

Other Gifts Mentioned in the Bible

There is common theology about other gifts mentioned in the Bible. In fact, only one, the gift of Celibacy is specifically called out as a gift. The other following “gifts” as they are called by the church, are in fact callings that some believers have on their lives.

These are the verses that other gifts are mentioned:

1 Peter 4:10-11 - As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who **speaks** oracles of God; whoever **serves**, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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Celibacy: The gift of celibacy is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to remain single and enjoy it; to be unmarried and not suffer undue sexual temptations. (Paul says that he is single, and celibate and it is a gift from God. 1 Corinthians 7:6-7 - *“I say this as a concession, not as a command. I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that. This is the only “gift” that is mentioned specifically outside of the 21 that are in the lists in the rest of this course).*

Voluntary poverty: The gift of voluntary poverty is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to renounce material comfort and luxury and adopt a personal life-style equivalent to those living at the poverty level in a given society in order to serve God more effectively. (There is no specific Biblical reference of the gift of poverty, although some of the saints do live without worldly goods. Consider John the Baptist living in the wilderness and eating locusts and honey, and Jesus with “no place to rest his head”. So, some of the saints are called to live austere lives. Acts 2:44-45 - And all who believed were together and had all things in common. and they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.)

Martyrdom: The gift of martyrdom is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to undergo suffering for the faith even to death while consistently displaying a joyous and victorious attitude that brings glory to God. There is no scriptural support for the specific gift of martyrdom. However, it is referenced in several places as a service that is expected of the saints: 1 Corinthians chapters 12-14. He said, “If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing,” (1 Corinthians 13:3)



1. **Hospitality:** the gift of hospitality is the special ability that God gives to certain member of the Body of Christ to provide open house and warm welcome for those in need of food and lodging. Possibly, there is a gift of hospitality, but likely it falls under the servant gift. 1 Peter 4:9–10 NIV - Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.)
2. **Missionary:** The gift of missionary is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to minister whatever other spiritual gifts they have in a second culture. Mark 16:15-16 is what we know as the Great Commission and all are called. Missionary works is not limited to third world but where you are planted whether it is city, state, country, and/or the world. Jesus sent the disciples on a practicum exercise Matthew 10:5-15 and Luke 10:1 seventy-two were sent two by two.
3. **Intercession:** The gift of intercession is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to pray for extended periods of time on a regular basis and see frequent and specific answers to their prayers to a degree much greater than that which is expected of the average Christian. 1 Timothy 2:1 Paul asked for intercession. Romans 8:31 Jesus intercedes for us just as in Hebrews 7:25 before the Father. If we are to follow in the example Jesus has set then we are to do likewise.
4. **Exorcism:** The gift of exorcism is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to cast out demons and evil Spirits. Matthew 8:25-34, Matthew 7:22, Matthew 10:8, Mark 1:34 and 38, Mark 3:15, Mark 6:13, Mark 16:17, Luke 11 entire chapter regarding the authority. Again, Jesus is our example to follow.

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