

# 1 Corinthians 12:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

## Analysis

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**To another faith by the same Spirit**—This is not saving faith (common to all believers, Ephesians 2:8) but supernatural trust that moves mountains (Matthew 17:20), confidence for extraordinary acts of obedience, miraculous provision, or answered prayer. This gift enables believers to trust God for what seems humanly impossible, acting with certainty based on divine promises. George Müller's orphanages, fed without soliciting funds, exemplify this charisma.

**To another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit**—Charismata iamatōn (χαρίσματα ἰαμάτων, "gifts of healings")—the double plural suggests variety: different kinds of healings, perhaps for different diseases, or different occasions rather than a permanent healing-office. These are supernatural restorations of health, signs of the in-breaking kingdom (Luke 9:2, 10:9). The phrase **by the same Spirit** (repeated with each gift) becomes a liturgical refrain, hammering home unity amid diversity.

## Historical Context

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The ancient world was rife with disease lacking medical remedies. Healing shrines (like Asclepius temples) dotted the Mediterranean. Christian healing, however, occurred through prayer and faith in Christ's name, not magic rituals or patron deities, demonstrating Yahweh's superior power and compassion.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the 'gift of faith' differ from everyday Christian faith in salvation and sanctification?
2. Why might healing gifts come in various forms ('gifts of healings' plural) rather than one uniform ability?
3. How should churches today understand and exercise healing gifts without presumption or superstition?

## Interlinear Text

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ἐτέρῳ	δὲ	πίστις	ἐν	τῷ	αὐτῷ	πνεύματι	ἄλλῳ	δὲ
To another	G1161	faith	by	G3588	the same	Spirit	to another	G1161
G2087		G4102	G1722		G846	G4151	G243	
χαρίσματα	ἰαμάτων	ἐν	τῷ	αὐτῷ	πνεύματι			
the gifts	of healing	by	G3588	the same	Spirit			
G5486	G2386	G1722		G846	G4151			

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Corinthians 4:13** (Faith): We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

**Ephesians 2:8** (Faith): For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

**1 Corinthians 13:2** (Faith): And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

**Hebrews 11:33** (Faith): Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

**1 Corinthians 12:28** (Parallel theme): And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

**1 Corinthians 12:30** (Parallel theme): Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

**Mark 16:18** (Parallel theme): They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.