# “We Need the Holy Spirit (Part 4): Understanding Each Spiritual Gift” – January 26, 2020

**“Word of Knowledge”** – The Spirit-given ability to discern God’s perspective and will in light of His grace and the cross of Jesus Christ and to speak such insights to build up the faith of others. – 1 Cor. 12:8; 13:2

**“Word of Wisdom”** – The Spirit-given ability to evaluate realities in light of God’s grace and the cross of Jesus Christ and speak such insights to build up the faith of others. – 1 Cor. 12:8; 1:22-24

**“Gift of Faith”** – The Spirit-given ability to consistently trust in God to accomplish an impossible task such as for miraculous healing, the driving out of demons or possibly for living out Christ’s more onerous demands on His disciples.   
– 1 Cor. 12:9; 13:2; Matt. 17:19-20; Luke 17:4-6

**“Gifts of Healings”** – The Spirit-given ability to *regularly* be the conduit through whom God grants miraculous healing on various types of illnesses; the experience of healing often comes through prayer and the laying on of hands. – 1 Cor. 12:9, 30; James 5:15; Mark 2:5; Matt. 17:19-20

**“Works of Powers”** – The Spirit-given ability to *regularly* be the conduit through whom God does miraculous works such as exorcisms, healings, raising from the dead, supernatural discipline etc. – 1 Cor. 12:10, 28 (cf. instances of miraculous works in the gospels and in Acts)

**“Distinguishing(s) of Spirits”** – The Spirit-given ability to intuitively sense whether the source of a teaching or a power is from demonic spirits or from God the Holy Spirit. – 1 Cor. 12:10; 14:29; 1 John 4:1-3; Acts 13:6-12

#### Common Practices to Grow in Spiritual Gifts

A) Practice the gift by participating in a related ministry  
B) Ask other believers for feedback to affirm your gifting or advise in how to use the gift  
C) Grow in your faith (knowledge of God’s Word and related literature, Christian wisdom, holiness, intimacy with God)  
D) Learn from other believers (hearing their testimonies, reading biographies, mentorship relationship)