

TEMPORARY SPIRITUAL GIFTS (Part 2)

(1 Cor.12:8-11) is actually one Greek sentence. (1 Cor.12:10) ends with a semi-colon: "used chiefly in a coordinating function between major sentence elements" (English dict.). It describes the distribution of spiritual gifts (1 Cor.12:8-10) to every Church Age Believer (CAB) at the moment of salvation according to the eternal Plan of God (1 Cor.12:11)

In (1 Cor.12:8-10), Paul established three sections containing a listing of nine (9) spiritual gifts. He did it with the Greek **men-de** sequence and by **contrasting heteros with allos** with certain spiritual gifts - (2 Pet.3:16).

The men-de sequence begins with **hos** (relative used as demonstrative pronoun) – **men** (particle of affirmation), then **de allos** (same kind), then **heteros without the (de)** [different kind]: (1 Cor.12:9) [faith] ; (1 Cor.12:10) [tongues].

This lesson will study five aspects of Temporary Spiritual Gifts.

1. We will begin by examining three Greek sections of four sets of nine spiritual gifts.

1st Section (1 Cor.12:8) (2 spiritual gifts)

- **Hos men word of wisdom** (logos Sophia)
 - De allos **word of knowledge** (logos gnosis)

2nd Section (1 Cor.12:9-10a) (5 spiritual gifts)

- **Heteros faith** (pistis) * [Note that there is **no (de)** meaning a break in sequence]
 - De allos **gifts of healings** (iama) [illness not demons] (Acts 3-4/ 4:22)
 - De allos **effects of miracles** (energema dunamis)
 - De allos **prophecy** (propheteia)
 - De allos **distinguishing spirits** (diakrisis pneuma)

3rd Section (1 Cor.12:10b) (2 spiritual gifts)

- **Heteros tongues** (glossa) * [Note that there is **no (de)** meaning a break in sequence]
 - De allos **interpretation of tongues** (hermeneia glossa)

The above is a listing of nine (9) of nineteen (19) original spiritual gifts.

Now we will learn why Paul established the three sections of spiritual gifts.

2. In (1 Cor.13:8-10), Paul took one gift from each section of (1 Cor.12:8-10).

Then Paul showed how these nine (9) spiritual gifts would either **cease** or **be done away with** during the church age.

In (1 Cor.14), Paul taught that temporary spiritual gifts were in sets.

For example, he listed:

- tongues and interpretation of tongues (1 Cor.14:4-5, 13, 22, 27-28)
- prophecy and discerning spirit (1 Cor.14:22, 29-33)

By this we can assume that:

- word of wisdom and knowledge were also a set; as well as
- different faith, gifts of healings, effects of miracles.

[PART TWO]

1. **Tongues and interpretation are the only set not listed as partial (1 Cor.13:8-10). Therefore they would not be affected by the coming of the perfect (1 Cor.13:8-10).**

Tongues were for unbelievers and a sign to the Jews (1 Cor.14:21-22) but the gift of interpretation was for the Christian church (1 Cor.14:4-5).

This set would cease (pauo) when their divine purpose in the church age was accomplished. They would **cease** (pauo/ f. indirect middle ind.3pl) (1 Cor.13:8) by the 5th cycle of divine discipline administered to Israel by Rome (1 Cor.1:22; 14:21-22; Isa.28:11).

- This was the only set of spiritual gifts that would **cease**.
- This also was the only set of spiritual gifts connected directly to **messianic OC prophecy** (Isa.28:11).

2. **The other temporary spiritual gifts would be done away (katargeo/ f.p.ind.3pl) by the coming of the perfect (1 Cor.13:8, 10).**

Paul taught that certain temporary spiritual gifts were ‘partial’ until the coming of ‘the perfect’ (1 Cor.13:9-10).

- The partial gifts and the perfect did not co-exist in Church Age.
- The partial was prior to the perfect.
- The perfect completed partial gifts in the Church.
- The partial gifts would be incorporated into the perfect.

3. **God’s perfect timing was important for the coming of ‘the perfect’ in Church Age**

(1 Cor.13:10) “But **when (hotan)** the perfect (to teleion/ nsn) comes (erchomai/ a.a.subj.3ps/ perfect timing in plan of God), the partial (**to/ nsn/ ek meros/ gsn**) will be done away (katargeo/ f.p.ind.3ps).

- The perfect would come after the founding of the church in world (Eph.2:20-22/ 100 AD).
- The perfect (to teleion) is singular because it will incorporate all the partial gifts.
- The perfect is neuter because partial gifts (neuter) were completed by the Canon of Scriptures.
- The Canon of Scriptures completes the partial gifts of section 1 and 2 of 1 Cor.12:8-10.
- The church did not lose any spiritual benefits by temporary gifts being done away by the completion of the Canon of Scriptures (2 Tim.3:16-17).

We can now refer to partial gifts as well as tongues and interpretation as nine (9) Temporary Gifts.

4. **Final note and Temporary Spiritual Gift no longer functioning:**

I believe we can add the **spiritual gift of apostle** to this list to make a total of **10 temporary spiritual gifts**.

(1 Cor.4:9) “For, I think God has exhibited us **apostles last of all**, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.”