

SPECIAL ABILITIES

1 Corinthians 12:1 (NLT) ¹ Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about **the special abilities the Spirit gives us.** I don't want you to misunderstand this.

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WHY THE GIFTS?

Mark 1:40–42 (NKJV) ⁴⁰ Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

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⁴¹ Then Jesus, **moved with compassion**, stretched out His hand
and touched him, and said to him, "I
am willing; be cleansed." ⁴² As soon
as He had spoken, immediately the
leprosy left him, and he was
cleansed.

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1. LOVE REVEALED

1 Corinthians 13:1–3 (NLT) ¹ 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. ² If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge,

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and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. ³ If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

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2. GOOD NEWS NOW

Mark 16:20 (NKJV): And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

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Jude 11–13 (NLT) ¹¹ What sorrow awaits them! For they follow in the footsteps of Cain, who killed his brother. Like Balaam, they deceive people for money. And like Korah, they perish in their rebellion. ¹² When these people eat with you in your fellowship meals

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commemorating the Lord's love, they are like dangerous reefs that can shipwreck you. They are like shameless shepherds who care only for themselves. They are like clouds blowing over the land without giving any rain...

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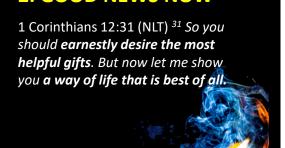
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Acts 8:5–8 (NKJV) ⁵ Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. ⁶ And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

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⁷ For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. ⁸ And there was great joy in that city.

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John 4:48 (NKJV) 48 Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe."

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4. GLORIFIES JESUS

Acts 19:17–18 (NKJV) ¹⁷ This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. ¹⁸ And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds.

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