

## The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

### Knowledge

To know the loving relationship that God has with each one of us.

This gift enables us to value our personal relationship with God and with others.

### Piety (Reverence)

To grow in friendship with God and value all of creation.

This gift enables us to treat all of creation with care and respect.

### Understanding

To understand God's word and loving plan for everyone and everything.

This gift enables us to walk in another's shoes and see a situation through another's eyes. Understanding requires great sensitivity toward others' feelings and awareness of others' life experiences.

### Fortitude (Courage)

To draw on the strength God gives us.

This gift enables us to stand up for what we believe in, to stand up for others and ourselves, and to do what is right even if it is hard. Fortitude is especially valuable to young people who must continually face the challenge of remaining true to their convictions, despite the tremendous influence of peers, the media and others.

### Wisdom

To see our life experiences through 'God's eyes'.

This gift enables us to work out what is truly important, to learn from our experiences and to learn from our mistakes.

### Counsel (Right Judgement)

To choose what is good and true according to what Jesus taught.

This gift enables us to make good decisions. In order to do so we need to do the necessary background work, understand all the alternatives and know what the consequences will be.

### Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe in God's Presence)

To be aware of the greatness and the presence of God.

This gift enables us to sense God's presence in our world and in each other.

### Summary

The gifts of the Holy Spirit enable us to live as Jesus taught. They give us all that is needed to become active members and total participants in the Christian life.

***As we actively draw on these gifts in our life, we become more like Jesus.***

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