

## Week 13 | Spiritual Gifts

# What's My Spiritual Gift?

We go through times where we feel we aren't that special. There are times I've felt lost or that there was nothing I was particularly good at. It's just like God to equip and qualify us in order to give Him glory & advance His kingdom. He is so good. It's beautiful to know that He took extra time on us to make sure that we did that purpose He designed us for with His supernatural help. We tend to doubt ourselves & feel like we aren't good enough. If we think about the depth of the assignment placed on our lives & how many people it is tied to, it can be overwhelming; however, knowing God in His graciousness has thought of all the details to make us effective.

## Why Do We Have Spiritual Gifts?

These gifts are undoubtedly supernaturally endowed & not merely natural or human giftedness. The Holy Spirit gives one or more gifts to every believer & there were clear purposes noted for these gifts.

- The Common good or “for the profit of all” (v.7)
- The proper functioning of believers within the body of Christ (v 14-27)
- Edification & Equipping of believers (v14:3-12)
- Affirmation of the preached word — the gospel (14:24; Acts 1:8, Heb. 2:3-4)
- Cooperation Among Believers (1 Cor. 12:14-26)



# Discussion

1. Were You surprised at the results of your spiritual gift test?
2. What parts of yourself do you see differently now that you know your strengths?
3. Do you feel like you have ever used your gift before? Do you use it now?
4. How can you position yourself to use your gift more?
5. The enemy tries to attack us most where God wants to use us, do you see how this has shown up in your life?

## Spiritual Gifts

**Administration:** The gift of Administration is the ability to organize information & manage a ministry activity in such a way that it provides order & supports the mission & vision of the Body. They design systems, coordinate resources, delegate tasks, & give responsibilities to people who can get the job done. Luke 14:28-30, Acts 6:1-7, 1 Corinthians 12:28

**Apostle:** The gift of Apostle is the entrepreneurial ability to start new churches or ministries. They often launch new ministries where others are unable to do so. They demonstrate ability to influence others & generate enthusiasm to penetrate cultural, geographic, & economic boundaries for Jesus Christ. This gift is also used by God to influence entire regions or ministries for Kingdom advancement.

1 Corinthians 9:1-2, 1 Corinthians 12:28-29, Ephesians 4:11, Galatians

Romans 12:6-8	1 Corinthians 12:8-10	1 Corinthians 12:28-30	1 Peter 4:11
1. Prophecy	1. Word of wisdom	1. Apostle	1. Apostle
2. Serving	2. Word of knowledge	2. Prophet	2. Prophet
3. Teaching	3. Faith	3. Teacher	3. Evangelist
4. Exhortation	4. Gifts of healings	4. Miracles	4. Pastor
5. Giving	5. Miracles	5. Kinds of healings	5. Teacher
6. Leadership	6. Prophecy	6. Helps	
7. Mercy	7. Distinguishing between spirits	7. Administration	
	8. Tongues	8. Tongues	
	9. Interpretation of tongues		

*“So it is with you, since you are so very eager to have spiritual gifts and manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in ways that will build up the church [spiritually].”*  
 1 Corinthians 14:12 AMP

2:8-10

**Discernment:** The gift of Discernment is the unusual ability to see through circumstances to the underlying issues of right & wrong influences. They are able to distinguish between truth and error. They can rightly determine whether God, Satan or a person is influencing the present situation. They can correlate problems with the direct violation of biblical principles.

Acts 5:1-11, Acts 16:16-18, 1 Corinthians 2:14, 1 Corinthians 12:10

**Evangelism:** The gift of Evangelism is the ability to explain & convince others to accept God's offer of forgiveness in a positive, non-threatening way. They communicate the gospel very effectively. They look for opportunities to share their faith & often direct their conversations toward eternal things.

Acts 8:26-40, Ephesians 4:11, 2 Timothy 4:5

**Exhortation/Encouragement:** The gift of Exhortation or encouragement is the ability to communicate to another in such a way as to bring spiritual encouragement & hope. They strengthen, comfort, counsel, challenge & encourage others by applying truths from God's Word to the situation. As a result, people feel lifted & lightened.

Acts 11:23-24, Acts 14:22, Romans 12:8, Hebrews 10:24-25

**Faith:** The gift of Faith is the ability to trust God for accomplishing the super-natural. They are able to believe God to act in meeting the immediate need. Nothing is impossible for God to the one with the gift of faith. They believe God to be able and willing to provide the answer to any situation.

Matthew 8:5-16, Acts 27:21-25, Romans 4:18-21, 1 Corinthians 12:9

**Giving:** The gift of Giving is the ability to give finances & resources that enhance the work of God's kingdom. They welcome opportunities to cheerfully support ministries they believe will spread the gospel. They see their often sacrificial giving as offerings to the Lord directly rather than an organization. Mark 12:41-44, Romans 12:8, 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

**Healing:** The gift of healing is the ability to ask God in faith to heal individuals who have physical, emotional, or spiritual needs & see God answer. They are able to sense when God is prompting for such a prayer so as to show his power in all things.

James 5:14-16

**Hospitality:** The gift of Hospitality is the ability to entertain others in your home for meals, fellowship, shelter, or meetings. They are eager to invite guests into their homes, often on the spur of the moment. Guests feel welcomed and comfortable almost at once.

Acts 16:13-15, Romans 12:13, 1 Peter 4:9-10

**Intercession/Prayer:** The gift of Intercession or Prayer is the ability to pray for individuals, circumstances, or ministries with supernatural understanding & power. They continue until the burden of prayer is “lifted.” Their prayers are consistently answered and benefit others in the Body of Christ.

Colossians 1:9-12, Colossians 4:12

**Knowledge:** The gift of Knowledge is the ability to discover, clarify, and communicate biblical truths. Their knowledge comes by revelation from God and often there is no other source that could have given them insight. They are used by God to communicate revealed truth to the body of Christ.

Luke 8:10, 1 Corinthians 12:8, Colossians 1:9-10

**Leadership:** The gift of Leadership is the ability God gives to individuals he has chosen to influence others into tasks, activities and/or behaviors that expand the Kingdom God or provide for his people. They are able to articulate a vision in such a way that others in the body are moved to assist in seeing it completed. Romans 12:8, Hebrews 13:17

**Mercy:** The gift of mercy is the ability to see the needs of others and respond to those needs in love. They are sensitive to those who are suffering & feel compelled to help people who are in pain or crises. Their concern is more for the person than for the situation or how it happened.

Matthew 20:29-34, Luke 10:33-35, Romans 12:8

**Miracles:** The gift of miracles is the ability to ask God in faith to intervene in situations that seem hopeless and see God answer. They are able to sense when God is prompting for such a prayer so as to show his power over all things.

Mark 11:23-24

**Pastor/Shepherd:** The gift of Pastor or Shepherding is the ability to care for those who are in the Body with various spiritual, emotional, & physical needs. They watch over the welfare of those in the flock much like a shepherd watches over & protects a flock of sheep. They are also concerned for the spiritual nurture of individuals, encouraging them to grow in their faith.

Ephesians 4:11, 1 Timothy 3:1-7, 1 Peter 5:2-4

**Prophecy:** The gift of Prophecy is the ability to boldly & accurately proclaim truth from God. It is manifested in one of two ways, foretelling & forth telling. Foretelling is the proclaiming of some future event with accuracy, the source of the information coming from God. Forth telling is the proclaiming of God's Word with accuracy, having heard from God the correct interpretation. This gift has the purpose of correction, nurturing, &/ or calling people to repentance.

1 Corinthians 14:1-3, Ephesians 4:11, 2 Peter 1:19-21

**Service/Helps:** The gift of Service or Helps is the ability to accomplish practical & necessary tasks that support & build up the Body of Christ. They often work behind the scenes but are motivated to do things so that others do not have to. They enjoy doing the menial without recognition.

Acts 6:1-3, 1 Corinthians 12:28, 1 Peter 4:11

**Teaching:** The gift of Teaching is the ability to understand & communicate information so that others within the Body learn, apply, & grow spiritually. They are able to explain why things are true. They often research & draw truths together in ways that provide great insights for their students.

Romans 12:6-7, 1 Corinthians 12:28, Ephesians 4:11-13

**Tongues & Interpretations:** The gift of Tongues & Interpretations is the ability to speak or interpret in a known language that you have not previously learned. Acts 2:1-11, 1 Corinthians 12:10, 1 Peter 4:11

**Wisdom:** The gift of Wisdom is the ability to apply God's Word to a specific situation. They are able to apply knowledge, and offer very practical counsel to others. They often have supernatural understanding of a situation that they had no previous knowledge about, and able to explain what to do & how to do it.

1 Corinthians 12:8, James 3:13-18, 2 Peter 3:15-16