

Romans 12⁶⁻⁸

The charismata – spiritual gifts

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Introduction

The bigger picture

Two types of gifts

1. The signs of an apostle (2 Cor 12¹², Rom 12⁶)

Signs, wonders & miracles

Authenticating

Revealing

Prophesying

2. The gifts of a believer (Rom 12⁷⁻⁸)

Serving (deaconing)

Teaching

Encouraging (paracleting)

Giving

Leading (ruling)

Showing mercy

Conclusion

What else?

What characterises a truly charismatic church?

Discussion

What gifts are perhaps more weakly represented in our congregation?

What could we do to encourage such gifts to be more manifest?

How can we actually encourage people to make good use of their gifts?



Questions answered



Taking this list of gifts as a whole, what is Paul's main exhortation to us?



What are the two types of spiritual gifts mentioned in the NT?



What is meant by the term "*signs of an apostle*" or "*marks of an apostle*"? (2 Cor 12¹²)



What was the primary purpose of "signs, wonders and miracles"?



Who are the authenticated spokesmen referred to in Heb 2³⁻⁴?



What is the foundation of the apostles & prophets (Eph 2²⁰)? Is this foundation complete or still being added to?



What is the primary role of a deacon?



What is the difference between encouraging people in their faith, and teaching the faith?



Who is the ultimate Encourager / Paraclete? How are we called to follow Him in the use of our gifts?



What does 2 Cor 9⁷ teach us about the spirit of giving.



Are elders to be elected primarily on the basis of potential or performance?



Is this an exhaustive list of spiritual gifts? If not, what else could be included?



What does it mean to be a truly charismatic church?



Things to pray about



Being thankful for the gifts God has entrusted to me, and being open to other people recognising gifts in me as well.



Being open to the Holy Spirit calling me to use my gifts in whatever way He desires for the building of the body of Christ.



Helping our church to be more charismatic!