

LISTING OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

We will study three passages which list Spiritual Gifts to get an accurate count by the following five points.

1. We will begin by examining three passages listing Spiritual Gifts and count the correct number:

- 1 Cor.12:8-11
- 1 Cor.12:28-30
- Rom.12:6-8
- Eph.4:11-12

Notice we have made four columns.

1 Cor.12:8-11

Word of Wisdom
Word of Knowledge
Faith
Gifts of Healing
Effects of Miracles
Prophecy
Distinguishing of spirits
Various kinds of Tongues
Interpretation of Tongues

Rom.12:6-8

Prophecy
Service/ ministry
Teacher
Exhorts
Gives
Leads
Mercy

Eph.4:11-12

Apostles
Prophets
Evangelists
Pastors (*)
Teacher

1 Cor.12:28-30

Apostles
Prophets
Teachers (*)
(workers of) Miracles
Gifts of Healings
Helps
Administration
Speak with Tongues
Interpret (tongues)

2. We will begin by accepting the first column of 9 Gifts in (1 Cor.12:8-11).

- **In the Forth Column Eliminate 5 Gifts** repeated in the second column of (1 Cor.12:28-30) because they are already listed.

(prophets, gifts of healings, miracles, tongues, and interpretation of tongues)

- **Add four Gifts.**

(apostles, teachers, helps, administration)

For a **total of 13 Spiritual Gifts**.

3. Now we go to the second column of (Rom.12:6-8) and repeat the same process:

Prophecy, Service/ministry, Teacher, Exhorts, gives, leads, and mercy.

- Eliminate two Spiritual Gifts (prophecy, teachers)
- Add Five Gifts to the listing for a **total of 18 Spiritual Gifts**.

4. Now we go to the **third column** of (Eph.4:11-12) and repeat the same process:

apostles, prophets, evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers.

- Eliminated three Gifts Apostles, Prophet and Teacher
- Add two Evangelists and Pastors

For a **total of 20 Spiritual Gifts**.

5. However (Eph.4:11-12) presents us with a problem, **Pastors (poimen/ shepherd) has NEVER been listed as a spiritual gift in any of the listing of spiritual gifts.**

NOTE: The following **Greek grammar rule** should be applied to this grammatical problem:

“When two nouns with the same case ending are connected by (kai) and the first has a definite article and the second one doesn’t, the second noun gives a further description of the first.”

In English, we can translate it with a hyphen (Pastor-teacher)

Essential of NT Greek by Summers, pg.130 (special use of the Greek article/ #2b) and (A Manual Grammar of the Greek NT by Dana and Mantey, pg.47).

Therefore, **Teacher** would be the Spiritual gift and **Pastor** would be the **office held as shepherd** of the local Church (tous poimenas kai didaskalous/ pastor-teacher).

(1 Pet.5:2-3) “**Shepherd (poimen) the flock of God** among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntary, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; nor yet lording it over those allotted to your charge, but **proving to be examples to the flock.**”
(John 21:15-17; Acts 21:28-30)

CONCLUSION: There were **19 Spiritual Gifts** to help established the Church of Jesus Christ in world (Book of Acts).