

Gifts and Fruit of the Holy Spirit (You cannot have one without the other - BGT)

Not every Christian has the same gift, just as not every part of the human body performs the function of seeing, hearing or walking (1 Corinthians 12:14-26).

Through a division of labor, God encourages us to work **with one another** to be more efficient.

As we work together, Christ gives his **church growth** (Ephesians 4:15-16).

Acts 1:8 – for the purpose of witnessing of Him

1 Corinthians 12:28-30: Church leadership positions such as **apostle, prophet and teacher**, or **gifts of miracles and healings**, or less spectacular but equally necessary abilities such as **helping others and administration**.

7-10: Messages of

- wisdom or knowledge,
- faith and healing and miracles,
- inspired messages of prophecy,
- tongues or interpretations,
- or a special gift for distinguishing between spirits

Romans 12:6-8 -yet another list of gifts (none of the lists is exhaustive): **prophesying, serving, teaching, encouraging, giving to others, leading others or showing mercy**.

Peter summarizes "gifts" under the categories of speaking and serving (1 Peter 4:11).

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (verse 10).

Fruit of the Holy Spirit

"Live by the Spirit," Paul tells us in Galatians 5:16, not by the "desires of the sinful nature."

- **Love,**
- **joy,**
- **peace,**
- **patience,**
- **kindness,**
- **goodness,**
- **faithfulness,**
- **gentleness and**
- **self-control."**

In Ephesians 5:9, Paul describes more "fruit" of the Christian life: "**goodness, righteousness and truth.**" The Holy Spirit also produces life and peace (Romans 8:6), hope (Romans 15:13) and spiritual wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:6-15).

All Christians should have all these qualities

"By their fruit [by the way they live] you will recognize them" (verse 16).

All Christians should have the fruit of God's Spirit.

BGT's advice => Seek first and last, Him from whom all good things reside.