

## Is One Gift of the Spirit Better than another, making one person better than another?

### I Corinthians 12:4-11

...(4)Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. (5)And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. (6)And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. (7)But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. (8)For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; (9)To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; (10)To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

(11)But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will...

- Word of wisdom
- Word of knowledge
- Faith
- Gifts of healing
- Working of miracles
- Prophecy
- Discerning of spirits
- Kinds of tongues
- Interpretation of tongues

If you want any of these gifts -- ask Him (be prepared to also walk, more and more, in obedience to Him, also).

It is very important to understand that Once you are Saved, everything does not automatically happen. Some things you have to Work at one way or another.

In the case above, you May have to Ask YHWH for one or more of the Gifts of the Spirit. YHWH may or may not Give you one or more of the Gifts of the Spirit based on His Will for your life or He may choose the time and place to give you one or more of the Gifts.

Please also Note that the Gifts of the Spirit have been around since the Beginning and have been at work in the Old Testament long before they were reported as such in the New Testament.

Ask YHWH for all the Gifts of the Spirit in earnest. These Gifts help make your Faith and Resolve even stronger and stronger as you grow to become a Grounded Believer.

### Understanding Gifts of the Spirit

Deu 16:16 Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before YHWH thy Elohim(G-d) in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the YHWH empty:

Deu 16:17 Every man *shall give* as he is able, according to the blessing of the YHWH thy Elohim(G-d) which he hath given thee.

In the verses above we see a command to come together to spend time with YHWH in the manner prescribed.

YHWH has given the Children of Israel, Three Gifts of the Spirit called Feasts.

YHWH has given each individual a portion of the Spiritual Blessings that are given out on a regular basis. Why? So we can thank YHWH for the Gifts and then Give back to YHWH out of our Love for Him.

We can only truly express our Love for YHWH by Keeping His Instructions, His Teachings and His Commandments. To do opposite is just not wanting to live a G-dly life.

Life itself is a Gift of the Spirit, and the Gift of Free Will that allows us to decide for ourselves and not be robots, is an amazing Gift that we take for granted.

People look at physical circumcision as something awful. But, YHWH gave us the Gift of Circumcision for a great reason. The first is that He in His wonderful wisdom knew that the Prophetic Sign of Circumcision was all about the Shedding of Blood for the Remission of Sin and that Messiah Yashua would be the Ultimate Circumcision done for all of Mankind.

So, the Covenant of Circumcision made with Abraham was all about the Gift of Family and the Future Gift of Messiah Crucified.

Instead of looking at Circumcision from the view point of awfulness, we should be looking at the Gift of Circumcision in the same manner we look at a woman giving Birth. It is merely a temporary pain that produces something awesome.

I do not write this to convince you to be circumcised as it is clear that Paul only circumcised Timothy but Titus was not circumcised.

I write this because it has been given to me by the Holy Spirit to write it at this time. I may have known all this, but I have never considered it in this light up until I started writing this document. FYI – this is May 12, 2017.

So, if YHWH puts it on your heart through the Holy Spirit to be circumcised(men only), then that is what you should do and now you will understand why you are doing it and not just doing it out of obedience. BTW, doing things just out of obedience is awesome because that is being like a little child which we are commanded to be. Either way – it works so never doubt.

Exo 16:6 And Mosheh and Aharon said to all the children of Yisra'el, "At evening you shall know that יהוה has brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim.

Exo 16:7 "And in the morning you shall see the esteem of יהוה, for He hears your grumbings against יהוה. And what are we, that you grumble against us?"

Exo 16:8 And Mosheh said, "In that יהוה gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to satisfaction, for יהוה hears your grumbings which you make against Him. And what are we? Your grumbings are not against us but against יהוה."

There is a big difference between the common view of Gifts of the Spirit and the entire scope of the Gifts that come from the Spirit that we should never forget to appreciate. In the verses

above, we see that YHWH gave the Children of Israel Manna from Heaven as a Gift even when they were being rotten to YHWH, Moses and Aaron.

So, we see the Gift of Mercy, Grace, Forgiveness, Long Suffering and Miracles from the Holy Spirit of YHWH while also seeing the Fruits of the Spirit of Character we are to learn as recorded in Galatians 5.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustworthiness, Gal 5:23 gentleness, self-control.

Now we have Free Will choices to make. We can accept the Gifts and use them or we can reject the Gifts and turn our faces away from YHWH.

What we have to remember is that YHWH gives everyone of us the opportunity to accept the fact that the Gifts are there for us and to want them.

### **Old Testament Gifts of the Spirit**

Exo 25:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Exo 25:2 “Speak to the children of Yisra’ël, that they take up a contribution for Me. From everyone whose heart moves him you shall take up My contribution.

Exo 25:3 “And this is the contribution which you take up from them: gold, and silver, and bronze,

Now this Gift is not to be overlooked. Where did the Children of Israel who were enslaved get about a Trillion Dollars worth of stuff to take with them out to the desert, so they could give to YHWH enough stuff to do all the things it took to make the First Tabernacle? The answer is that YHWH gave it to them through the Miracle of Heart modification of the people who did not even want to know YHWH. Think about that for a minute.

Now, you may be saying to yourselves at this point; these are not the Gifts of the Spirit Paul was talking about and what Pastors teach on; but I say to you; These are all Gifts from YHWH and the Spirit is a part of the G-d Head and any Gift from YHWH is a Gift of the Spirit. Why? Because Satan does not want us to see all the Glory of G-d at all times so he tries to cover up the awesomeness of YHWH by dumbing us down and making us think with tunnel vision. At some point we could even discount the Gifts of the Spirit as not being Real. Oh Yeah – that has already happened big time in the past 2,000 years. Is that how you want to Walk in the Spirit?

FYI – YHWH kept the Children of Israel Fed, Clothed, Sheltered and Provided for the entire 40 years they were in the desert. There was not one still birth or miscarriage, not one worn out sandal, no lack of water to drink and bath in and so on..... YHWH PROVIDED EVERYTHING.

Now to some of the Best of the Gifts of the Spirit we need to mention from OT Times.

Exo 35:30 And Mosheh said to the children of Yisra’ël, “See, יהוה has called by name Betsal’ël son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Yehudah,

Exo 35:31 and He has filled him with the Spirit of Elohim, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all work,

Exo 35:32 to make designs, to work in gold and in silver and in bronze,

Exo 35:33 and in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving wood, and to work in all workmanship of design.

Exo 35:34 “And He has put in his heart the ability to teach, in him and Oholiab son of Aḥisamaḳ, of the tribe of Dan.

Exo 35:35 “He has filled them with skill to do all work of the engraver and the designer and embroiderer, in blue and in purple, in scarlet *material*, and in fine linen, and a weaver, doing any work, and makers of designs.

Num 11:16 Then יהוה said to Mosheh, “Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Yisra’ēl, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them. And bring them to the Tent of Appointment, and let them stand there with you.

Num 11:17 “And I shall come down and speak with you there, and shall take of the Spirit that is on you, and put on them. And they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you do not bear it yourself alone.

Num 11:25 And יהוה came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders. And it came to be, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, but did not continue.

Num 11:26 However, two men had remained in the camp. The name of one was Eldaḳ, and the name of the other Měyḳaḳ. And the Spirit rested upon them. Now they were among those listed, but did not go out to the Tent. And they prophesied in the camp.

Num 11:27 And a young man ran and informed Mosheh, and said, “Eldaḳ and Měyḳaḳ are prophesying in the camp.”

Num 11:28 And Yehoshua son of Nun, Mosheh’s assistant from his youth, answered and said, “Mosheh my master, forbid them!”

Num 11:29 Then Mosheh said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Oh, that all the people of יהוה were prophets, that יהוה would put His Spirit upon them!”

All in all, the Gifts of the Spirit spoken of by Paul that were and are very important to understand and embrace, are but just a few of the Gifts we truly need to embrace if we are to truly appreciate all that YHWH has blessed us with.

When we minimize YHWH ( and we all do to some extent ), we are doing the Kingdom of Heaven a disservice by not giving it our fullest attention and respect.

Conclusion: How many Gifts of the Spirit are working in your life? How many Gifts of the Spirit have you received since before you were born? How many Gifts of the Spirit that Paul spoke about do you currently recognize and use and how many would you like to have so you can use them when they are gifted to you by the Holy Spirit?

Did you know that the Gift of Hospitality is a super important Gift of the Spirit?

The Final question is the same as the Title of this article and translates as follows:

Who are you in the Kingdom of Heaven and who do you want to be in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Let us get together and discuss it.