



CHAPTER 20

Gifts of the Spirit

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Joseph Smith received many revelations that taught about the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is a Spirit who helps Heavenly Father and Jesus. The Holy Ghost does not have a body of flesh and bones.

Doctrine and Covenants 130:22



Through the power of the Holy Ghost, God gives special gifts to members of the Church. These are called gifts of the Spirit, or spiritual gifts. Each Saint has at least one

spiritual gift. Church members should learn about their gifts and use them to help each other. Jesus told Joseph Smith what some of these gifts are.

Doctrine and Covenants 46:9–12



Some Saints are given the gift of knowing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. They know He died for us. Other Saints are given the gift to recognize and believe the true testimonies of other people about Jesus.

Doctrine and Covenants 46:13–14



Some Saints are given the gift to be leaders.

Doctrine and Covenants 46:15



Some Saints are given the gift to know the difference between righteous and wicked spirits. Righteous spirits are sent by God and make us feel good. Wicked spirits are sent by Satan and bring a bad feeling.

Doctrine and Covenants 46:16, 23; 50:23–24



Some Saints are given the gift of wisdom. This gift helps them make good choices and properly use the knowledge Heavenly Father gives them. Some Saints are given the gift of knowledge. Those who have this gift are to teach others and help them make wise choices.

Doctrine and Covenants 46:17–18



Some Saints are given the gift of faith to be healed. Others are given the gift to heal sick people. The Holy

Ghost gives some Saints the gift to do miracles. Miracles show the power of God.

Doctrine and Covenants 46:19–21



Some Saints are given the gift to speak languages they do not know.

Doctrine and Covenants 46:24



Some Saints are given the gift of prophecy. This gift helps them know and understand things that have happened in the past, things that are happening now, and things that will happen in the future.

Doctrine and Covenants 46:22



Some Saints are given many gifts. All Saints should use their gifts to serve and bless others.

Doctrine and Covenants 46:29



The bishop can know what gifts each Saint has. He knows who will be good teachers. He knows which Saints love God and obey the commandments.

Doctrine and Covenants 46:27



Righteous Saints should work and pray to be given the gifts they need. All of these gifts come from God.

Doctrine and Covenants 46:9, 28, 32