ – Ephesians 4:11 (5).
- Various ways that God works – Romans 12 (7).

1. Prophecy
2. Serving
3. Teaching
4. Encouraging
5. Sharing (giving)
6. Leading/organizing
7. Showing compassion/mercy

The Two "Secrets" Behind Jesus' Miracles

The first secret we can discover in God's Word is that the power of the Holy Spirit is the power by which Jesus performed miracles. No doubt you have heard it said, possibly even by preachers, "Jesus could heal the sick and walk on water because He's the Son of God." Although Jesus was (and is) the Son of God, that isn't the reason *why* Jesus could perform miracles. In fact, that's a major misunderstanding that has even caused miracles to partly disappear from the Church. Jesus regularly made it clear that He could do nothing of Himself.

John 5:19

…"Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can ***do nothing of Himself****, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. 30* ***I can of Myself do nothing****. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I don't seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me."*

Jesus tells us in John 5 that He could do *nothing* of Himself. He was completely dependent on the Father Who worked through Him *via the Holy Spirit*. Peter brilliantly described this cooperation within the Trinity,

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Acts 10:37-38

*"That word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and **began from Galilee** after the baptism which John preached: [38] **how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power**, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, **for God was with Him**"*

Peter first tells us that Jesus' ministry and the miracles and signs *began after He was baptized by John the Baptist*. That's when the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus (Luke 3:22). God the Father anointed Jesus of *Nazareth* with the Holy Spirit and with *power* and that's how Jesus could go around healing people. Peter deliberately referred to Jesus as Jesus *of Nazareth*, to emphasize His human side. Nazareth was the place where Jesus, the man, grew up. **The reason Jesus couldn't do anything of Himself was because He had forsaken all the advantages, privileges, strength, and power He had had in heaven in order to come to earth *as a man*.**

Philippians 2:6

*who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, [7] but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. [8] And **being found in appearance as a man**, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!*

Paul tells us that Jesus renounced His equality with God and came to earth as a man. Other translations say that Jesus *stripped Himself of all divine benefits* (Philippians 2:7, AMP).

Walking in Jesus' Footsteps

The fact that Jesus performed signs and wonders by the power of the Holy Spirit is so amazingly important to our lives. I will explain why. If Jesus performed miracles because He's the Son of God, it's all very impressive, but has no direct effect on our own lives, except to make us believe Him. Now that we know that Jesus performed miracles through the Holy Spirit, it becomes so amazingly important to our lives, *because we have the same Holy Spirit in us that Jesus did*. We haven't received some generic Holy Spirit. The very same Spirit who worked through Jesus now lives in us (Romans 8:11).

That's why just before He taught about the Holy Spirit Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, *He who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."* (John 14:12) Immediately after this, Jesus said, *"I am going to the Father, but I am coming back to you through the Holy Spirit."* We can do the same miracles as Jesus did because it is Jesus Himself who lives in and works through us through the Holy Spirit.

The disciples in the book of Acts literally did greater miracles than Jesus, such as healing the sick by their shadow or handkerchiefs they'd had on them (Acts 5:15, 19:12). The fact that Jesus expects us to perform the same miracles He did is evident from the fact that He challenged His disciples to do the same with *every* miracle he did.

- Jesus wasn't the only one to heal the sick; Jesus sent out His disciples to heal the sick, and they did it too (Matthew 10:8, Mark 16:18, Acts 5:16).
- Jesus wasn't the only one to cast out demons; the disciples were sent out to do the same, and they did it too (Matthew 10:8, Mark 16:17, Acts 8:7).
- Jesus wasn't the only one to raise the dead; the disciples did too (Matthew 10:8, Acts 9:40, 20:10).

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- Jesus wasn't the only one who walked on water, Peter did too (Matthew 14:29) When Peter started to sink, it wasn't because he wasn't the Son of God, but because of his little faith (Matthew 14:31).
- When food was in short supply, Jesus first challenged His disciples to perform the miracle. *"You give them something to eat"* (Matthew 14:16, Mark 6:37).
- When they woke Jesus during the storm, He said, *"Where is your faith?"* In other words, "You could have done it yourselves" (Luke 8:25)
- When His disciples pointed out to Jesus that the fig tree had been cursed at His command, Jesus didn't say that it was because He's the Son of God but exhorted the disciples to also have faith in God and to speak to their mountains and circumstances, assuring them that miracles like this would also happen in their lives. (Mark 11:22-23)
- When the disciples didn't manage to heal the demon-possessed boy, Jesus said: "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? (Matthew 17:17). In other words, "How much longer do I have to show you? I expected you to be getting the same results as Me by now!" When they asked Jesus: "Why could we not heal him?", Jesus **didn't** say to them, "Because I am the Son of God and you are not." No, He said: "Because of your unbelief." (Matthew 17:20)

Operating in the Gifts of the Spirit

The second secret behind the miracles of Jesus is that Jesus did the miracles by operating in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I will first explain what the gifts of the Holy Spirit are, so that we can then see that Jesus used these gifts to perform miracles. Paul lists nine gifts of the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12. The following table shows the nine gifts of the Spirit alongside the nine fruits of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit *The New Owner of the New Creation*	
THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOU	**THE HOLY SPIRIT ON YOU**
Character, guidance & fruit	Clothed in power & gifts
Love	The Gift of Healings
Joy	Working of miracles
Peace	Gift of Faith
Patience	Word of Knowledge
Kindness	Word of Wisdom
Goodness	Discerning of Spirits
Faith	Gift of Prophecy
Gentleness	Speaking in Tongues
Self-control	Interpretation of Tongues

We could divide the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit into three categories to help make things clearer for us:

1. The gifts of revelation, which *reveal* something,
2. The gifts of power, which *do something*; they *release God's power and cause a miracle to come to pass*,
3. The vocal gifts; they *say something* on God's behalf.

The three gifts of revelation help us to *think* and *see* as God thinks and sees. The gifts of power help us to *act* like God and the vocal gifts help us to *speak* like God. Although the gifts are mentioned separately, they are not usually used separately. In practice, the gifts are usually not strictly separate and will often "blend together" and boost each other.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit		
GIFTS OF REVELATION	**GIFTS OF POWER**	**VOCAL GIFTS**
Reveal Something	**Do Something**	**Say Something**
God is all-knowing	God is all-powerful	God is everywhere
Word of wisdom Word of knowledge Discerning of spirits	Gifts of healing The working of miracles Faith	Prophecy Speaking in tongues Interpretation of tongues

Gift	Explanation	Example
Word of Knowledge	God has all knowledge and gives a small piece of supernatural knowledge to the recipient.	Jesus saw the woman at the well and knew details about her past (John 4:18). Peter knew that Ananias and Sapphira were lying (Acts 5).
Word of Wisdom	God has all wisdom and gives a piece of supernatural wisdom to the recipient.	Jesus helped the adulteress to escape the death penalty by saying, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first" (John 8:7).
Discerning of Spirits	The ability to gain insight into the spiritual world through the Holy Spirit: the recipient discerns the workings of demons, angels, the Holy Spirit, God, or the motivations and thoughts of the human spirit.	Jesus saw that there was no deceit in Nathanael (John 1:47-48). Jesus saw into the hearts of men (John 2:24-25). Jesus who recognized a deaf and dumb spirit (Mark 9:25).
Gift of Faith	You receive a measure of faith from God, perfect and complete faith that always results in a miracle and breaks through all human and natural impossibilities.	Jesus and Peter walking on water (Matthew 14:25-29). Jesus cursing the fig tree (Mark 11:14).
Working of miracles	The working of God's power through you resulting in a miracle, providing deliverance, or breaking the laws of nature.	Jesus multiplied food (John 6:11-13). Healing the sick by shadow or clothes (Acts 5:15, 19:12).
The Gift of Healings	The power of God working through you to remove and heal diseases.	Jesus or the disciples healing people (Acts 5:16,19).
Prophecy	Prophecy is an utterance inspired by the Holy Spirit, who explains, declares, or tells in advance the will or counsel of God.	Agabus prophesied about a famine and about the imprisonment of Paul (Acts 11:28, 21:10). Jesus prophesied about Peter's betrayal (Matthew 26:34).
Speaking in Tongues	The ability, through the Holy Spirit, to speak in a language (earthly or heavenly) that you don't understand yourself. Sometimes the hearers understand it in their own (native) language, and sometimes it is a heavenly language that's interpreted and serves as prophecy.	The apostles (Acts 2:4) Cornelius and his household (Acts 10:46).
Interpretation of Tongues	The ability of the Holy Spirit to interpret the language (earthly or heavenly) language so that it serves as prophecy.	The church at Corinth (1 Corinthians 14:27-28).

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Miracle Performed by Jesus	Gift of the Spirit
Changing the water into wine	Gift of faith, working of miracles
Healing the sick	Gift of healing, gift of faith, the working of miracles
Casting out demons	Gift of faith, the working of miracles, discerning spirits
The feeding of the 5000	Gift of faith, working of miracles
Walking on water	Gift of faith, working of miracles
Cursing the fig tree	Gift of faith, working of miracles
Knowing details about people or their thoughts	Word of knowledge, wisdom, and discernment of spirits
Raising the dead	Gift of faith, working of miracles
Getting money from the fish	Gift of faith, working of miracles
Donkey (Luke 19:30-36) or "claiming" the upper room (Luke 22:8-13)	Word of wisdom, word of knowledge, gift of prophecy, gift of faith
Prophesying	Gift of Prophecy
Having soldiers fall to the ground (John 18:6)	The working of miracles
Escaping angry crowds (Luke 4:30)	The working of miracles

This table illustrates how the miracles of Jesus are linked to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. **If we learn to work in the gifts, we can walk in the same miracles that Jesus did** and thus obey Jesus' command.

1 Corinthians 12:1

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I don't want you to be ignorant. [2] You know that you were gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. [3] Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. [4] There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. [5] There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. [6] And there are diversities of activities, ***but it is the same God who works all in all.*** *[7]But the manifestation of the Spirit* ***is given to each one for the profit of all****: [8] for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, [9] to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, [10] to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. [11] But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

The Greek source text tells us that each of the four gifts are plural gifts.

1. **The Gift of Healings**
   Various ways to minister healing and be used by God (healing rooms vs large healing meetings).

2. **The Working of Miracles**
   This can be any and all sorts of miracle. For example, driving out demons, raisin the dead…
3. **The Discerning of Spirits**
   There are various spirits that we can receive revelation about. We can receive revelation about the human spirit, satan, evil spirits, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit and about angels. The revelation can come in different ways, through a vision, a dream or words of knowledge, etc.
4. **All Kinds of Tongues**
   Speaking in tongues, other than as a personal prayer language, can serve different purposes. We can read about people speaking in tongues that other people understand as normal language. An interpretation can also be given, in which case it works like prophecy. It can also be sung, spoken or prayed out, etc.

1. The Gifts are Grace (presents).

The Greek word in 1 Corinthians 12 that we translate here as gifts is *charismata* or *charisma*. We usually translate this word with the word "grace". The gifts are grace from God (presents).

The gifts are never a sign of approval of someone's **lifestyle** or **message.**

God, in His grace, wants to work through the gifts of the Spirit (there's nothing special about that for God).

> **Romans 11:29**
> *For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.*

> **Matthew 7:2**
> *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. [22] Many will say to Me in that day, ' Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' [23] And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'*

That's why character is so important. Living a holy life helps you to grow in the power of God, but it isn't a prerequisite.

- Even Judas drove out demons and healed the sick. Later on he betrayed Jesus.
- Peter drove out demons and healed the sick – he denied Jesus 3 times.
- The Corinthian church – a lot of immoral and problems.

This is both beautiful and difficult at the same time.

The letter to the Corinthians is predominantly about the gifts of the Spirit. The Corinthian church was a church that was doing a lot of things wrong, such as fornication and idolatry, and yet they all operated in the gifts of the Spirit. This shows you that it doesn't have anything to do with how holy we are. God sees us all as holy through His Son Jesus Christ. He even called the Corinthians holy. (1 Corinthians 1:1).

Grace: you can't earn them. That means that you can't do anything to get them! (Seek God, grow, pray,etc).

2. Identity

Don't build your identity on the gifting, you can build a big ministry on gifting but you wont build big people. If I were to prophecy in my services people would get dependent on me, instead of dependent on the Word of God and the Holy Spirit.

3. The Gifts Are All Supernatural

When we talk about the gifts of the spirit, you need to understand that they are all supernatural and none of them can be explained away based on natural talents or abilities. **You don't get the gift of speaking in tongues because you've learned a lot of languages. You don't get the gift of healings because you've studied medicine. That's how the gifts are explained away in some circles.**

4. The gifts are for today & for every believer and both inside and outside the church.

One misunderstanding people have is that they think that the gifts are not for today. There are always people who don't believe that miracles, healings, gifts of the Spirit and so on are for today. They base this opinion on their own (lack of) experience, not on the Word of God. There isn't any biblical support for such teaching. Both the Bible and history show us that God's signs and wonders are for every believer and all times.

5. The Gifts are for Everyone

The following passages show us that the gifts are for everyone:1 Corinthians 12: 4-7
There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. [5] There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. [6] And there are diversities of activities, ***but it is the same God who works all in all.*** *[7]To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

1 Corinthians 12:11
But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

1 Corinthians 14:26
How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

1 Corinthians 14:3
For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

1 Corinthians 12: 28-30
And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, ***after that miracles then gifts of healings****, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. [29]* ***Are all apostles?*** *Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? [30]* ***Do all have gifts of healings?*** *Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?*

The answer is clearly "No". Not everyone is a teacher, etc. But Paul is very clearly speaking about the order and the place of gifts and ministries in the church here. Everyone has their place in the church. (That's why he calls us a body) Not everyone is a hand. Not everyone is a mouth. **(release people into their giftings).**

6. They're to be used in (and outside) the church

The third misunderstanding is that people think that the gifts are only to be used in the church. That's not true, they're for both in the church and outside its four walls. We really need the gifts outside the church, on the street and at work and so on

Conclusion: The gifts are for today, for everyone and for all time.

7. We choose to operate in them

The Bible passages below clearly show us that we need to do something with the gifts:

1 Corinthians 12:31
Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

1 Corinthians 14:1
Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

1 Corinthians 14:12
So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church.

1 Corinthians 14:39
Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and don't forbid speaking in tongues.

2 Timothy 1:6
Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

Dare to do it. Get out of your comfort zone, out of your natural thoughts. All I know is that I need to speak in tongues. All I know is that God wants to give a prophecy through me.

8. The gifts work together, overlap, and trigger each other

9. There are 9 different gifts, but they are all closely connected. Several gifts are at work at the same time. The Gifts are Tools

1 Corinthians 12:31
Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

What is the best gift? The gift that you need for your ministry at that point in time. This is the same question as what tool in your toolbox is the most important? It depends on what you're going to do.

10. Love = the motivation for the gifts

We need to have the right attitude if we want to operate in the gifts. We never use the gifts to be seen or noticed. We use them for the good of others. Here are a few principles:

1. **You serve God with the gift, not your own ministry. You have the gift to serve God and people.**

1 Corinthians 12:5 (AMP)
And there are [distinctive] varieties of ministries and service, but it is the same Lord [who is served].

2. **It's always intended to build others up. (The gifts always build up!)**

1 Corinthians 12:7
To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

3. **They are for the edification of the church.**

1 Corinthians 12:12
So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, ***try to excel in those that build up the church.***

4. **Operate out of love.**

1 Corinthians 13:1-6
Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. [2] And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. [3] And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. [4] Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; [5] does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; [6] does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; [7] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Without love, it's all of no value. Love is patient, kind, does not envy, does not boast, isn't proud, doesn't dishonor others (these all apply to the gifts).

Part 2: The Power Gifts

The Gift of Faith, the Working of Miracles, and the Gift of Healings

In this section, I'd like to talk about the power gifts. These are gifts that do something. The gift of faith. The working of miracles and the gift of healings.

What are they and how do you operate in them? This is harder to explain than prophecy, but I'm going to do my best.

1 Corinthians 12:7

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: [8] for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, [9] ***to another faith*** *by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, [10] to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. [11] But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

Operating in the Gift of Faith

The gift of faith is the most powerful form of faith. There are five different forms of faith.

1. The general Christian faith
2. Faith for salvation
3. Faith as the fruit of the Spirit
4. Faith for specific situations
5. Faith as a Gift of the Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

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What is the Gift of Faith?

The faith listed here, the gift of faith, is a special sort of faith. You could call the gift of faith the *strongest* form of faith. It's where God Himself puts His faith in you for an impossible situation and it always works. That's where it differs from faith, the *fruit* of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). Fruit grows and develops, but with the gift of faith, perfect faith is "suddenly" present. I say "suddenly" between quotation marks because we can pursue the gifts of the Spirit and can learn how to operate in the gifts of the Spirit.

- The fruit of faith; character. Doesn't change the circumstances, but ensures that you keep on going despite the circumstances. (who we are)

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- The gift of faith; power – changes the situation, works miracles. (what we do) (they work together)

If you don't have the fruit of faith, you will never operate in the gift of faith. Because you're in panic and unbelief.

You could call the gift of faith "super-faith."

Another important difference between the gift of faith and the other forms of faith, is the way that faith *comes.* In other forms of faith, such as faith for specific situations, faith *comes* through hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17). If you hear God's Word a lot on a particular subject, your faith grows in that area. The gift of faith comes via impartation from the Holy Spirit. It's the Holy Spirit who puts faith into your spirit. You could call the gift of faith "super-faith."

It's God giving you His own faith. God puts it in your spirit, all of a sudden, making it suddenly easy for you to believe for something incredible that will always come to pass.

- The Weymouth translation calls it "*special faith*",
- The Amplified Bible calls it "*the gift of wonderworking faith*".

It's the faith of God that works miracles. God's kind of faith. It's like God is screwing your head off, emptying you completely, filling you with faith and screwing your head back on again.

If I had to choose a gift, I would choose the gift of faith. It's the gift of faith that allows you to tap into everything.

People who operate in the gift of faith can have faith in God in such a way that God honors their word as His own Word and miraculous things happen.

The gift of faith is also faith *that speaks.* It speaks to the mountain in such a way that the mountain moves straight away. The gift of faith is sometimes expressed as a command. Derek Prince then calls is a "word of faith". It's a decision that God makes and speaks through people. "*For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast."* (Psalm 33:9).

If you've ever received the gift of faith for something, you know where it was and what it was for.

When I read this verse, it hit me like a bomb. It was as if the words *"for I called him alone, and blessed him and increased him."* got engraved on my spirit. I received the *gift of faith* to employ people and pay their salaries. I knew that I knew that I knew that I knew that God would provide for all the salaries. I cried out, "Hallelujah, God's going to bless us and increase us." We took on our first full-time employee the following January,

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What's the difference between the gift of faith and the working of miracles?

1. The gift of faith is a gift of the Spirit that allows you to **receive** a miracle: it goes from God to you.
2. The working of miracles is a gift of the Spirit that allows you to **impart** a miracle: it goes from you to someone or something else.

Both gifts produce miracles.

The working of miracles is directed towards you imparting a miracle and the gift of faith is directed towards you receiving a miracle. They often work in combination, where you receive the faith to *work a miracle for someone else* through the gift of faith.

Through the gift of faith, you step into the *working of miracles* in order to work a miracle for someone else.

Resurrecting the dead, for example, the gift of faith receives faith for the miracle, and the working of miracles works the miracle, meaning that the person comes to life.

The gift of faith receives faith for the impossible and the working of miracles triggers the supernatural.

The Gift of Faith vs The Working of Miracles in Dangerous Situations

The gift of faith and working of miracles both work in dangerous situations. The gift of faith supernaturally gets you, unharmed, through the danger, the working of miracles changes the danger, again in combination with the gift of faith.

- Jesus who calmed the storm (Mark 4:39) → the working of miracles via the gift of faith.
- Paul who came through a deadly storm unharmed (Acts 27) → gift of faith.
- Paul who was stoned, but then got up and continued on his way (Acts 14:19) → the working of miracles.
- Paul who was bitten by a poisonous snake, but nothing happened (Acts 28:3) → the gift of faith/ working of miracles.
- Jesus who walked on the water (Matthew 14:25) → the working of miracles via the gift of faith.

These are all great examples of the gift of faith and the working of miracles. From the story of Peter walking on the water, we learn a very important lesson about the gift of faith and the working of miracles. We need to choose to keep our eyes on Jesus and not the natural circumstances even when we are operating in these gifts, otherwise we lose our supernatural faith. Faith can take you to supernatural heights, but you mustn't have a fear of heights when you look down, you'd fall.

Employees and books (what would happen if the provision stopped? We need faith).

How do you Operate in the Gift of Faith?

Now that we've seen in detail what the gift of faith is, I'm going to talk about how we can operate in the gift of faith. Some people think that they don't have any part to play in receiving the gifts of the Spirit, because the Spirit has to give them. It is true that the Spirit gives them, but we do have to do our part, reaching out for and receiving the gifts.

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Step 1: End up in an impossible situation

The gift of faith is given to help you have faith for the impossible and receive the impossible. The gift is therefore used in situations where God *has to* intervene and where a supernatural miracle from God is the only way out.

Step 2: Start with normal faith

If you want to operate in the gift of faith, start walking in "normal" faith and applying faith in your daily life. First, all the gifts work by "ordinary" faith. You stand on the promises of God and use your faith. Smith Wigglesworth said this about the gift of faith: **One of the reasons many people never experience the gift of faith is because they don't operate with the faith that they already have."**

Step 3: Fight the good fight of faith…

If you are going to use your faith to change circumstances, you're going to have to fight the fight of faith.

Step 4: God takes over when you get to the end of your faith

Sometimes it feels as if you're coming to the end of your faith. It looks like nothing is changing and the temptation to doubt God's promises is immense. In my experience, if you get to that place and still decide to stand strong and unshakable, that's when the gift of faith comes over you. The gift of faith often comes on you when you've first stood in your own faith with all you have.

Step 5: The gift of faith "suddenly" takes over

When you've stood firm in your own faith with everything you have and simply keep on persevering and seeking God, it's as if the gift of faith takes over. Before Smith Wigglesworth said this, which I cited earlier, One of the reasons many people never experience the gift of faith is because they don't operate in the faith that they already have." He said **"This supernatural gift of faith often comes when you take steps in 'normal' faith, and you come to the end of your faith".** For example, Smith writes of how this gift came to him when raising a dead man: He lives! "I prayed in all my own strength and faith and then suddenly 'God seized me' and I already began to cry, 'He lives! He lives! He lives!', and he lived*!"*

Use Your Own Faith To Receive The Gift Of Faith

The above process sometimes goes pretty fast and happens within a short period of time. Sometimes I use my own faith to receive the gift of faith.

All The Gifts Are Contagious, Even The Gift Of Faith

It might sound odd, but the gifts of the Spirit are 'contagious'. When specific ministers operate in the gifts of the Spirit, it's easy for the people around them to step into the same flow of the Holy Spirit. We see in the Old Testament that even Saul came under the anointing of the prophets and began to operate in the gift of prophecy (1 Samuel 10:11). If there's a specific anointing on a place or person, it can also come on you. If prophets are prophesying, it's easier for others present to receive prophecies. If ministers are working miracles, it's easier for others present to have faith for miracles. That's how things work in the spiritual world. The gift of faith also contagious. Faith itself is contagious. If faith is preached, the same spirit of faith can come on you, if you are open. Frontrunners is a *faith-based ministry* and I operate a great deal in the *gift of faith*. That means that people who associate with Frontrunners by reading our books, doing the Bible School, watching our teaching videos, come to our conferences and

partner with the ministry connect with this same anointing and gift of faith, making it easier for them to also operate in faith.

The Working of Miracles

What is the Working of Miracles?

1 Corinthians 12:10 the working of miracles

The Dutch BGT Bible: "The power to **perform** miracles".

1. The ability, through the Holy Spirit, to perform a miracle.
2. The working of miracles through the power of the Holy Spirit– casting out demons.
3. God supernaturally intervening in normal natural processes (against the laws of nature)

How do you Operate in the Working of Miracles?

1. A situation comes up where you need it.
2. You step out in faith.
3. God comes over your situation with His power and miracle.

The Gift of Healings

What's the difference between the gift of healings and the healing of the sick (in faith)?

Healing the sick is healing the sick by faith and obedience to the Word. The gift of healings is healing the sick through faith and obedience, but can also be through a move of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:27-31

*Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. [28] And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. [29] Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? [30] **Do all have gifts of healings?** Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? [31] Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. I am going to show you a more excellent way.*

In the church, in the way the body of Christ works, the ministry of healing isn't for everyone. Every believer can heal the sick, but not every Believer will be used by God in an extraordinary way to minister healing to large crowds of people or in extraordinary ways.

How Can You Receive/Minister Healing?

Everyone (receive/minister):

1. You through your own faith.
2. Through other believers laying hands on you in faith/anointing you with oil.

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Apostolic, prophetic, and evangelistic ministries often operate in the gift of healings to break through and release something and lead people to Jesus.

But there's also the gift of healings, which everyone experiences differently: Oral Roberts, Kenneth. E. Hagin, William Branham: when they laid their hands on the sick they felt their left hand shake if it they were ministering healing and their right hand shake if they were ministering deliverance.

Kathryn Kuhlman – just waited until the Spirit started to move.

Kenneth E. Hagin: I became conscious of this other "something" working in my ministry.

How do you Operate in the Gift of Healings?

This is often associated with ministries, but not always.

1. It starts with reaching out for miracles, with being hungry and thirsty for them.
2. Stepping out in faith and just healing the sick.
3. Seeking God in order to receive more power and more results.
4. Shadowing people who already operate in them.