

TEMPORARY SPIRITUAL GIFTS (Part 1)

(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 Cor13:8-10), 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.