

Gifts of the Spirit

D&C 46



"Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church."

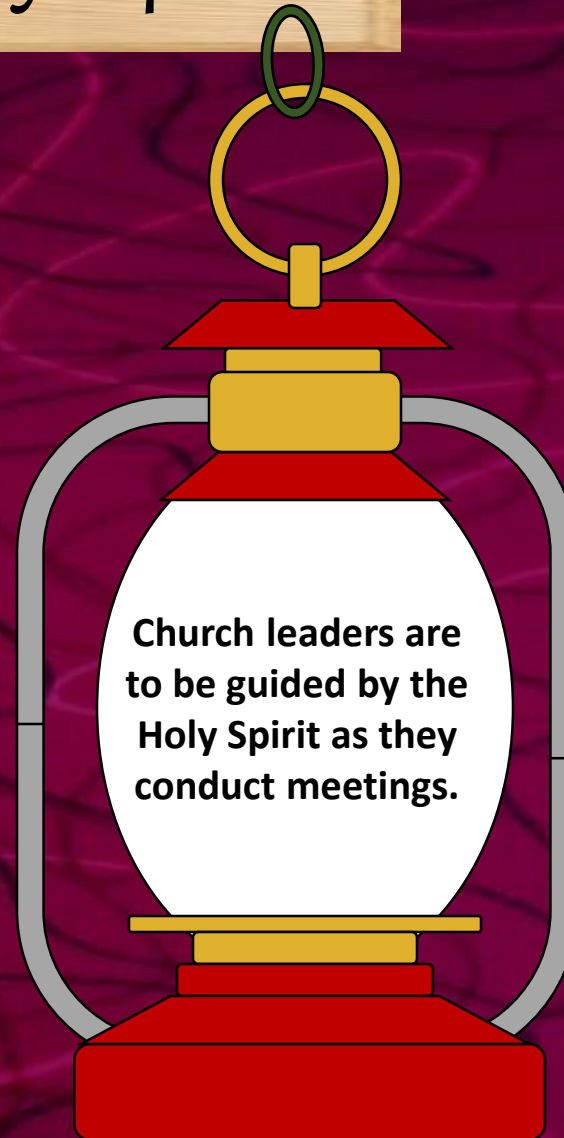
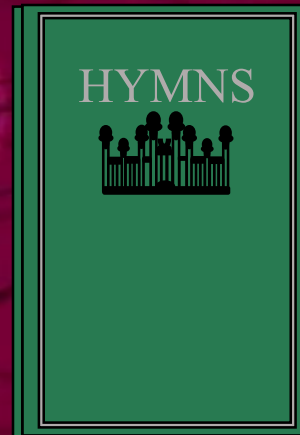
1 Corinthians 14:12

Directed by the Holy Spirit

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Meetings are to be conducted by the Elders

Selection of hymns, the prayers, the choice of speakers, all must be according as the Spirit shall prompt.









Visitors Welcome



Sacrament Meetings are to be open to all



Those who have transgressed must make reconciliation with the Lord before partaking of the Sacrament



“Our community of Saints is not one of exclusion but one of inclusion, built upon a foundation of apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone. It is open to all of us who love, appreciate, and have compassion for our Father in Heaven’s children” Elder L. Tom Perry



The Lord has commanded us to welcome all people to our public meetings.

And behold, ye shall meet together oft; and ye shall not forbid any man from coming unto you when ye shall meet together, but suffer them that they may come unto you and forbid them not;

But ye shall pray for them, and shall not cast them out; and if it so be that they come unto you oft ye shall pray for them unto the Father, in my name.

Therefore, hold up your light that it may shine unto the world. Behold I am the light which ye shall hold up—that which ye have seen me do. Behold ye see that I have prayed unto the Father, and ye all have witnessed.

3 Nephi 18:22-24



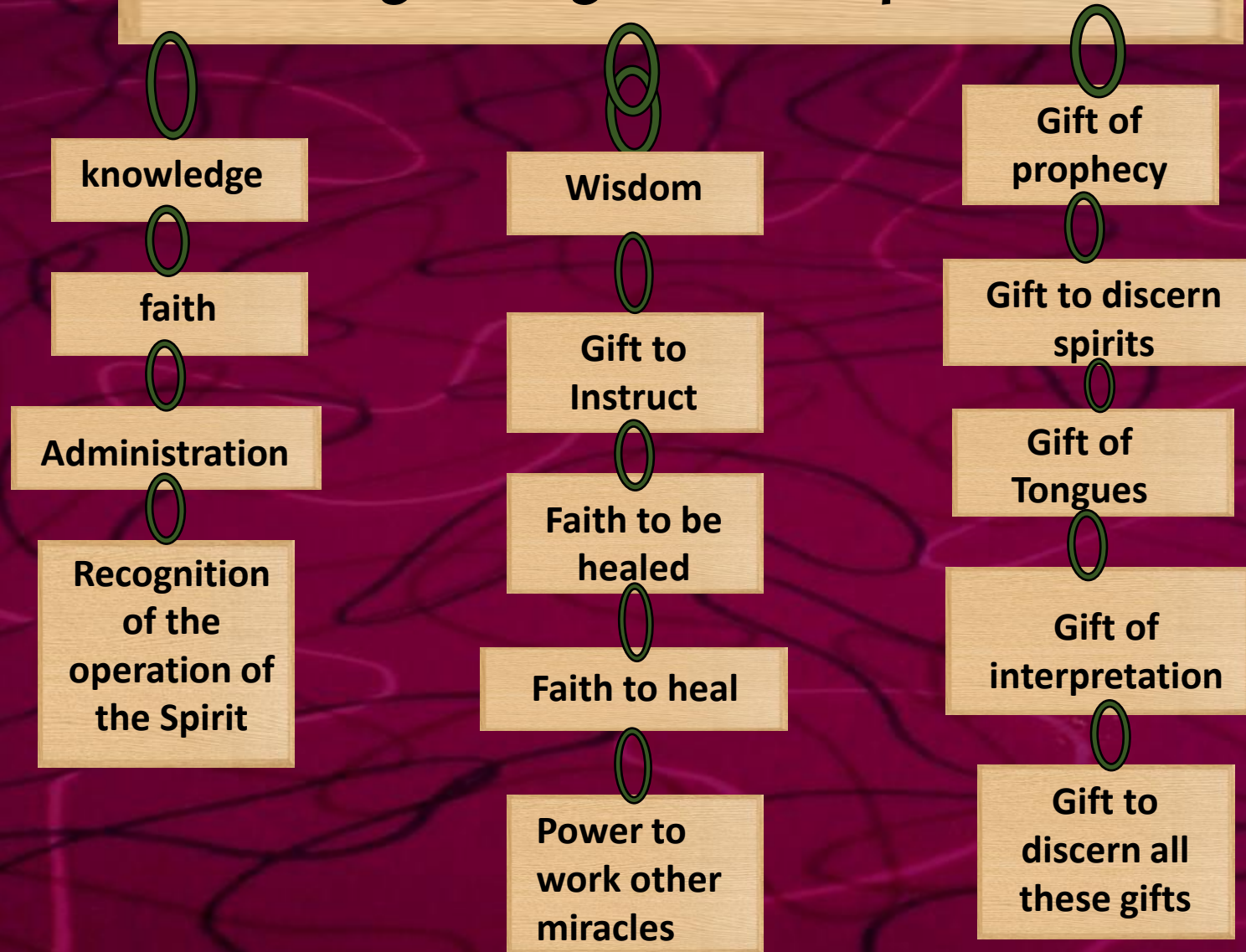
Ask of God

**Pray always and walk
uprightly before God**

To escape being deceived



Gifts of the Spirit



Knowledge



To know that Jesus is the
Christ

Obtained only by revelation

*And we talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ,
we preach of Christ, we prophesy
of Christ, and we write according to our
prophecies, that our children
may know to what source they may look
for a remission of their sins.
2 Nephi 25:26*

“... The gift of asking; the gift of listening; the gift of hearing and using a still, small voice; the gift of being able to weep; the gift of avoiding contention; the gift of being agreeable; the gift of avoiding vain repetition; the gift of seeking that which is righteous; the gift of not passing judgment; the gift of looking to God for guidance; the gift of being a disciple; the gift of caring for others; the gift of being able to ponder; the gift of offering prayer; the gift of bearing a mighty testimony; and the gift of receiving the Holy Ghost.”



Faith



To Believe on His Words

Enables us to realize divine things and obtain life eternal

*And now as I said concerning faith—
faith is not to have a perfect knowledge
of things; therefore if ye have faith ye
hope for things which are not seen, which
are true.*

Alma 32:21

Administration



Duties and responsibility of
the Priesthood

Those who understand and engage
in the different responsibilities
given to a person

*For the administration of this service not
only supplieth the want of the saints, but
is abundant also by many thanksgivings
unto God;
2 Corinthians 9:12*

Recognizing the Spirit

Understanding the difference
between the influence of the
spirit or the deception of
Satan

*And I spake unto Sam, making
known unto him the things which
the Lord had manifested unto me
by his Holy Spirit. And it came to
pass that he believed in my words.
1 Nephi 2:17*





Wisdom



Wisdom is a divine attribute

Wisdom is to be found in
pure intelligence—not in
books

*Wisdom is the principal thing;
therefore get wisdom: and with
all thy getting get
understanding.
Proverbs 4:7*

Gift to Instruct

There is a difference
between wisdom,
knowledge, and the ability to
instruct

This gift is to be able to
bestow upon others and
supply them with insight

*Thou gavest also thy good spirit
to instruct them, and withheldst not thy
manna from their mouth, and gavest
them water for their thirst.
Nehemiah 9:20*



Faith To Be Healed

This should be earnestly
sought for

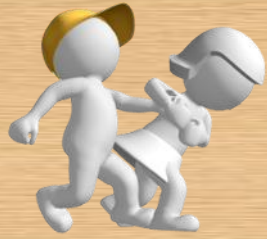
The Lord is willing to forgive
our sins if we truly repent

Not only sins but sicknesses,
and diseases

*And then Alma cried unto the Lord,
saying: O Lord our God, have mercy on
this man, and heal him according to
his faith which is in Christ.*

Alma 15:10





Faith to Heal

Faith is a principle of action and of power, and by it one can command the elements and heal the sick

Prayer of faith, uttered alone or in our homes or places of worship, can be effective to heal the sick.

*To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
Corinthians 12:9*

Working of Miracles

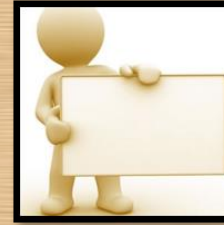
A miracle has been defined as “a beneficial event brought about through divine power that mortals do not understand and of themselves cannot duplicate

Any happening we cannot explain is a “miracle.”

*...for he truly did many miracles in the name of Jesus; and there was not any man who could do a miracle in the name of Jesus save he were cleansed every whit from his iniquity—
3 Nephi 8:1*



To Prophecy



To speak in the name of the Lord whether past, present, or future

Like the prophets of old, prophets today testify of Jesus Christ and teach His gospel. At times, they may be inspired to prophesy of future events for our benefit.

And it came to pass that in the days of Ethem there came many prophets, and prophesied again unto the people; yea, they did prophesy that the Lord would utterly destroy them from off the face of the earth except they repented of their iniquities.

Ether 11:12

Discern of Spirits

Embodying the power to discriminate ... between right and wrong

To detect hidden evil, and more importantly to find the good that may be concealed.



I perceive that it has been made known unto you, by the testimony of his word, that he cannot walk in crooked paths; neither doth he vary from that which he hath said; neither hath he a shadow of turning from the right to the left, or from that which is right to that which is wrong.
Alma 7:21



Speak With Tongues

The Lord can bless us with the ability to speak in a different language

Many faithful members have been blessed with the gift of tongues.

Joseph Fielding Smith

*And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
Acts 2:4*



Interpretation of Tongues

To be able to hear and feel a message from a different language other than your own

This gift is sometimes given to us when we do not understand a language and we need to receive an important message from God.

For it shall come to pass in that day, that every man shall hear the fulness of the gospel in his own tongue, and in his own language, through those who are ordained unto this power, by the administration of the Comforter, shed forth upon them for the revelation of Jesus Christ.

D&C 90:11



Discern All Gifts

Those given to those who
watch over the Church and its
members

Those appointed by God:
Prophets
Bishops
Stake Presidents
And all others who have been appointed to build up
the kingdom of God

*Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and
thy dominion endureth throughout all
generations.
Psalms 145:13*





“Spiritual gifts are endless in number and infinite in variety. Those listed in the revealed word are simply illustrations of the boundless outpouring of divine grace that a gracious God gives those who love and serve him”

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The Evil influences:

“A man must have the discerning of spirits before he can drag into daylight this hellish influence and unfold it unto the world in all its soul-destroying, diabolical, and horrid colors; for nothing is a greater injury to the children of men than to be under the influence of a false spirit when they think they have the Spirit of God. Thousands have felt the influence of its terrible power and baneful effects. Long pilgrimages have been undertaken, penances endured, and pain, misery and ruin have followed in their train; nations have been convulsed, kingdoms overthrown, provinces laid waste, and blood, carnage and desolation are habiliments in which it has been clothed.” Joseph Smith (*History of the Church*, 4:573.)

Exclusion:

How are Nonmembers of the Church to Be Treated at Public Sacrament Meetings?

“John Whitmer records in his history that ‘in the beginning of the Church, while yet in her infancy, the disciples used to exclude unbelievers which caused some to marvel and converse of this matter because of the things written in the Book of Mormon. (3 Nephi 18:22–24.) Therefore, the Lord deigned to speak on this subject, that his people might come to an understanding, and he said that he had always given to his elders to conduct all meetings as they were led by the Spirit.’ After the Lord gave this revelation this practice of forbidding non-members to attend the sacrament services ceased.” (Smith, *Church History and Modern Revelation*, 1:199.)

Not All Supernatural Manifestations Are Gifts of the Spirit

Elder Marion G. Romney said:

“By the statement in the revelation on spiritual gifts, ‘... it is given by the Holy Ghost to some to know the diversities of operations, whether they be of God, ... and to others the discerning of spirits,’ it appears that there are some apparently supernatural manifestations which are not worked by the power of the Holy Ghost. The truth is there are many which are not. The world today is full of counterfeits. It has always been so. Away back in the days of Moses, when Aaron’s rod became a serpent, then Pharaoh’s wise men, sorcerers and magicians ‘... cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: ...’ (Ex. 7:11–12.) Isaiah warned against seeking ‘... unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: ...’ (Isa. 8:19.)

“The Saints were cautioned by the Lord to walk uprightly before him, doing all things with prayer and thanksgiving, that they might ‘... not be seduced by evil spirits, or doctrines of devils, or the commandments of men; ...’ (D&C 47:7.)

“These citations not only sustain the proposition that there are counterfeits to the gifts of the Spirit, but they also suggest the origin of the counterfeits. However, we are not required to rely alone upon their implications, plain as they are, for the Lord states specifically that some of the counterfeits ‘... are of men, and others of devils.’ [D&C 46:7.]

“Some of these counterfeits are crude and easily detected, but others closely simulate true manifestations of the spirit. Consequently, people are confused and deceived by them. Without a key, one cannot distinguish between the genuine and the counterfeit.” (In Conference Report, Apr. 1956, pp. 70–71.)