



## Going Deeper: Week 5 – “Fruity Gifts?”

### Introduction

Week 5, our final week of the series and we are going to touch on one of most controversial areas of Scripture – the gifts of the Spirit:

- for some this is within the DNA of their Christian walk and faith
- others love to talk about this and long for more
- others would rather it never be mentioned.

Whether we like it or not, spiritual gifts and the outworking of the Spirit’s power is throughout Old Testament and in particular New Testament scripture - we can’t ignore it. We can’t see it as head knowledge only - be hearers of the Word and not doers of the Word. We need to grapple with this if we want to become ‘More people, more like Jesus’

We are not going to do anywhere near justice to this topic today in just 20 mins - we really need to spend time in each area of gifting - maybe we should run a special teaching and seeking course on this.

As I said on week 1 of this series, let’s keep it prayerful and keep it biblical – going to do that now

### Pray

- Heavenly Father, we worship Your holy name, You are creator and sovereign over all
- Lord Jesus, thank you for showing us how to live on earth, what to care about and what to pursue
- Thank you for giving us your Holy Spirit, to help, guide and reside in us so that we can be your hands and feet
- This morning, please give us a fresh outpouring of your Holy Spirit and bring fresh revelation as we look at these Scriptures
- Remove all fear or scepticism. Open the eyes of our heart, out pour your truth and ignite us into action
- We pray this in the precious name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

### Gifts of the Spirit

Now there are other many places in Scripture where spiritual gifts are mentioned. A few years ago, Rowland and Alli Clear preached on the gifts of the Spirit and gave a rather useful classification developed from Don & Katie Fortune, *Discover Your God Given Gifts*. This is included in your Going Deeper handout today. The gifts are classified into 3 types:

1. **Motivational gifts:** these demonstrate who you are in God – your God-given hard wiring, seen in your personality, your ‘natural inclinations’ – these can spur you on to serve others
2. **Ministry gifts:** these are how you are called to serve Jesus and others. He will equip you as you serve
3. **Manifestation gifts:** these can be one-off gifts given by the Holy Spirit for a particular time and purpose

## 1 Motivational Gifts

Motivational Gifts from God – Romans 12 v6-8

GIFT	GREEK	DESCRIPTION
Prophecy	<i>prophēteia</i>	Foreteller; an inspired speaker (in PROPORTION TO OUR FAITH)
Serving	<i>diakonia</i>	Offering support; ministering to the needs of others; practical
Teaching	<i>didaskalia</i>	To research; instruct; impart knowledge to others of the truth of God's word
Exhorting	<i>parakaleo</i>	A person who is motivated to help others grow closer to God; (give COMFORT & ENCOURAGEMENT)
Giving	<i>metadidōmi</i>	To share the resources they have to further the work of God's Kingdom; sacrificial (do it GENEROUSLY)
Lead	<i>proistēmi</i>	To preside, rule, establish; One who is motivated by envisioning the will of God, drawing people and resources together to achieve this; administration; visionary; responsibility (do it DILIGENTLY)
Mercy	<i>eleos</i>	Divine compassion in word and deed; identifies with the emotions of others and shows God's love to them; sensitive; intuitive and understanding; (do it CHEERFULLY)

## 2 Ministry Gifts

Ministry gifts to serve Jesus: Ephesians 4:11-13 / 1 Corinthians 12:28-31

GIFT	GREEK	DESCRIPTION
Apostle	<i>apostolos</i>	Ambassador; commissioner; messenger; extends what has already been established; an innovator; creative ideas
Prophet	<i>prophetes</i>	Tells that which is to come; a spokesperson that proclaims a message from God with authority; bold; obedient; faithful
Evangelist	<i>euaggelizo</i>	Announces good news; has a particular calling to tell others about Jesus Christ
Pastor	<i>poimen</i>	Shepherd; caring leader; protector;
Teacher	<i>didaskolos</i>	Instructor; equipper; focuses on truth and understanding; helps people to learn and grow
Miracles	<i>dynamis</i>	See under Manifestation Gifts
Healing	<i>iama</i>	See under Manifestation Gifts
Helping	<i>antilepsis</i>	Helps to bring relief through support of others; team player; cheerful worker; encourages others
Administration/ Guidance	<i>kybernesis</i>	To guide or steer; pilot; direct; one who co-ordinates, organises and plans; has attention to detail; leadership
Tongues	<i>glossa</i>	See under Manifestation Gifts

### 3 Manifestation Gifts

Manifestation gifts from the Holy Spirit: 1 Corinthians 12:8-10		
GIFT	GREEK	DESCRIPTION
Wisdom	<i>sophia</i>	Inspired or divine words that bring understanding
Knowledge	<i>gnōsis</i>	A new insight into God's word or will; new understanding about God or a situation
Faith	<i>pistis</i>	Unshakeable confidence; a supernatural ability to believe and trust God
Healing	<i>iama</i>	Cure, healing; to be made whole by the Spirit of God
Miracles (miraculous powers)	<i>dynamis</i>	Force; power; might; that which appears to supercede the laws of nature, testifying to the greatness of God
Prophecy	<i>prophēteia</i>	(see previous description) Words of revelation from God that edify the church
Discerning of spirits	<i>diakrisis</i>	The ability to judge between good and evil spiritual activity, honesty and deceit
Tongues (other language)	<i>glossa</i>	Speaking in a language not known or learned by the individual – a 'heavenly' language for personal communion with God (1 Corinthians 14:2)
Interpretation of tongues	<i>hermēneia</i>	A translation when a tongue is used in a public setting so it can edify the church

Rowland & Alli Clear, March 2017 (developed from Don & Katie Fortune, *Discover Your God Given Gifts*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1987.)

We are going to use the front part of 1 Corinthians 12 to open this up at summary level – this will cover mainly Manifestation gifts and some Ministry gifts. Focus on the Scripture – line by line – keep it simple – let God speak through His Spirit.

**READ: 1 Corinthians 12 v1-11**

**READ: 1 Corinthians 12 v27-31**

So why the title for this week – “Fruity gifts ?” We see a clue in the last verse (v31):  
*‘But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all’.*

1 Corinthians 13 all about love being the most important.

- v1: If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
- 1 Corinthians 14 v1: Let love be your highest goal!

# Fruit

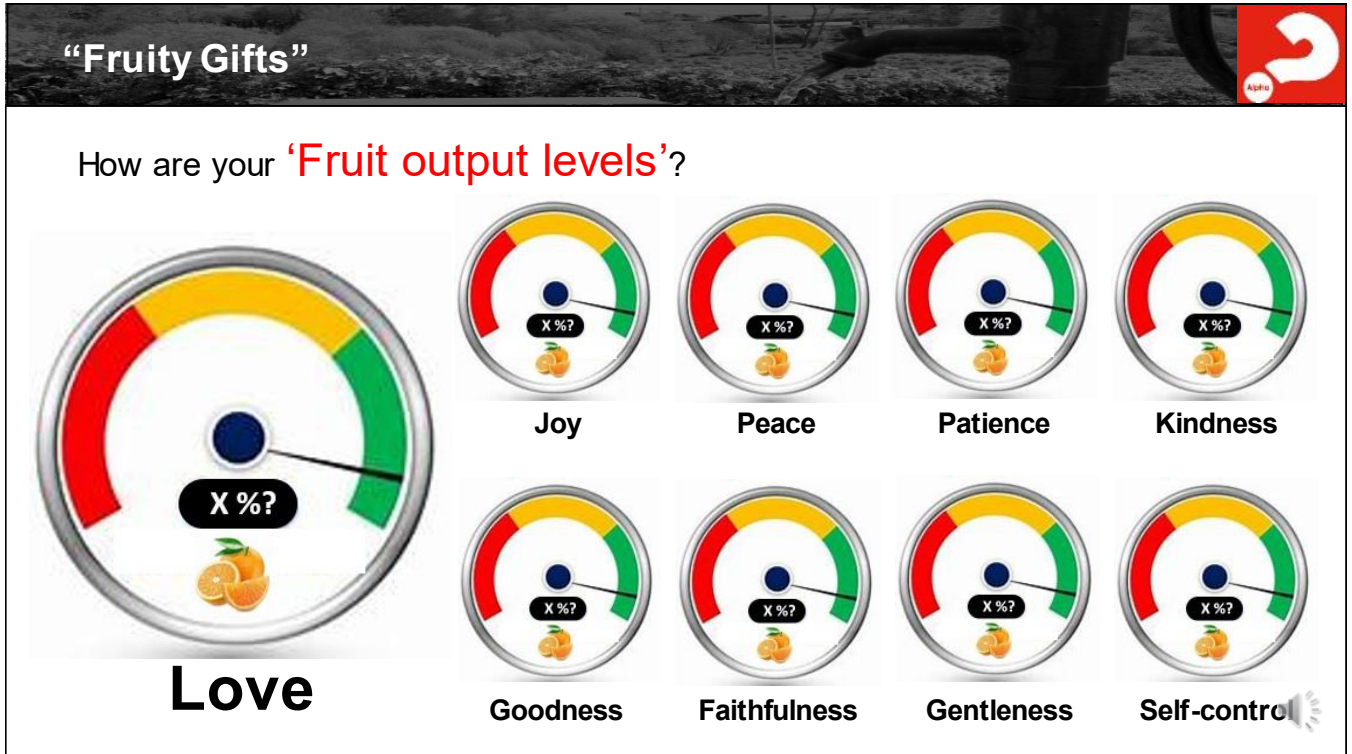
READ: Galatians 5 v16-17

READ: Galatians 5 v22-23

The Fruit of the Spirit = the evidence of the Holy Spirit working in our lives. In other words how filled we are with the Holy Spirit?

**“Fruity Gifts”**

How are your **‘Fruit output levels’**?



**Love**

**Joy**

**Peace**

**Patience**

**Kindness**

**Goodness**

**Faithfulness**

**Gentleness**

**Self-control**

**QUESTION:** So how full are your ‘Fruit Output Levels’ ?

- Where do you need to let the Holy Spirit minister with you to improve the output levels
- As an example you can't just say Patience - need to ask the question why is my patience low?
- What situations or people do I get impatient?
- Why does it make me feel like that? What is it in me that needs to change?

**PAUSE / REFLECT / PRAY:** Holy Spirit will you reveal the problem areas. Come and fix this part of my life?

**Next Sunday: Father's day service**