Gifts, so far…

- Edification: building up!
- Exhortation: encouraging!
- Comfort: to soothe and console!
- Word of wisdom: applied knowledge!
- Word of knowledge: bringing word alive!
- Special faith: able to believe/impossible!
- Gifts of healings: for many “illnesses!”

Gifts, so far…

- Working of miracles: signs and wonders!
- Prophecy: speaking God's words!
- Discerning of spirits: to judge sources!
- Kinds of tongues: known/personal/ public!
- Interpretation of tongues: for public operation!

Gifts, to build up the Church…

- **Helps: antilepsis: support: verb form: antilambano: ministry of helps…**
  - **“I have shown you all things, how that so laboring you should support (antilambano) the weak and remember the words of Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than receive!” Acts 20.35**
  - **Remember we are talking about a “gift!”**

Gifts, to build up the Church…

- **Helps: antilepsis: support: verb form: antilambano: ministry of helps…**
  - **All called to help in times of need!**
    - **But more than alms-giving… helping here and there…**
  - **This is a gift for sustained, impactful ministry, a divine gift of love.**
  - **Necessary for the Church to be the Church!**

Gifts, to build up the Church…

- Administrations: kubernesis: verb form: kubernetes: a shipmaster (Acts 27.11 Rev 18.17), one who steers, helmsman!
  - "a spiritual capacity given to steer the church or individuals through a storm!
  - In the case of ruling elders and teaching elders (1Tim5.17) these would be those w/o a teaching gift, equipped for business!

Gifts, to build up the Church…

- Fourteen gifts listed in 1Corinthians 12…
- Paul lists seven more in Romans 12…
  - "We have different gifts according to the grace that is given us. If prophecy, use it in proportion to faith; if serving, let them serve; if teaching, let them teach; if it is encouraging, let them encourage; if it is giving, let them give generously; if it is leading, with 'diligence;' if it is mercy, do it with cheerfulness…" Romans 12.6-8

Gifts, to build up the Church…

- **Prophecy: edifying, exhorting, comforting the Church!**
- **Serving: diakonia: various ‘gifts;’ ministries and ways to build the Church!**
- **Teaching: use your gift to teach!**
- **Encouraging: paraklesis: arousing and motivating the Church to good works!**

Gifts, to build up the Church…

- **Giving: metadidus (not antilambano): this person is a giver who shares their own possessions, with liberality!**
  - **"Let him work… that he may have something to give to him in need!" E4.28**
  - **"Two tunics? Give to him who has none!" Luke 3.11 (2Cor 8.1-5, 7 Acts 2.44-47 4.33-35 1Tim 6.18,19)**

Gifts, to build up the Church…

- **Leading: ho proistemi (not kubernesis): lead with diligence: speed: dispatch, eagerness, earnestness!**
  - **Stand alone gift to 'administrations,' but great companion gift as well – steerage and leadership (captain and helmsman)**
  - **2Corinthians 1.11 Ephesians 6.18-20 Colossians 2.2-4 Hebrews 13.17,24 1Timothy 2.1-3**

Gifts, to build up the Church…

- **Mercy with cheerfulness: eleo: to have pity, mercy**
  - **This gift shows mercy for the sick and afflicted, love and sympathy (empathy)…**
  - **Would include companion gifts of healings, words of knowledge and wisdom, miracles, special faith, etc.!**
  - **Receive people cheerfully, not grudgingly!**

Gifts, to build up the Church…

- **Hospitality!**
  - **"Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, let them minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God!" 1Peter 4.9,10**

Gifts, to build up the Church…

- **Intercession!**
  - **"When we don't know how we should pray, the Holy Spirit Himself makes intercession with groanings…"** **Rom 8.26,27**
  - **Prayer and praise in the Spirit are charismatic operations of the Spirit in the believer!**

Gifts, to build up the Church…

- Witnessing!
  - "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you and you will be witnesses for Me…" Acts 1.8
    - Witnessing is clearly the result of being baptized with the Holy Spirit!
    - The Holy Spirit is the gift and He comes with power!

Gifts, to build up the Church…

- **Supernatural creativity and ability!**
  - **"See, the Lord has called Bezaleel and has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship, to design artistic works, to work in gold and silver and bronze, and to work in all manner of artistic workmanship!" Exodus 35.30-33**

The lists are not exhaustive… because God is not, and neither are we if we are operating by the Holy Spirit!

Whatever service you have to use to build up the body… you can expect Him to endow it so that it's more than merely human!

1Peter 4.10,11

- **“As every man has received the gift (charisma), even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace (charis) of God. If any man speak (laleo), let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man ministers (diakonia), let him do it as of the ability which God gives: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”**