

SUMMARY

1. The Gifts Of The Holy Ghost.

- (a). What they are: Supernatural qualities or habits.
- (b). How many? Seven: Fear, Piety, Fortitude, Counsel, Knowledge, Understanding, Wisdom.
- (c). Where they are: The first three are in our will; the last four, in our intellect.
- (d). How they come: With sanctifying grace.
- (e). How increased: By Confirmation (as well as all the other sacraments), and by increasing the intensity of our charity.
- (f). How lost: By any formal mortal sin.

2. How They Function.

- (a). Virtues function in a human manner.
- (b). The Gifts function in a divine manner.

3. Their Purpose.

They make us exquisitely sensitive and docile to the illuminations and inspirations of the Holy Ghost; hence completely submissive to Him. They are thus a sure road to the highest sanctity. Cf. A radio.

4. The Beatitudes.

- (a). They are the only road to true happiness here and in eternity.
- (b). Each gives an excellent act to be done, and then its reward.
- (c). These acts can be performed only with the help of the Gifts.

5. The Fruits Of The Holy Ghost.

- (a). Twelve excellent acts done with the help of the Holy Ghost.
- (b). A striking contrast to what St. Paul calls the fruits of the flesh.

6. What Each Of The Gifts Does For Us.

Gift	Virtue it Complements	Corresponding Beatitude
Fear	Temperance	Blessed are the poor in spirit
Piety	Religion (Justice)	Blessed are the meek
Fortitude	Fortitude	Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice
Counsel	Prudence	Blessed are the merciful
Knowledge	Hope	Blessed are they that mourn
Understanding	Faith	Blessed are the pure of heart
Wisdom	Charity	Blessed are the peace-makers

7. The Price Of Loyalty.