

The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit

The GIFTS of the Holy Spirit are ...

... 7 forms of supernatural instincts which prompt a person to respond to the divine movements of grace.
 ... like reflexes that enable a person to spontaneously answer to the impulses of God's grace.

They are different from the virtues in that ...

they **prompt** the virtues into action and, when faithfully responded to, enable a person to perform extraordinary, even heroic, deeds after the example of Jesus Christ.

		Gifts	Fruits
		Isaiah 11:1-2 ; CCC 1831	Gallatians 5:22-23 ; CCC 1832
Intellect	WISDOM	To know what is truly important.	Charity Joy Peace Patience Kindness (Goodness) Generosity Faithfulness Gentleness (Modesty) Self-Control (Chastity)
	UNDERSTANDING	To know why it is important.	
	COUNSEL	To judge between right & wrong, and to choose what's right.	
	KNOWLEDGE	To know God & God's plan of salvation.	
Will	FORTITUDE	To persist in doing the right thing with courage, no matter what.	
	PIETY	To know that the God who created the universe deserves love & praise.	
	FEAR OF THE LORD	Having the right perspective of God's almighty power & love, & our place in creation.	

They are NOT automatically effective.

Just as material gifts need to be opened & used to be appreciated & effective, so also the Gifts of the Holy Spirit need to be opened & used over & over again.

The FRUITS of the Holy Spirit are ...

virtues other people see in us.

When we open & use the GIFTS of the Holy Spirit, the FRUITS of the Holy Spirit flow from us.