

The Year of Sowing

Prayer Guide

Week 43

The Year of Sowing – The Gifts of the Spirit – Variety of Gifts

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.

1 Corinthians 12:4 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: In order to accomplish the work of God on earth, the Lord has given to each believer gifts for the building up of the Body of Christ, so that His Church will be able to accomplish that work. And Paul instructs us that God has given a variety of gifts for this purpose. Every believer is different, with different personalities, different backgrounds, and different experiences. God has not made believers like a cookie cutter assembly line. He is our creator, and only He knows everything about how He made us. In His infinite creativity and wisdom, God has ordained that there would be a variety of Gifts given that would perfectly match those He would use for His purposes. Paul lists these gifts in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4. Many Biblical scholars group these into three general categories: “Motivational gifts” to include the gifts of prophecy, serving, teaching, exhorting, giving, organization, and mercy. “Ministry gifts” include Apostle, evangelist, teacher, prophet, pastor, and the gifts of helps and administration. The third category is the “Manifestation gifts” which include the word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discernment, the gift of tongues and interpretation of tongues. In 1 Corinthians 12:31, and 14:1, Paul urges us to seek the best gifts. Those best suited for the ministry God has given to us. Many view the gifts of the Spirit as some sort of mystery. Yet in reality the gifts are a wonderful garden that God has made available for the Church in order for us to fulfill His mission until He returns. How wonderful of our loving Lord to give to us these gifts of His grace. Let us not neglect the gifts God has made available to us.

Day 1: Worship the Lord today for His infinite grace and wisdom for giving to His church the gifts of the Spirit.

Day 2: Pray for other believers today that they might discover the wonderful truth of the gifts of the Spirit.

Day 3: Find time to encourage other believers to seek and use the gifts God has given them.

Day 4: Ask the Lord to teach you how to seek the “best gifts” that He has given to you for serving others.

Day 5: Pray for a unity in your local church regarding the understanding and use of the Gifts.

Day 6: Ask the Lord to raise up the Church in your city that will be fulfilling its purposes by operating in the gifts of the Spirit.

Day 7: Ask the Lord to give a special encouragement today to the missionaries you know.