

Spiritual Gifts Review

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Spiritual Gifts

“Now concerning spiritual gifts,
brethren, I do not want you to be
uniformed.” 1 Cor. 12:1

Biblical Summary

- Every Christian has at least one Spiritual Gift
 - 1 Peter 4:10
- Believers will account to the Lord for how they use their gifts
 - 1 Peter 4:10
- We cannot choose our gifts; God does that job
 - 1 Cor. 12:7-11
- No Christian has all the gifts
 - 1 Cor. 12:28-30
- There is no gift that every Christian possesses
 - 1 Cor. 12:29-30

- Spiritual Gifts indicate God's call and purpose for a Christian's life
 - Romans 12:2-8
- Gifts are used without love do not accomplish God's intended purpose
 - 1 Cor. 13:1-3
- Spiritual Gifts are for the common good to build up the Body
 - 1 Cor. 12:27

- ## Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts
- Network
 - K. C. Kinghorn's *Discovering your Spiritual Gifts*
 - Team Ministry Spiritual Gifts
 - http://elmertowns.com/?page_id=203
 - www.christianet.com/bible/spiritualgiftstest.htm
 - www.kodachrome.org/spiritgift/
 - Google Search offers many choices

- ## Number of Spiritual Gifts
- Some say there are only 21 – others say up to 30
 - Some say that the Gifts of Administration & Leadership are the same Gift
 - Some add the Gifts of Craftsmanship and Music because of the skills that God gave to people to help with the Old Testament Tabernacle
 - Some stick to the gifts listed in the New Testament.

Knowing Our Spiritual Gifts...

- ...helps believers to be fruitful and fulfilled in a meaningful place of service.

Spiritual Gifts

- Are the Hands of God
- Allow us to have a supernatural capacity
- Are the tools for doing the work of the ministry.
- Is the source of joy in the Christian life
- Is a supernatural desire
- Is a Divine motivator
- Divinely influences our motives
- Are a divine calling and responsibility
- Are the building blocks of the church

Spiritual Gifts Are Not

- The Fruits of the Spirit
 - Rewards
- Natural Talents
- A Place of Service
- A specific age group
- A specialty of ministry
 - Church Positions
- Christian Disciplines

Romans 12:4-8 NIV

4 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is **prophesying**, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is **servicing**, let him serve; if it is **teaching**, let him teach; 8 if it is **encouraging**, let him encourage; if it is **contributing** to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is **leadership**, let him govern diligently; if it is showing **mercy**, let him do it cheerfully.

I Corinthians 12:4-11

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the **message of wisdom**, to another the message of **knowledge** by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another gifts of **healing** by that one Spirit, 10 to another **miraculous** powers, to another **prophecy**, to another **distinguishing between spirits**, to another speaking in different kinds of **tongues**, and to still another the **interpretation** of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

I Corinthians 12:27-30

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 28 And in the church God has appointed first of all **apostles**, second **prophets**, third **teachers**, then **workers of miracles**, also those having gifts of **healing**, those able to **help** others, those with gifts of **administration**, and those speaking in different kinds of **tongues**. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all **interpret**?

Ephesians 4:7-13

7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8 This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men."

9 (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) 11 It was he who gave some to be **apostles**, some to be **prophets**, some to be **evangelists**, and some to be **pastors** and **teachers**, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Spiritual Gifts

Romans 12:4-8

Prophecy
Serving
Teaching
Exhortation
Giving
Leadership
Compassion

1 Cor 12:4-11

Prophecy
Healing
Miracles
Tongues
Interpretation
Wisdom
Knowledge
Faith
Discernment

1 Cor. 12:27-30

Prophecy
Teaching
Healing
Miracles
Tongues
Interpretation
Apostleship
Helps
Administration

Eph. 4:7-12

Prophecy
Teaching
Apostleship
Evangelism
Pastoring

Administration

- Administration (Serving Gift) - The **special ability God gives to some to steer the body toward the accomplishment of God-given goals** and directives by planning, organizing, and supervising others.
- The divine enablement to **understand what makes an organization function** and the special ability to plan and execute procedures that accomplish the goals of the ministry.

Apostleship

- Apostle (Leadership Gift) - The special ability God gives to some to exercise general leadership or oversight over a number of churches with an authority in spiritual matters, which is readily recognized. In the strict sense this gift was confined to the twelve apostles. The New Testament does, however, give this title to a number of others, e.g. [Romans 16:7](#) and [Acts 14:14](#). It is the gift whereby the Spirit appoints certain Christians to lead, inspire, and develop the churches of God by the proclamation and the teaching of true doctrine.
- The divine ability to start and oversee the development of new churches or ministry structures.

Celibacy

- Celibacy - The special ability God gives to some to voluntarily remain single without regret and with the ability to maintain control over sexual impulses so as to serve the Lord without distraction.
- Celibacy is a state totally opposed to all of the biological, social, and emotional needs built into man or woman by God. Only God is able to overrule instincts and by grace control them so that a person can remain unmarried.
- Being unmarried is not necessarily the same as having this gift. Those who have this gift remain single because they feel they can serve the Lord better that way.

Craftsmanship/Artist

- Craftsmanship / Artist - The gift that gives the believer the skill to create artistic expressions that produce a spiritual response of strength and inspiration. Skilled Craft - the gift that enables a believer to create, build, maintain, or repair items used within the church.
- The divine enablement to creatively design and/or construct items to be used for ministry or the divine enablement to communicate God's truth through a variety of art forms.

Discernment Distinguishing Spirits

- Discernment / Distinguishing of Spirits - The special ability God gives to some to know with assurance whether certain behavior or teaching is from God, Satan, human error, or human power.
- The divine enablement to distinguish between truth and error, to discern the spirits, differentiating between good and evil, right and wrong.

Encouragement

- Encouragement (Speaking Gift) - The special ability God gives some to offer comfort, words of encouragement, hope, and reassurance to discouraged, weak, or troubled Christians in such a way that they are consoled.
- People with this gift:
 - come to the side of those who are discouraged to reassure them and give them hope
 - emphasize God's promises and confidence in his will.

Evangelism/Evangelist

- Evangelism / Evangelist - The special ability God gives to some to proclaim the Gospel of salvation effectively so that people respond to the promises of Christ through conversion to Christianity.
- The divine enablement to effectively communicate the gospel to unbelievers so they respond in faith and move toward discipleship.

Exhortation

- Exhortation (Speaking Gift) - The special ability God gives some to help strengthen weak, faltering, and fainthearted Christians in such a way that they are motivated to be all God wants them to be.
- The ability to help others reach their full potential by means of encouraging, challenging, comforting, and guiding.
- The divine enablement to present truth so as to strengthen or urge to action those who are discouraged or wavering in their faith.

Faith

- Faith - The special conviction God gives to some to be firmly persuaded of God's power and promises to accomplish His will and purpose and to display such a confidence in Him and His Word that circumstances and obstacles do not shake that conviction.
- The divine enablement to act on God's promises with confidence and unwavering belief in God's ability to fulfill his purposes.

Giving

- Giving (Serving Gift) - The gift that enables a believer to recognize God's blessings and to respond to those blessings by generously, sacrificially, and cheerfully giving of one's resources (time, talent, and treasure) without thought of return.
- The divine enablement to contribute money and resources to the work of the Lord with cheerfulness and liberality. People with this gift do not ask, "How much money do I need to give to God?" but "How much money do I need to live on?"

Healing

- Healing (Sign Gift) - The special ability God gives to some to serve as a human instrument through whom it pleases Him to cure illness and restore health (physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually) apart from the use of natural means.
- The divine enablement to be God's means for restoring people to wholeness.

Helps / Serving

- Helps / Serving (Serving Gift) - The gift that enables a believer to work gladly behind the scenes in order that God's work is fulfilled. The special ability God gives to some to serve the church in a supporting roll or to invest their talents in the life and ministry of other members of the body enabling them to increase their effectiveness.
- The divine enablement to accomplish practical and necessary tasks which free-up, support, and meet the needs of others.

Hospitality

- Hospitality (Serving Gift) - The special ability God gives to some to provide an open home and warm welcome to those in need of food, lodging, and fellowship. It involves a readiness to invite strangers to your home (or church) for the sake of the Gospel.
- The divine enablement to care for people by providing fellowship, food, and shelter.

Intercession / Prayer

- (Serving Gift) - The special ability God gives to some to pray for extended periods of time on a regular basis and see frequent and specific answers to their prayers to a degree much greater than that which is expected of the average Christian.
- The divine enablement to consistently pray on behalf of and for others, seeing frequent and specific results.

Knowledge

- (Speaking Gift) - The special gift whereby the Spirit enables certain Christians to understand in an exceptional way the great truths of God's Word and to make them relevant to specific situations in the church. Also, the desire to seek out and learn as much about the Bible as possible through gathering much information and the analysis of that data.
- The divine enablement to bring truth to the body through a revelation or Biblical insight.

Leadership

- Leadership (Serving Gift) - The special ability God gives to some to set goals in accordance with God's purpose and to communicate these goals to others in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish these goals for the glory of God.
- The divine enablement to cast vision, motivate, and direct people to harmoniously accomplish the purposes of God.

Mercy / Compassion

- (Serving Gift) - The special gift whereby the Spirit enables certain Christians to feel exceptional empathy and compassion for those who are suffering (physically, mentally, or emotionally) so as to feel genuine sympathy for their misery, speaking words of compassion, but more so caring for them with acts of love that help alleviate their distress.
- The divine enablement to cheerfully and practically help those who are suffering or are in need by putting compassion into action.

Miracles

- (Sign Gift) - The special ability God gives to some to serve as a human intermediary through whom He pleases to perform acts of supernatural power that are recognized by others to have altered the ordinary course of nature and authenticated the divine commission.

Missionary

- (Leadership Gift) - The special ability God gives to some to minister whatever other spiritual gifts they have in another culture.
- Those with this gift find it easy or exciting to adjust to a different culture or community. Missionaries find great joy working with minorities, people of other countries, or those with other distinct cultural differences. Those with this gift have a stronger-than-average desire to be a part of the fulfillment of the Great Commission around the world.

Music

- The gift that gives a believer the capability to present personal witness and inspiration to others through instrumental music, singing, or dancing.
- The special gift whereby the Spirit enables certain Christians to praise God through music in such a way as to enhance the worship experience of other believers. It gives the believer the desire and capability to express personal faith and provide inspiration and comfort through the playing of a musical instrument, singing, or dancing. The spiritual aspect of the gift is revealed as the gift bearer gives witness to love and praise for the Lord, and thus glorifies God. Those listening or watching become inspired to feel the presence and majesty of God when music, song, or dance uplifts their soul in a manner that brings them closer to their Lord.

Pastor / Shepherd

- Pastor / Shepherd - The special ability God gives to some to assume a long-term personal responsibility for leadership and the spiritual care, protection, guidance, and feeding (teaching) of a group of believers.
- The divine enablement to nurture, care for, and guide people toward on-going spiritual maturity and becoming like Christ.

Voluntary Poverty

- Poverty (voluntary) - The special ability God gives to some to purposely live an impoverished lifestyle to serve and aid others with their material resources.
- The special ability that God gives to some members of the body of Christ to renounce material comfort and luxury and adopt a personal lifestyle equivalent to those living at the poverty level in a given society in order to serve God more effectively.

Prophet / Prophecy

- (Special Gift) - The special ability God gives to some to proclaim the Word of God with clarity and to apply it fearlessly with a view to the strengthening, encouragement, and comfort of believers and the convincing of unbelievers. The special gift whereby the Spirit empowers certain Christians to interpret and apply God's revelation in a given situation.
- The divine enablement to reveal truth and proclaim it in a timely and relevant manner for understanding, correction, repentance, or edification. There may be immediate or future implications.

Teaching / Teacher

- Teaching / Teacher - The special ability God gives to some to explain the truths of the Word of God clearly and to apply them effectively so that those taught understand and learn. To instruct others in the Bible in a logical and systematic way so as to communicate pertinent information for true understanding and growth.
- The divine enablement to understand, clearly explain, and apply the word of God causing greater Christ-likeness in the lives of listeners.

Tongues

- Tongues (interpreting) - The special ability God gives to some translate the message of one who speaks in tongues.
- If a tongue is spoken without an interpretation, the speaker is edified. If the tongue is interpreted, it is for the edification of the body.

Tongues (speaking)

- The special ability God gives to some to speak prayer or praise in a language they have never learned or to communicate a message from God to His people. The special ability God gives to some to speak in a language not previously learned so unbelievers can hear God's message in their own language.
- If a tongue is spoken without an interpretation, the speaker is edified. If the tongue is interpreted, it is for the edification of the body.

Wisdom

- (Speaking Gift) - The gift that allows the believer to sort through opinions, facts, and thoughts in order to determine what solution would be best for the individual believer or the community of believers. The ability to apply knowledge to life in such a way as to make spiritual truths quite relevant and practical in proper decision making and daily life situations.
- The special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to know the mind of the Holy Spirit in such a way as to receive insight into how knowledge may best be applied to specific needs arising in the body of Christ.

Writing

- Writing - the gift that gives a believer the ability to express truth in a written form; a form that can edify, instruct and strengthen the community of believers.
- The special God-given ability to formulate thoughts and ideas into meaningful written forms so that the reader will find courage, guidance, knowledge, or edification through the words shared with them.
- The Bible was written by people with this gift.

Some Added Gifts

- Martyrdom – 1 Cor. 13:1-3 (not on this test)
- Creative Communication – Psalm 150:3-5 (*Network Seminar has added*)

Man's Needs

Salvation
Awareness to Sin
Doctrine
To know how
Shepherding
Comforting
A helping hand
Financial Aid
Leadership
Fellowship
A Mature Christian

To Serve Others

God's Provisions

Evangelists
Prophets
Teachers
Exhorters
Pastor – Shepherd
Mercy Showing
Servers
Givers
Administrators
Entire Body
Team

Lasting Growth

Serving is not optional...
it's a matter of OBEDIENCE.

Galatians 5:13

*“You, my brothers,
were called to be free.
But **do not** use your freedom
to indulge the sinful nature,
rather, serve one another in love.”*

Why Do We Serve?

- Glorify God
- Edify Others

Glorify God

- Our serving glorifies God because it is a form of worship.

Spiritual Gifts expressed without love:

- Do not reflect who God is
- Do not have a KINGDOM impact.

Servanthood and Servility

	SERVANTHOOD <i>Serving with Love</i>	SERVILITY <i>Serving without Love</i>
A. Serves out of ...	OBEDIENCE <i>I want to serve God</i>	OBLIGATION <i>I have to serve God</i>
B. Motivated by ...	What God Sees <i>Serves an audience of One</i>	What Others See <i>Serves to please others</i>
C. Has attitude of ...	Whatever It Takes <i>Goes beyond expectations</i>	It's Not My Job <i>Does the minimum</i>
D. Results are ...	God-Glorifying <i>Directs attention to God Humbly reflecting Christ</i>	Self-Seeking <i>Draws attention to self Pridefully promoting self</i>

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