

Experiencing the Power of the Holy Spirit, Part 4
Romans 12:1-8; Galatians 5:16-25

How is the power of the Holy Spirit most commonly demonstrated in our lives?

The answer is through the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

It is important to note that there is a big difference between the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

GIFTS	FRUITS
A gift is a spiritual thing given for an earthly reason.	A fruit is an earthly thing given for a spiritual reason.
We all have different gifts.	We all have different gifts.
There are lots of gifts; God will give you 1 or 2.	There are only a few fruits; God wants you to have all of them.
Gifts are given that our church may take on the characteristics of Christ.	Fruits are given that our lives may take on the characteristics of Christ.
Gifts tend to be temporary depending upon your need.	Fruits are lasting and often grow deeper with maturity.
Gifts are primarily for others.	Fruits are primarily for yourself.
Gifts are given for service.	Fruits are given for holiness.
Gifts without fruits are like the annoying sound of a gong.	There is no such thing as fruits of the Holy Spirit without gifts,