**By DE & CQ**

**Topic 9:** Gifts of God’s Spirit, including Tongues & Iinterpretation (look up in the Bible all the gifts of the spirit)

**(5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)**

1. (Jesus says:) Do you like finding out about interesting facts? Or learning a how to do something that is fun, and you just need someone to teach you how to do it? To all those who love Me and want to tell others about Me, through My Holy Spirit I can tell you all kinds of things, information that helps you—even things that those around you don’t know. The Holy Spirit can give you the gift of knowledge, and be a teacher for you! You can have your own personal instructor in the ways of God, when you ask for the Spirit of God to teach you.

2. (Jesus speaking:) I have given each of My children different gifts so that they can work together, each one doing his part to make My Kingdom strong. Some have many gifts, some have fewer gifts. Some have showygifts while others have hidden gifts. Your rewards in this life and in the life to come will not be according to the number of gifts you have or what kind of gifts you have. Your rewards will be according to your faithfulness and what you do with the gifts I have given you.

3. The gifts and talents that someone has are not of themselves. They are gifts from My hand. So, do not glory in your gifts and talents but give Me the glory. Do your best with what you have been given, knowing that I will reward you accord for a job well done. I will reward you both in this life and in the life to come. In this life, I will give you your heart’s desire and in the life to come, I will crown you with a crown of glory!

4. My arms are stretched out to you, and in My hands are gifts for you, My child. I have precious gifts for you, gifts of love, of mercy, and of healing. All of these gifts are in My hands, and I will freely give them to you if you will only reach out and receive them by faith. These gifts are not earned by your own goodness. You could never be good enough to recieve My gifts. I give them to you freely. All you have to do is reach out by faith and receive them.

5. Receive this gift that I would pour out to you! Reach out and receive! Desire it and want it! How do you receive it? Just as you would receive a gift from your parents. You ask, you believe and you receive. How do you act on it? –One step at a time in one deed of love followed by another. Don’t be afraid that My gifts have run out for you., Just open up and say, “Yes! I want it!” Open up and receive My gifts for you. These gifts will bring fruit in your life, and in the lives of those around you.

1. **Short true story, or object lesson or reflection, on the subject.)**

1.We have all been given a special gift that we can use to help someone else. No matter whether it is big or small, we can use our gifts for God's glory. If you are not sure what gift or talent you have, ask Jesus to show you what it is. It may be something you consider a natural ability or talent, but when it's dedicated to the Lord, He can use it for His purpose. Even our natural abilities are a gift from God! He has given them to us so we can use them to encourage and inspire others.

**2.** In Matthew 25, Jesus told a story about three servants who were each given talents, or gifts. The servant who was given five talents and the servant who was given two talents increased them. But the third servant only buried the one talent he was given. Afterwards, the master of the servants got really upset at the third servant and even took his one talent away and gave it to the one who had five. Jesus is saying that if you do the best with what you have been given, God will give you more, and He’ll say, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many more things (verses 21,23) To be faithful means to use the gifts and abilities that God has given you. So be faithful with whatever you have been given!

**3.** A boy and his dad read the Bible together every day. One day, they read Acts Chapter 2, about Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit came upon the early disciples. The boy was puzzled when he read the verse, “And they spoke with other tongues.”

He asked his dad what it meant. The dad thought about it for a minute, then he said, “Tongues were given to to the disciples so that they could testify about the wonderful work God had done in sending His Son, Jesus. At that time, many people were gathered in Jerusalem and they all spoke different languages. Because the disciples were given the gift of tongues, everyone could hear about Jesus in their own language.”

“Wow,” said the boy. “The Lord sure has cool gifts!”

“Yes,” smiled his dad. “The Bible says that tongues are one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12). We can use tongues to be strengthened in the Lord in our devotion time. Tongues are a good gift but not the most important one. Do you know what’s the most important gift?”

“Yes! The boy answered, “It’s love!”

**4.** Have you ever watched a symphony orchestra? There are so many people and so many different kinds of instruments. Each person is playing a different instrument, and each instrument makes a different sound. If everybody just played whatever they wanted, it would make an awful noise! But there is always one person in front, the conductor, and he directs the players so that they make beautiful music together.

We are like the players in that orchestra. We each have a different gift. We don’t all have the same gift but we can use our gifts for the same purpose—to glorify God. No one is left without a gift. There is the gift of wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, and many more! Just like the conductor directs the orchestra, the Holy Spirit directs our gifts so they create a beautiful harmony that glorifies God. All we need to do is find out what our gift is and learn to use it to glorify God and bless others. Then the Lord can use our gifts to make beautiful music for His Kingdom!

**5**. One day a rich man was staying in a hotel. He heard a little child playing the piano downstairs. She was making a terrible noise: “Plink...plonk...plink.” ---It was driving him crazy! All of a sudden, he heard the most beautiful music coming from the same piano. When he bent over the staircase to see what had happened, he saw that a man had sat down beside the little girl. He was filling in the gaps in the music, and the result was the most beautiful music! He later found out that the man was her father and he was a famous composer.

God is our Father and He wants to “make music” with us in our relationship with Him. He wants to come and work alongside of us in all that we do. God can take our “plink...plonk...plink...” and make something beautiful out of them!

**(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)**

1. Jesus, thank You for choosing me, even though I’m so unworthy. Thank You for the gifts You have given me. I don’t know what they all are right now but I know that as I stay close to You, loving and praising You and being obedient to Your Word, You will show me step by step.

2. Wow Jesus, the gifts You give are so special! It’s like opening presents! As I take time to unwrap them, and try them out, I know they are the best things I could ever wish for. Because they’re from You, Jesus. You gave them to Me because You love me. Thank You, Jesus!

3. Thank You, Jesus! I love You! And I’m so thankful for how well You know me and what gifts are best for me to have. I’m just glad to let You lead. I won’t worry about whether I’m good enough or if I make a mistake. Just bless me the way You think is best. And use me for Your glory.

4. Jesus, I feel like I’m looking into a treasure chest when I read about all the gifts of the Spirit that You have to give me. They’re all so beautiful! Like precious diamonds and jewels. I don’t know which one to choose. Actually, I’m glad I don’t have to choose. I’ll just let You choose for me. Because You know what gifts are best for me. I’m just happy to be Your little follower.

5. Jesus, when I look at some people who have showy gifts, like performing or singing, I feel so small and useless. I start to wonder if my gifts are any good at all. But then I remember Your great love and how much You love me. I know You know what’s best for me. Even if I feel tucked away out of sight and hidden, I know You have a plan for my life. You have special gifts for me, too. I just have to trust You that You know what’s best.

 **(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject—names of who wrote it, or “author unknown” if don’t know.)**

# 1.*“Spiritual Gifts”*

*Within each mortal being, deep down in their soul,
A fertile garden of talents, divine seedlings wait to grow!*

*Inspiring gifts of the Spirit, patiently positioned to one day emerge.
Nurtured by faith, cultivated with truth, and rooted in His sacred Word.*

*The Light of Life, He warms the plant, illuminating the way.
Each child's talents grow into blossoms, to dawn a future day.*

*Obedience leads to undiscovered abilities that spring forth manifest!
A flowering witness of God’s goodness, His miracles expressed!*

*Each of God's children are sacred, endowed with specific gifts!
Fruits to inspire those around us. --To lead, to love, and lift!*

*"Know that you are special, My child, one of a kind!
I sent you here with gifts to love and heal the blind!"*

*"So use wisely your endowment given, adore Me every day!
And share your gifts with others along the way!"*

*By R. Lyle Johnson*

**2.** **A Prayer for the Gifts of the Spirit**

The Holy Spirit goes where it will

Bringing wisdom, joy, faith, truth

and a passion beyond all understanding.

I see the Spirit, delicate as a feather

yet powerful as a hurricane.

The Spirit brings such love and

doesn't care who you are. It

can come to anyone, at any time.

Come, Holy Spirit.

I ask for holy wisdom,

passionate love, and Your

 truth. I ask this with

total openness to whatever

You decide

to give  or not give. I know

You and God know how best

I can serve and love You.

 Amen.

*By Cindy Tuttle*

**3. Spiritual Inventory**

I’m taking inventory,
of my spiritual progress
going to be weighing
my increase, my decrease.

Going to take stock,
to see if I’ve grown
going to be looking for
the gifts I’ve blown.

I’m going to catalog,
how much fruit I’ve got
going to see if its usable
or if it’s starting to rot.

I’m taking inventory,
doing some stock taking
because one day to God . . .
I’ll be accounting!

*By*[*Deborah Ann*](https://poetrybydeborahann.wordpress.com/author/theywhoseek/)

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**4.** 

**5.** **Everything (lyrics) by Chris Tomlin**

Chorus 1

Ev'rything that's beautiful

Ev'rything that's wonderful

Ev'ry perfect gift comes from You

Verse 2

Your grace, Your heart, Your voice, Your touch

Your Word, Your peace, Your hope, Your love

The only things that satisfy come from You,

They come from You.

Ev'rything that's beautiful

Ev'rything that's wonderful

Ev'ry perfect gift comes from You.

**Bridge**

A thousand words could not explain

A thousand worlds could not contain

Ev'ry perfect gift comes from You

**Ending**

It comes from the Father of Lights.

It comes from the Giver of Life.

It comes from the heavens above.

It's coming straight from Your heart

To the people You love.

<https://www.worshiptogether.com/songs/everything-tomlin>

**(10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)**

**1.** Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant (1 Corinthians 12:1).

**2.** And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:28  KJV).

**3.** There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.  There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12: 4, 5 NKJV).

**4.** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:  for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 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 (1Corinthians 12:7-10 NKJV)

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

**6.** Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy... Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all (1Timothy 4:14-16).

**7,8.** Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. For he that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not unto men, but unto God: for no man understands him. But he that prophesies…edifies the church 1 Corinthians 14:1-4 KJV).

**9.** As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God...that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ ( 1 Peter 4:10,11b  KJV).

**10**. Charity never fails: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away 1 Corinthians 13:8 KJV).