

SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Wisdom: Knowledge & Judgment about “divine things” and the ability to judge and direct human affairs according to divine truth.

Understanding: penetrating insight into the very heart of things, especially those higher truths that are necessary for our eternal salvation. The ability to see God.

Counsel: allows a person to be directed by God in matters necessary for his salvation. To be open to corrective feedback.

Fortitude: a firmness of mind in doing good and avoiding evil particularly when it is difficult or dangerous to do so and having the confidence to overcome all obstacles, even deadly ones. To be willing to make adjustments for the rebuilding of oneself and others.

Knowledge: the ability to judge correctly about matters of faith and right response or action so as to never wander from the straight path of justice

Piety: paying worship and duty to God, honoring the saints.

Fear of God: to have affection, loyalty and respect or revere God and we avoid separating ourselves from Him.

Trick to remember: The human mind will remember things if you tell it a story.

A simple story on how I remember the **seven gifts** of the **Holy Spirit**. I imagine Gandalf in the Lord of the Rings who is an image of (**wisdom**), standing under (**understanding**) a big tree. The tall tree is reaching to the heavens for (**counsel**) because of the obstacles ahead. We see “four dudes” (**fortitude**) climbing for they know (**knowledge**) about matters of faith. Then we look up and see a pie (**Piety**) in the sky. Next we imagine a scary house and feel fear (**Fear of God**) which also means to have respect and honor.

