

THE TEMPORARY GIFTS

Apostle

The gift that provided absolute authority over the churches until the absolute authority of God's Word was provided through a completed canon of Scripture.

Prophet

The gift that provided the special ability to predict the future and then courageously preach that prediction to the people.

Word of Wisdom

The gift that provided immediate knowledge of the *right thing to do (wisdom)* under certain circumstances before the canon of Scripture was completed. Since the canon has been completed, the word of wisdom is no longer needed because the wisdom we need is found in the Word of God.

Word of Knowledge

A gift that provided needed knowledge on a subject before that knowledge was available in the completed canon of Scripture.

Discerning of Spirits

The pre-canon gift that provided the ability to know whether a person who professed to be a spokesperson for God was a true spokesperson or a false spokesperson.

Faith

The supernatural ability to trust God before there was a full disclosure of truth on the matter.

Healings

The supernatural ability to restore a diseased body to full health.
Ex.: making the deaf to hear and speak.

Miracles

The supernatural ability to change the very nature of something.
Ex.: changing water to wine.

Tongues

The supernatural ability to preach the gospel in a foreign language that the preacher had never learned.

Interpretation of Tongues

The supernatural ability to interpret a tongues message for a group who heard a message delivered in tongues.

The supernatural ability to answer a crowd who asks, "What did he say?" after they had just heard a message in a foreign language.