



SPIRITUAL GIFTS

If you are reading this, you have some interest in exploring and unleashing your God-given spiritual gifts for the glory of God and the good of His church. There is nothing more exciting than joining with God in His work on earth!

As you explore your spiritual giftedness, there are a few things that are important to keep in focus:

#1—Spiritual gifts are supernatural gifts given to the Jesus follower by Holy Spirit. These gifts are unique and distinct from talents or attributes that we can develop through hard work, education, training, and discipline.

#2—Spiritual gifts are given for the building up of God's church and His mission. They are not designed for personal benefit or advancement. The power of using the gift is in the anointing of God to join with Him in His work.

#3—Many are not sure how to clearly identify a spiritual gift in themselves. There are three places to look for clarity.

- **First, look to Scripture.** God's Word identifies the gifts, provides examples of what they look like in action, and gives us an overall look what God's ministry on earth looks like.
- **Second, ask for prayerful clarification and affirmation from the body of Christ.** Often, we gain clarity and direction from within the church body. Others are able to see the gifts that God has given to us. They see us enacting the gifts and they see the fruit of the gifts, even when we are not fully aware of what is taking place. The church can also provide clarity and correction regarding a gift that we may desire to have or think that we have when that is not actually the case.
- **Finally, look directly to God in prayer.** Ask God for clarity and awareness. Look for the places within your spirit that God has given you passion for His work and look around you for the places that God brings fruit and growth through your faithful acts of obedience. These are great ways to identify the spiritual gifts God has given you.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS OVERVIEW



Use the list of spiritual gifts and their definitions and scripture references on the following pages to prayerfully explore and consider your spiritual giftedness. Remember, these are Holy Spirit given for the believer and are for strengthening the church and honoring God. If you are not faithfully following Jesus with absolute trust in Him, that is where you need to start before coming back to this list. As you will see at the end of this booklet, you are encouraged to pray and explore these gifts with one or two trusted and Christ-centered friends who can help you with your next step.

PROPHECY

The spiritual gift of prophecy is the God-given ability to receive and communicate His truth, will, or insight, often spontaneously through the Holy Spirit, in a way that encourages, strengthens, and calls others into deeper relationship with Him. This gift may sometimes include unknown public insight, but its primary purpose is to reveal God's heart for the upbuilding, guidance, and spiritual growth of others.

Passages: Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; Ephesians 4:9-14

SERVICE

The spiritual gift of service is the God-given ability to recognize practical needs within the body of Christ and to willingly use available resources to meet those needs, whether big or small. This gift is expressed through acts of support that further the work of God's kingdom and provide tangible help to others, reflecting the heart of a servant.

Passages: Romans 12:3-8; 1 Peter 4:10-11

TEACHING

The spiritual gift of teaching is the God-given ability to study, understand, and clearly communicate biblical truth in a way that brings depth, clarity, and spiritual growth to others. This gift involves discerning and explaining the meaning, context, and application of Scripture, helping others grasp and live out the doctrines of the faith.

Passages: Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; Ephesians 4:9-14

EXHORTATION

The spiritual gift of exhortation is the God-given ability to encourage, strengthen, and support others in their faith through words of truth, comfort, or challenge. This gift helps believers grow in their walk with God by offering guidance, motivation, and comfort—sometimes through correction, always with the goal of building others up in Christ.

Passages: Romans 12:3–8

LEADERSHIP

The spiritual gift of leadership is the God-given ability to guide, motivate, and direct others toward a shared vision or goal with wisdom, grace, and clarity. This gift enables a person to influence and manage the body of Christ with care, casting vision, inspiring action, and steering the church forward while leading by example.

Passages: Romans 12:3–8

GIVING

The spiritual gift of giving is the God-given ability to joyfully and generously share resources (whether financial, material, or personal) for the benefit of others and the advancement of God's kingdom. Those with this gift give freely and willingly, often going above and beyond, without expecting anything in return.

Passages: Romans 12:3–8

MERCY

The spiritual gift of mercy is the God-given ability to deeply empathize with those who are suffering and to respond with compassion, encouragement, and practical help. Those with this gift are especially sensitive to the hurting and seek to bring comfort, support, and relief with kindness and genuine care.

Passages: Romans 12:3–8

WISDOM

The spiritual gift of wisdom is the God-given ability to understand complex situations and apply biblical truth with clarity, discernment, and practical insight. This gift enables a person to speak timely, Spirit-led counsel that brings direction, peace, and effective action, especially within the life and mission of the church. It often involves sorting through information to reveal what truly matters and what steps should be taken.

Passages: 1 Corinthians 12:4–11

KNOWLEDGE

The spiritual gift of knowledge is the God-given ability to understand and communicate deep spiritual truths. It may involve a strong pursuit of biblical understanding, as well as the Spirit-empowered ability to discern facts or details that bring clarity and truth to a situation. This gift helps reveal the mysteries of God's Word and apply them meaningfully to life.

Passages: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

FAITH

The spiritual gift of faith is the God-given ability to trust deeply and unwaveringly in God's power, promises, and provision, even in the face of impossible circumstances or opposition. Those with this gift inspire others by standing firm in their belief, boldly defending the faith, and moving the church forward through confident prayer and expectation of God's supernatural work.

Passages: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

DISCERNMENT

The spiritual gift of discernment is the God-given ability to recognize and distinguish truth from falsehood by perceiving the motives of people's hearts and the presence of spiritual forces at work. This gift enables believers to identify whether teachings or behaviors come from God or from deceptive, ungodly sources, protecting the church from error and deception.

Passages: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

APOSTLESHIP

The spiritual gift of apostleship is the God-given ability to pioneer new churches and ministries by planting, overseeing, and training believers in new and uncharted territories. Those with this gift often serve as missionaries, leaders, and mentors, guiding others in advancing the gospel and establishing strong spiritual foundations.

Passages: 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; Ephesians 4:9-14

HELPING

The spiritual gift of helps is the God-given ability to support and assist members of the body of Christ, enabling them to minister effectively by meeting practical needs often before they are recognized. Those with this gift show compassion and grace, offering encouragement and aid to those struggling with spiritual battles, doubts, or fears.

Passages: 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

ADMINISTRATION

The spiritual gift of administration is the God-given ability to organize, plan, and oversee people and tasks to effectively accomplish God-given goals. This gift enables a person to coordinate multiple responsibilities and lead ministries toward efficient and fruitful outcomes that glorify God.

Passages: 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

SPEAKING

The spiritual gift of speaking is the ability to communicate clearly and effectively in a way that encourages and motivates others toward spiritual growth and maturity in their Christian walk.

Passages: 1 Peter 4:10-11

EVANGELISM

The spiritual gift of evangelism is the God-given ability to effectively communicate the gospel message, especially to nonbelievers, helping them take the necessary steps toward becoming born-again Christians. This gift also inspires and equips other believers to share their faith and reach others for Christ.

Passages: Ephesians 4:9-14

SHEPHERDING

The spiritual gift of shepherding is the God-given ability to care for, nurture, and guide others toward spiritual maturity by addressing their personal and spiritual needs. Those with this gift protect, direct, and lovingly correct the members of a local congregation or community, helping them grow in faith and wholeness.

Passages: Ephesians 4:9-14

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

The spiritual gift of tongues is the God-given ability to speak in a human or spiritual language that was previously unstudied, practiced, or known by the individual. It is to be used in the context of prayer or worship and is intended to build up the body of Christ. Scripture teaches that this gift is not to be shared publicly unless partnered by someone who is given the ability to discern what is being spoken. This gift is often impersonated and can be rare in certain church settings. This may give some Christians skepticism or doubt as to its place among the Spiritual gifts, but it is a valid and still present gift in the church in the context of church communities that need it and are responsible with its use.

Passages: Acts 2:1-13; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 27-31; 14

INTERPRETING TONGUES

The spiritual gift of interpreting tongues is to be partnered with the gift of speaking in tongues. It is the Holy Spirit given ability to interpret what is being said in prayer or what is shared with the church through the speaking of an unknown language. This gift, distinct from the natural inclination to learn foreign languages, is the supernatural ability to specifically interpret the prayer or message spoken through the gift of tongues, and its purpose is to both exhibit the power and glory of God and to build up the body with either encouragement, charge, or correction.

Passages: 1 Corinthians 12:10; 14:13

MIRACLES

The spiritual gift of miracles is the Holy Spirit given ability to do supernatural and miraculous acts that are beyond the natural laws and thought to be impossible. The gift of miracles is broader than the gift of healing. Its appearance is rare in the church today, and its use is to build up the church by accompanying the Gospel message to show its power and truth and/or to build the faith of believers in circumstances when no other recourse is available.

Passages: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 27-31

DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN SPIRITS


The gift of distinguishing between spirits is the Holy Spirit given ability to discern the source of a message as being either from human thought, demonic influence, or the Holy Spirit. This is a critical gift that is necessary in an environment in which someone claims to have a prophetic message from the Lord. This gift of discernment helps to gage the validity of such a claim and can provide either encouragement or caution to the body in evaluating such statements.

Passages: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

HEALING

The spiritual gift of healing is the Holy Spirit given ability to provide healing to someone through spoken word, prayer, the laying on of hands, or a combination of those things. This gift is often joined with the gift of faith and/or miracles. Like miracles, it is used by God to affirm the truth of the Gospel and build the faith of believers, especially in environments where other forms of care are either unavailable or ineffective.

Passages: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 27-31



Now that you have looked over the Biblical list of Spiritual gifts, set a time to meet with one or two trusted, Christ-centered individuals who will honestly and lovingly help you discern and employ your spiritual giftedness. Remember, many spiritual gifts can be used in a variety of different roles and/or platforms. Look for ways to partner your giftedness with your passion and the needs around you. If you are not absolutely 100% certain, even after conversation, about your giftedness, that is ok. Sometimes clarity comes with faithful action. Pick a place to start, choose a way to serve, and pray for the next step.

RESPONSE

After prayer and conversation, I believe that my giftedness is centered on these 1-3 areas:

My next step of action is to...

The person that I will ask to help me with implementing this step is...

My prayer is...

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