

# MORONI'S TEACHINGS ON THE GIFTS OF GOD

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## 1. Moroni's promise to the Lamanites of the last days [Moro. 10:3-5]

(A.) Ponder; (B.) ask God if the Book of Mormon is true, with a sincere heart, real intent, and faith in Christ; (C.) receive knowledge of its truthfulness by the power of the Holy Ghost.

## 2. Three glorious passages on the Gifts of the Spirit

A. D&C 46:7-33

B. 1 Corinthians 12:1-31, 14:1-40

C. Moroni 10:8-19

## 2. Moroni's teachings on spiritual gifts [Moro. 10:8-19]

### A. *General insights about spiritual gifts:*

1. [v. 8] Deny not the gifts of God.
2. [v. 8] They are many.
3. [v. 8] They come from [the same] God [i.e. God the Father. See v. 4]
4. [v. 8] There are different ways that these gifts are administered, but it is the same God who worketh all in all.
  - a. [v. 8] They are given by the manifestations of the Spirit of God [the Holy Ghost].
  - b. [v. 17] All these gifts come by the Spirit of Christ.
  - c. [v. 18] Remember that every good gift cometh of [God the Father via] Christ. (See Moro. 10:4-7; 7:10-28; James 1:17-18; Jn. 3:27-36; 4:34; 5:19-24, 30, 36-37; 6:37-40; D&C 67:9; 50:17-27 “. . . sent forth by the will of the Father through Jesus Christ, his Son.”; 84:44-48; 88:40-50)
5. [v. 8] Spiritual gifts are given to men to profit them.
6. [v. 17] All these gifts come by the Spirit of Christ; and they come unto every man severally, according as he [the Father? the Son? the Holy Ghost? man?] will. *See:*
  - a. “*Seek ye earnestly the best gifts, always remembering for what they are given.*” D&C 46:8]
  - b. “*Covet earnestly the best gifts.*” [1 Cor. 12:31] “*Forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.*” [1 Cor. 14:12]
  - c. “*Ye are commanded in all things to ask of God, who giveth liberally; and that which the Spirit testifies unto you even so I would that ye should do . . .*” [D&C 46:7]
  - d. “*He that asketh in Spirit shall receive in Spirit; that unto some it may be given to have all those gifts, . . .*” [D&C 46:28]
  - e. “*He that asketh in the Spirit asketh according to the will of God; wherefore it is done even as he asketh.*” [D&C 46:30]
7. [v. 7] Deny not the power of God; for he worketh by power, *according to the faith of the children of men.*
8. [v. 19] All these gifts . . . never will be done away, . . . only according to unbelief.

### B. *Moroni's list of spiritual gifts:*

1. [v. 9] The ability to teach the word of wisdom.
2. [v. 10] The ability to teach the word of knowledge.

3. [v. 11] Exceedingly great faith.
4. [v. 11] The gifts of healing.
5. [v. 12] The ability to work mighty miracles.
6. [v. 13] The ability to prophesy concerning all things.
7. [v. 14] The ability to behold angels and ministering spirits.
8. [v. 15] The ability to speak in all kinds of tongues.
9. [v. 16] The ability to interpret languages and those who are speaking in tongues.

### 3. **Other Spiritual Gifts** (from the Table of Contents of *Gifts of the Spirit*, by DSC)

A. **Gifts of Knowledge:** (1.) A testimony of the divinity of Jesus Christ through his personal manifestation; (2.) A testimony of the divinity of Jesus Christ through belief in the witness of others; (3.) Godly knowledge; (4.) Godly wisdom.

B. **Gifts of Faith:** (5.) Faith; (6.) Faith to heal others; (7.) Faith to be healed; (8.) Miracles; (9.) Helps and governments.

C. **Gifts of Communication:** (10.) Revelation; (11.) Prophecy; (12.) Speaking in tongues; (13.) Interpretation of tongues; *Six Gifts of Self-expression:* (14.) Speaking; (15.) Writing; (16.) Translation; (17.) Teaching; (18.) Expounding the Scriptures; (19.) Bearing testimony.

D. **Gifts of Church Administration:** (20.) Administration; (21.) Diversities of operations; (22.) Discerning of spirits.

E. **Gifts of Salvation and Exaltation:** (23.) Repentance; (24.) Charity; (25.) Hope; (26.) Eternal Life.

### 4. **Moroni's final admonitions "unto all the ends of the earth"** [10:24-34]

A. [v. 25] "I speak according to the words of Christ; and I lie not."

B. [v. 27] "Ye shall see me at the bar of God; and the Lord God will say unto you: Did I not declare my words unto you, which were written by this man . . . ."

C. [v. 28] "I declare these things unto the fulfilling of the prophecies."

D. [v. 29] "God shall show unto you, that that which I have written is true."

E. [v. 30] "Come unto Christ, and lay hold upon every good gift."

F. [v. 30] "Touch not the evil gift, nor the unclean thing."

G. [v. 31] "Awake, and arise from the dust, O Jerusalem; yea, and put on thy beautiful garments, . . . that the covenants of the Eternal Father which he hath made with thee, O house of Israel, may be fulfilled." (See Is. 52:1-2; D&C 82:14; D&C 113:7-10)

H. [vv. 32-33]

*Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness; and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is his grace sufficient for you, that by his grace ye may be perfect in Christ; and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, ye can in nowise deny the power of God.*

*And again, if ye by the grace of God are perfect in Christ, and deny not his power, then are ye sanctified in Christ by the grace of God, through the shedding of the blood of Christ, which is in the covenant of the Father unto the remission of your sins, that ye become holy, without spot.*

I. [v. 34] I soon go to rest in the paradise of God, until my spirit and body shall again reunite.

J. [V. 34] I [shall be] brought forth triumphant through the air, to meet you before the pleasing bar of the great Jehovah, the Eternal Judge of both quick and dead.

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