

Virtues and the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit

When we use the gifts of the Holy Spirit by acting virtuously, the fruits of the Holy Spirit flow from us.

Virtues The habitual and firm disposition to do the good and give the best of ourselves.
 Virtues need to be practiced. They can be lost if they are neglected.
Theological - come from God and (unite us) lead us to God - they are conferred at Baptism with sanctifying grace.
Cardinal - are acquired by human effort: education, deliberate acts & perseverance in struggle.

Gifts Permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.
 Gifts complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them (CCC 1831).

Fruits Dispositions other people see in us. When we use the gifts by acting virtuously, the fruits flow from us.



Virtues

1 Cor 13, Wisdom 8:7,
 CCC 1803,31

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Gifts

Isaiah 11:1-2 ;
 CCC 1830,31

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Fruits

Gallatians 5:22-23 ;
 CCC 1832

Theological	LOVE	To love God above all things and to love our neighbor as ourselves.	WISDOM	To see everything from God's perspective - including ourselves - and to love him above all else for his own sake, as we are created to do.	Charity Joy Peace Patience Kindness Goodness Generosity Faithfulness Gentleness Modesty Self-Control Chastity
	FAITH	We believe in God and believe what he has revealed to us.	UNDERSTANDING	To know God better.	
	HOPE	To confidently pursue our sanctification with our sights set firmly on Heaven.	COUNSEL	To follow God's direction in knowing the right thing to do and the right way to do it.	
Cardinal	FORTITUDE	To be firm in difficulty.	FORTITUDE	To avoid sin, and to have the courage to bear witness to Christ no matter what.	
	PRUDENCE	Knowing what is good in every situation & choosing the right means to achieve it.	KNOWLEDGE	To know how we should act based on what we believe.	
	JUSTICE	To give each person what is due to them.	PIETY	To worship & serve God as our Father & to love & serve one another out of love for God.	
	TEMPERANCE	To use the goods of creation in a balanced way & to only desire what & how much is good.	FEAR OF THE LORD	The reverence for God which makes us careful to avoid sin.	

These connections between virtues and gifts were drawn from the works of St. Bonaventure. St. Thomas Aquinas' connections are slightly different.