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Office - Ministry even spiritual gifts have different meanings for different groups of people.

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The manifestation gifts found in First Corinthians, chapter 12, the ministry gifts detailed in Ephesians, chapter four, and the motivational (serving) gifts described in Romans, chapter 12.

Are they referring to the manifestation gifts, the ministry gifts, or the motivational gifts?

The first group of gifts is described in First Corinthians chapter 12. This group is known as the manifestation gifts.

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
1 Corinthians 12:7 KJV 1900

1 Corinthians 12:8

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

1 Corinthians 12:9

To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

1 Corinthians 12:10

To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

Notice in verse seven, he refers to these gifts as manifestations of the Spirit.

Greek: φανερωσις

Transliteration: phanerōsis

Pronunciation: fan-er'-o-sis

meaning revelation or appearance.

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But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all: And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

1 Corinthians 14:24–25 KJV 1900

1 Corinthians 14:14

For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

1 Corinthians 14:15

What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

1 Corinthians 14:16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

1 Corinthians 14:17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

1 Corinthians 14:18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

1 Corinthians 14:19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

1 Corinthians 14:20

Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

1 Corinthians 14:21

In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.

1 Corinthians 14:22

Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

1 Corinthians 14:23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?

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1 Corinthians 14:24

But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:

1 Corinthians 14:25

And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

But if all of you are prophesying, and unbelievers or people who don't understand these things come into your meeting, they will be convicted of sin and judged by what you say. As they listen, their secret thoughts will be exposed, and they will fall to their knees and worship God, declaring, "God is truly here among you."

1 Corinthians 14:24–25 NLT

Number 2: The second category of gifts is the ministry gifts mentioned in Ephesians 4:8-12.

Ephesians 4:8 (KJV)

Wherefore HE saith, When he ascended up on high, HE led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Paradise, also known as the bosom of Abraham, and the place of torment.

Ephesians 4:8

"When Jesus ascended on high, he laid captivity captive. We know what that means. He took those in the bosom of Abraham to heaven with Him, and He gave gifts to men.

The word 'gifts' is translated from the Greek word δόμα

Transliteration: doma

Pronunciation: dom'-ah, and it literally means presents, such as Christmas or birthday presents.

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; Ephesians 4:11 KJV 1900

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Ephesians 4:12 KJV 1900

Number 3: The third category of gifts is found in Romans, chapter 12, verses six to eight. Serving Gifts.

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The motivational gift of prophecy is not the same as the manifestation gift of prophecy, and the gift of teaching mentioned in Romans chapter 12 is not the same as the gift of teacher listed in Ephesians chapter four.

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:10–11 KJV 1900

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. 1 Corinthians 12:11 KJV 1900

According to Granville Sharp, an English scholar and philanthropist, the rule indicates that 'the pastor' is the title or the office, while 'teaching' is the function.

If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.
1 Peter 4:11 NKJV