

A collage of various tools including a screwdriver, pliers, wrench, whisk, and pencil sharpener.

POWER TOOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Different gifts

Different kinds of service

Different kinds of working

1Corinthians 12.1-11 (NIV11)

Now about spiritual things (spirituals), brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols.

Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

to another faith by the same Spirit, to
another gifts of healings by that one
Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to
another prophecy, to another
distinguishing between spirits,

to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Faith, by the same Spirit

Not a Statement of Faith

.... I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people. Jude 3 (NIV11)

Not Saving Faith

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2.8-9 (NIV11)

Not on-going faith (faithfulness)

The fruit of the Spirit is... faithfulness

Galatians 5.23 (NIV11)

Anyone who stands firm to the end will
be saved. Matthew 10.22 (NIV11)

A Spirit given certainty, an unshakeable confidence that God is about to act in a certain way or resolve a seemingly impossible situation, in order to build up the church.

A special, extraordinary belief given by the Holy Spirit (not us convincing ourselves) – an ‘energy’ of the Holy Spirit working in us. It doesn’t start in our head (our thinking) but in our spirit.

“Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” Matthew 17.20 (NIV11)

Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done.”

Matthew 21.21 (NIV11)

If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 1Corinthians 13.2 (NIV11)

Acts 27.21-36 (NIV11)

After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: “Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss.

But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul.'

You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.’ So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island.”

Mark 6.1-6 (NIV11)

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn’t this the carpenter?....” And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Mark 11.22-25 (NIV11)

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “Have faith in God. I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart.

I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours. But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.”

Philippians 4.8-9 (NIV11)

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things.

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

“This manifestation of Holy Spirit faith needs to be earnestly sought, recognised and utilised, so that this community of believers may receive a fuller ministry and God may be all the more glorified!”

A Holy Spirit surge of confidence that rises in a person in a particular situation of need or challenge and which gives an extraordinary certainty and assurance that God is somehow about to act.

Matthew 9.29 (NIV11)

Then he touched their eyes and said,
“According to your faith let it be done to
you”.....