

In I Corinthians 14:1, Paul urges: "Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy." This verse also uses only **PNEUMATIKOS** ("spiritual") and supplies the word "gifts."

H. What should our attitude be toward the possibility of recurrence of the supernatural gifts?

Should we be totally skeptical and quick to dismiss all claims and manifestations as false?

Should we be totally believing and quick to accept all claims and manifestations as true?

Or should we take the position of cautious openness to the possibility of the recurrence of the supernatural gifts, coupled with the determination to test and evaluate each claim and each manifestation by the scriptural standards? If we take this stance, should openness and determination to evaluate be combined with a generally skeptical attitude or a generally believing, acceptant attitude?

How can we recognize the spiritual gift(s) God has given us?

a. We need to realize that God has given each believer at least one spiritual gift.

Romans 12:4-6 says: "Just as each of us has one body with many members and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us."

Ephesians 4:7-8 says: "But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: 'When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men.'"

b. We need to ask God to guide us to discern our gift(s).

c. We need to get to know ourselves

(1) By evaluating our background

(2) By realistically appraising and assessing our abilities and skills