

HOW TO IDENTIFY AND USE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Have you ever watched a master craftsman at work? There's something captivating about seeing someone use their tools with practiced skill and natural ability. Each movement seems effortless, yet purposeful. In much the same way, when Christians discover and deploy their spiritual gifts, they participate in God's craftsmanship, becoming His instruments for building up the church and blessing the world.

There are different realms of the spirit based on how we are gifted that determine the level of engagement we encounter.

The Bible refers to realms as spiritual dimensions or kingdom, most commonly the heavenly or spiritual realms. Places of occupation or inhabitation. When we pray, when we worship, when we preach or teach, we engage God to manifest a realm of the spirit that will change our life. Thine Kingdom come! Thine will be done!

(Galatians 5:16:18) – We must be engaged every day!

(Ephesians 6:12) This text speaks to the level of our engagement in spiritual warfare. (2 Corinthians 10:3-6) Our carnal or fleshly weapons are not what God uses to help us overcome spiritual battles in our life. This text shows us the different realms we deal with in accomplishing God's will through the Church. When we worship, we engage in warfare in a different realm. We enter His Gates with thanksgiving and enter His Courts with Praise. It's a different realm.

1 Samuel 28:3-25 takes into a realm of the spirit with King Saul.

God gives gifts based upon realms of the spirit. God gives gifts for engagement through the spirit. Proverbs 18:16 gives insight into the realm of the spirit of influence. David first played music for Saul which dealt with distressing spirits that were troubling King Saul.

The gifts God gives us to use for the Kingdom. People who live isolated from the Church live in a dark realm of the spirit and experience attacks and all kinds of spirits of oppression. Believers can escape that realm of darkness through God's anointing.

1 Corinthians 10:13 – We learn that God is FAITHFUL!

Acts 10:38

Isaiah 10:27

It is urgent we learn how God has gifted us and how we use them!



Three Factors to Discern Your Spiritual Gift

But how do you discover which gifts are yours?

- 1. Affinity: What needs or ministry areas naturally draw your interest and passion?*
- 2. Ability: What do others say you're good at? Where have you seen fruit from your service?*

3. Opportunity: What doors for service are open to you? What needs exist in your church community?

The key is to start with opportunity. Rather than waiting to discover your perfect gift match, begin serving wherever there's a need. Through this process of active engagement, you'll naturally discover where God has gifted you.

Having a gift doesn't mean you don't need training. Take advantage of learning opportunities, mentorship, and feedback. Study how others with similar gifts serve effectively. "Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

Longevity along with experience can confuse you of your gifting but effectiveness will confirm God's calling and giftings on your life.

Romans 11:29-36

Luke 5:32