

Now we look in a mirror dimly?

God Is Sovereign

We must attend our thinking to God's right of authority over our lives

Obey our thinking to **praise** God has provided everything for us
Obey our thinking to **discuss**

Personal sense of our mission **desires** the judgment seat of Christ

God's purpose in redeeming mankind

Thus 2:11-14 (NKJV)
11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,
12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly,
righteously, and godly in the present age;
13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior
Jesus Christ
14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every iniquity and
purify for Himself His own special people, zealous of good works.

This Is What Undergirds The Spiritual Life

1.3.16

Gold, Silver, Precious Stone **Service** Would, Hay, Straw

Permanent and Temporary gifts

1 Service

1) 1 Corinthians 12:9 (NKJV)
7) the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one **for the profit of all**

1) 1 Corinthians 12:11 (NKJV)
12) for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry **for the edifying of the body of Christ,**

2 Apostles and prophets

1 Corinthians 12:8-11	1 Corinthians 12:28	Romans 12:6-8	Ephesians 4:11-12
Apostles	Prophets	Prophets	Apostles
Teachers	Prophets	Prophets	Prophets
Teachers	Teaching	Teaching	Exhorters
Words of wisdom	Words of knowledge	Words of knowledge	Words of knowledge
Healings	Healings	Healings	Healings
Miracles	Miracles	Miracles	Miracles
Prophecy	Prophecy	Prophecy	Prophecy
Discerning of spirits	Discerning of spirits	Discerning of spirits	Discerning of spirits
Tongues	Tongues	Tongues	Tongues
Interpretation of tongues	Interpretation of tongues	Interpretation of tongues	Interpretation of tongues
Administrations (Leadership)	Leads (Leadership or management)	Leads (Leadership or management)	Leads (Leadership or management)
Helps (Assistance)	Helps (Assistance)	Helps (Assistance)	Helps (Assistance)
Service (Ministry)	Service (Ministry)	Service (Ministry)	Service (Ministry)
Ministry	Ministry	Ministry	Ministry
Exhortation	Exhortation	Exhortation	Exhortation
Governance	Governance	Governance	Governance

3 Temporary gifts:

Before the canon of the Scriptures, **During the time of the apostles:**

1 Incomplete revelation

Scripture could not be brought to its sufficient
During the New Testament period from A.D. 30 when Jesus dies, to the writing of James in perhaps the late 90s.
The Pauline and Petrine epistles are not written until the late 60s, and the Johannine epistles and the Gospel of John are not written until the late 80s and completed by A.D. 90s.
The early believers would be operating on a foundation of insufficient revelation about the new dispensation of the Church.
Because the new dynamics relating to Christ during the early years of the church age was not fully revealed or circulated, the believers would be taught through the temporary gift of prophecy and the word of knowledge at the word of wisdom, until the Canon is complete.

The permanent gifts distributed throughout the body of Christ for the ongoing mature ministry of believers.
Evangelism, teaching, administration, helps, service, mercy, exhortation, and giving toward responsibilities that should be carried.
These gifts are permanent gifts for the edification and maturity of the body.

2 Temporarily gifts:

Gifts of healing and gifts of miracles

3 Earnestly desire the best gifts

1 Corinthians 12:28-31 (NKJV)
28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.
29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?
30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?
31 But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

4 Love is permanent contrasted with temporary gifts

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NASB)
1 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
2 If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.
3 And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, I profit me nothing.
4 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous, love does not brag and is not arrogant,
5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,
6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;
7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Cessation

Love never fails, but the gifts of prophecy they will be done away if tongues they will

Love is permanent knowledge will be done away if tongues they will

New Testament truth built on authority to the apostles

Ephesians 2:19-21 (NKJV)
19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners,
but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God;
20 being built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,
21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away

11 For now we see in a mirror, but then face to face

12 For now we know in part, but then fully

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Subjective human opinion

Supernatural has less authority than "teaching" and prophecies in the church are always to be subject to the authoritative teaching of Scripture.

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New Testament prophecy consists of "telling something God has spontaneously brought to mind."

Much more commonly, the words prophet and prophecy were used of ordinary Christians who spoke not with absolute divine authority, but simply to report something that God had laid on their hearts or brought to their minds.

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With the completion of the Canon, complete revelation is available for the maturing of the church age believer