

Mindful Monday August 11, 2025

## Reflection on Pastor Doug's Sermon: "Gifts of the Spirit"

On Sunday, Pastor Doug delivered a sermon titled "Gifts of the Spirit," drawing from the scripture 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. The central verse emphasized was verse 7: "The Holy Spirit works in each person in one way or a different way for the good of all." This message highlights the diverse ways the Holy Spirit empowers individuals for the greater good of the church and community.

### The Gifts of the Spirit

Pastor Doug spoke about several gifts of the Spirit. These include discernment, evangelism, faith, giving, healing, hospitality, prophecy, speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues, teaching, and wisdom. These gifts are believed to be given by the Holy Spirit with the purpose of building up the church, serving others, and carrying out the work of God. They inspire each person to act on God's behalf.

Each spiritual gift serves a unique and important role within the community of faith. The following is a breakdown of how these gifts can be used to benefit others and strengthen the church:

- **Discernment:** The ability to recognize truth and error, helping others to make wise choices.
- **Evangelism:** Sharing the message of Jesus Christ with others, spreading the good news.
- **Faith:** Deep trust in God, which inspires and encourages trust in others.
- **Giving:** Generously supporting those in need through resources and compassion.
- **Healing:** Praying for and facilitating physical, emotional, or spiritual healing for individuals.
- **Hospitality:** Creating a welcoming environment and fostering a sense of belonging for everyone.
- **Prophecy:** Speaking God's truth and providing guidance to the community.
- **Speaking in Tongues:** Expressing prayer or praise in languages unknown to the speaker, as inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- **Interpretation of Tongues:** Translating messages spoken in tongues so that the whole group may benefit from the message.
- **Teaching:** Explaining and applying spiritual truths, helping others to understand and grow in faith.
- **Wisdom:** Offering insight and guidance to help others navigate life's challenges.

These gifts, given by the Holy Spirit, each have a special purpose and are intended to benefit others, build up the church, and serve the community of faith.

On our prayer list: The Roberts and Zaugg families. George Barlow, The Fink Family, Jerry & Bea Gilliland, Judy Helm-Burna, Craig Horigan, Todd Jansen, Joanne Reiman, Floyd & Dona Seiberling.