

Daniel 1:17-21 – Gifted To Serve.

I. Gifted.

As a result of their stand in holiness, God gave them favour before their leaders God made them healthier and at graduation, God gave **God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams** (and they got to serve in the palace).

These young men from Jerusalem were immersed in the study of Babylonian culture, literature and religion; yet they remained faithful to God.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 - *There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

God gives and gave the young men spiritual abilities to benefit everyone.

i. **The word of knowledge:**

This is unique ability to declare knowledge which could only be revealed supernaturally.

ii. **Faith**

Though faith is an essential part of every Christian's life, the *gift* of **faith** is the unique ability to trust God against all circumstances, as Peter did when he walked out of the boat on onto the water.

iii. **Gifts of healing:**

This is God's healing power, either *given* or *received*.

iv. **Working of miracles.**

This describes when the almighty God goes against the laws of nature.

v. **Prophecy.**

This is the telling-forth or declaring God's message in a particular situation.

vi. **Discerning of Spirits.**

This is the ability to tell the difference between true and false doctrine, and between what is of the Holy Spirit and what isn't.

vii. **The gift of tongues.**

This is a personal language of prayer given by God, whereby the believer can communicate with God beyond the limits of knowledge and understanding.

viii. The gift of **the interpretation of tongues.**

This gift allows the **gift of tongues** to be of benefit for those other than the speaker, as they are able to hear and agree with the tongue-speaker's words to God.

God's gifts are distributed not according to the will of man, but as the Spirit of God will - as **He wills (for the fulfillment of His purposes)**.

***Psalm 111:10** - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.*

***Psalm 19:9-11** - The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward.*

II. **Serving in the Palace.**

The young men were accorded the opportunity to serve in the Palace and they did it successfully.

***Luke 22:26** - "But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves.*

***Colossians 3:23** - And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,*