

# Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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<b>Wisdom</b>	Wisdom allows us to know the purpose and plan of God and value it above all else. God's wisdom is His truth. God gives us a share in His wisdom to allow us to recognize the truth and see things from His point of view.
<b>Understanding</b>	Understanding empowers human intelligence to know and comprehend the truths of the Catholic Faith that go beyond simple human abilities. It allows us to discover God's will in everything through prayer, reading Scripture, and receiving the Sacraments.
<b>Counsel</b>	Right judgment or counsel helps us to know right from wrong and avoid sin. It allows us to make the right decisions in the face of temptation and evil. Right judgment empowers us to live a moral life and attain salvation.
<b>Fortitude</b>	Fortitude emboldens us to stand up for and defend the Catholic Faith in the face of persecution, even to the point of physical harm or death. This gift strengthens us to do God's will in our lives and removes our fear.
<b>Knowledge</b>	Knowledge allows us to be aware of God's plan in our lives and to apply it and take action on it. Knowledge sheds light on our weaknesses, sins, and failures and helps us strive to overcome them with the grace of God.
<b>Piety</b>	Piety, sometimes called reverence, moves us to serve God in humility and love. It allows us to worship God rightly, not because we feel a responsibility or duty, but because we love Him and desire to worship Him.
<b>Fear of the Lord</b>	The gift of fear of the Lord, or wonder and awe, allows us to recognize that God is God and we are not. By this gift, we rightly know our relationship to God and His glory and greatness. We fear displeasing God by our sin and desire to be close to Him.