

<b>Gift</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Effects</b>
<b>Wisdom</b>	Enjoying the Presence of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improves our knowledge of God and all that leads to and comes from Him</li> <li>• Knowledge of the divine life of the Blessed Trinity</li> <li>• Allows us to enjoy the presence of God</li> <li>• The ability to judge correctly our experiences and those events occurring around us</li> <li>• Helps us know that our true happiness comes from God</li> </ul>
<b>Understanding</b>	Discerning Divine Truths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perfects our perception of the mysteries of the Faith</li> <li>• Enables us to penetrate more deeply into the divine truths revealed by God</li> <li>• Enables us to appreciate the fullness of the Catholic Faith</li> <li>• Helps us understand Scripture</li> </ul>
<b>Counsel</b>	Making Wise Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helps us judge promptly, correctly, and according to the will of God.</li> <li>• Enables us to wisely choose those actions that will be for the glory of God and our own salvation</li> <li>• Perfects virtue of Prudence – knowing what one ought to do in moral situation</li> <li>• Need to seek and apply advice from teaching of Christ</li> </ul>
<b>Fortitude</b>	Having Strength of Character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes us steadfast in the faith, constant in struggle, and faithful in perseverance</li> <li>• Gives us the strength and courage to endure long and trying difficulties</li> <li>• Strength to complete tasks undertaken for God</li> <li>• Strengthens our will and resolve</li> </ul>
<b>Knowledge</b>	Using Created Things Wisely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enables us to discover the supernatural truth contained in God's creation</li> <li>• Reveals the path that we should follow to Heaven</li> <li>• Helps us detach from created things and use as God intended</li> <li>• Supernatural light and knowledge to see that everything comes from God</li> </ul>
<b>Piety</b>	Knowing God as "Abba" Father	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaches us the meaning of being children of God and brothers and sisters of all mankind</li> <li>• Leads us to a true love for God as our merciful Father and for all human beings as His children</li> </ul>
<b>Fear of the Lord</b>	Serving God Faithfully	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sense of sovereign respect in the presence of an all-powerful and loving God</li> <li>• Leads us to know the evil of sin and detest it</li> <li>• Spirit of adoration and humility</li> <li>• Awe for a just God</li> <li>• Acknowledge God's authority in our lives</li> </ul>

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