

VI. Lists of Spiritual Gifts

Thomas H. Edgar, in *Miraculous Gifts: Are They For Today* (pp.12-13) provides perhaps the most extensive listing of spiritual gifts in the literature. He writes:

As we have already concluded, a definitive list of gifts may be impossible; however, a tentative list is as follows.

Leaders, with the abilities given to fulfill their function, who are given to the Church as a whole:

Apostle	Evangelist
Prophet	Pastor
Teacher	

Abilities given to individuals:

Ministry	Healing
Teaching	Speaking with tongues
Exhortation	Interpretation of tongues
Giving	Ability to prophesy
Ruling	Helps
Miracle-working	Word of knowledge
Word of wisdom	Discerning of spirits
Showing mercy	

There is an overlapping of the abilities and the individuals who use them. A prophet must have the ability to prophesy. An apostle probably had all of the various abilities as part of his gift of apostleship. The gifts may be classified according to function in three general categories.

Leadership or edifying gifts. Basically these include the apostle, prophet, teacher, and evangelist. Pastor is more an office than a gift. Men who function in this office are expected to have a gift appropriate to it. The leadership gifts utilize one or more of the abilities which are appropriate. These abilities (spiritual gifts) include teaching, exhortation, ruling, governing, prophecy, word of wisdom, word of knowledge, and discerning of spirits.

Sign gifts. These gifts are abilities given to individuals irrespective of office. They are miracle-working, healing, tongues, and interpretation of tongues. An apostle was also gifted in these categories.

Service gifts. Ministry or service, giving, helps, and showing mercy are for serving.