

“What Does A Healthy Church Look Like?”

Ephesians 4:1-16

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| I. | <u>It is characterized by unity</u> | 4:1-6 |
| | 1) There must be a oneness of humility (behavior) | 4:1-3 |
| | 2) There must be a oneness of theology (belief) | 4:4-6 |
| II. | <u>It is characterized by diversity</u> | 4:7-11 |
| | 1) Appreciate a giving Savior | 4:7-10 |
| | 2) Acknowledge gifted saints | 4:11 |
| III. | <u>It is characterized by ministry</u> | 4:12-14 |
| | 1) Be equipped | 4:12 |
| | 2) Be edified | 4:12 |
| | 3) Be educated | 4:13 |
| | 4) Be enlarged | 4:13 |
| | 5) Be established | 4:14 |
| IV. | <u>It is characterized by maturity</u> | 4:15-16 |
| | 1) Be mature in your speech | 4:15 |
| | 2) Be mature in your service | 4:16 |
| | 3) Be mature in your sensitivity | 4:16 |

SPIRITUAL GIFTS: AN OVERVIEW

<u>GIFT</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>TRUE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE GIFTS</u>	<u>FLESHLY COUNTERFEIT</u>	<u>SATANIC COUNTERFEIT</u>
1. PROPHECY Rom. 12:6 1 Cor. 14:3	Proclamation of Divine Revelation	Preaching revealed truth in power and demonstration of the Spirit—always telling forth the Word.	Preaching with enticing words of human wisdom, depending upon oratorical manipulation, emotionalism, sentimentalism, etc. 1 Cor. 2:1,4	The preaching of doctrines that are false and untrue to God’s Word, under the direct inspiration of evil spirits. 1 Tim. 4:1
2. TEACHING Rom. 12:7	Teaching	Teaching the things of the Spirit with wisdom and light given by the Spirit, depending upon Him to give understanding to the hearer. Eph. 1:16-19	Teaching is man’s wisdom, depending upon man’s ability to give understanding Col. 2:18; Rev. 2:20	Teaching of false or unsound doctrine under inspiration of an evil spirit. 1Tim. 4:1; 2 Cor. 11:14, 15; 1 John 4:1-6
3. FAITH 1 Cor. 12:9	Enabling	Holy Spirt-given trust and confidence in what is in accordance with God’s Word and will.	An effort to believe that depends entirely upon will power and emotional attitudes.	Faith, inspired by evil spirits, in occult power of any kind or in false doctrine or satanically inspired systems. 1 Cor. 10:20

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4. WISDOM 1 Cor. 12:8	Revelation	Holy Spirit-given clarity in the stating of revealed spiritual truth-application of facts.	Spiritual truth stated with reliance upon natural ability to give understanding.	Revelations supposed to be from the spirit world received from evil spirits.
5. KNOWLEDGE 1 Cor. 12:8	Understanding	Application of spiritual truth to practical experiences of life under inspiration of the Spirit.	Human wisdom's attempt to adjust spiritual truth to the practical things of life. Acts 26:9; Rom. 10:2	Satan-inspired systems, based upon satanic principles, for the betterment of conditions among men and nations.
6. DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS 1 Cor. 12:10	Protection	Given by the Spirit to distinguish between what is from Him and what is a deception of Satan.	Human wisdom's attempt to judge what is of God and what is of Satan. Cf. Heb. 4:12	Evil spirits immediately discern what is of Christ and may impart that knowledge to one under their control. Mk. 1:23, 24; 3:11; 5:7; Acts 19:15; Jas. 2:19

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7. MERCY Rom. 12:8	Manifest Love	Holy Spirit-inspired acts of love and kindness manifesting the love of Christ	Acts of love inspired by human agendas. Limited by the limits of human love.	Manifestations of interest in human welfare that are inspired by Satan. Gen. 3:1, 4,5
8. EXHORTATION Rom. 12:8	Encouragement and Direction	Holy Spirit-inspired counsel, consolation, etc. manifesting the pure love and wisdom of Christ.	Effort to help and counsel based upon human wisdom.	Counsel inspired by Satan and based upon his principles, as Peter's advice to Christ. Matt. 16:22,23
9. GIVING Rom. 12:8	To Meet Genuine Financial Need	Giving that is under the direction of the Holy Spirit.	Giving for merit or merely as a duty or in response to emotional or sentimental appeals.	Giving inspired by Satan that supports that which carries out his purpose. False systems do not lack for money.
10. GOVERNMENT 1 Cor. 12:28 RULING Rom. 12:8	Maintain Order and Provide Leadership	Ruling under the guidance and with the wisdom of the Spirit-dynamic leadership.	Dependence upon human ability for leadership and ruling.	Ability to rule, displayed through human wisdom and personality, given by evil spirits.

11. MINISTRY Rom. 12:7 HELPS 1 Cor. 12:28	Service	Material service rendered under the guidance and with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Ex. 35:30-35	Material service done in the wisdom and power of man and offered to God.	Ability and cunning given by Satan to those he is using, enabling them for the carrying out of enterprises inspired by him.
12. MIRACLES 1 Cor. 12:10, 28	Special Signs (perhaps belonging to apostolic era only or primarily)	Direct intervention of divine power in response to faith given by the Holy Spirit.	Natural phenomena or coincidence attributed to God's intervention by falsely religious enthusiasm.	Miracles wrought through the power of Satan as seen in certain false cults.
13. HEALING 1 Cor. 12:9	Special Signs (perhaps belonging to apostolic era only or primarily)	Healing wrought by God's power in response to faith given by the Holy Spirit.	Healing, real or imagined, resulting from the employment of psychic means, such as suggestion, and attributed to divine intervention.	Healing wrought by the power of Satan as seen in certain false cults.
14. TONGUES 1 Cor. 12:10,28	Special Signs (perhaps belonging to apostolic era only or primarily)	Utterance produced on certain occasions by the presence of the Holy Spirit.	Ecstatic utterance produced by bringing certain soul powers into a state of unnatural excitement, or by feigning such utterance. Confusion and the glorifying of the flesh are	Utterance of an evil spirit through a person under its control. Such utterances may feign piety, but are unsound and often vile. Confusion and

			the result.	unscriptural doctrine and practice are the result.
15. INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES 1 Cor. 12:10	Special Signs (perhaps belonging to apostolic era only or primarily	Revelation given by the Spirit of the spiritual meaning of an utterance given.	An interpretation that is feigned, or that is imagined as a result of religious excitement or manipulation.	Interpretation suggested to the mind by evil spirits. May feign piety but is unsound and often unholy.