

Knowledge: The Spirit-filled ability to receive and report critical information which provides a breakthrough in a difficult person or situation. (*Act 5:1-11; I Cor 2:14; 12:8; II Cor 11:6; Col 2:2-3*)

Tongues: The Spirit-filled ability to praise God in a language unknown to the speaker in the context of 1) exalting God before another people group, 2) personal prayer, or 3) public worship accompanied by the gift of interpretation. (*[Mar 16:17]; Act 2:1-13; 10:44-46; 19:1-7; I Cor 12:10, 28; 14:1-28*)

Interpretation: The Spirit-filled ability to receive and announce the meaning (not a translation) of a word spoken publically in tongues. (*I Cor 12:10; 30; 14:1-28*)

Sign Gifts

Healing: The Spirit-filled ability to manifest God's mercy through the healing of a physical infirmity. (*Act 3:1-10; 5:12-26; 9:32-4; 28:7-10; I Corinthians 12:9, 28*)

Miracles: The Spirit-filled ability to manifest God's power to heal and cast-out demons for the purpose of verifying the Gospel. (*Act 8:13; 9:32-42; 19:11-20; 20:7-12; Rom 15:18-19; I Cor 12:10, 28; II Cor 12:12; Heb 2:3-4*)

Faith: The Spirit-filled ability to maintain an unwavering belief in the work of God despite circumstances or worldly wisdom that would indicate otherwise. (*Act 11:22-24; 27:21-2; Rom 4:18-21; I Cor 12:9; Heb 11*)

Discernment: The Spirit-filled ability to distinguish between a teaching, person, or angelic being that is from God or that is from the devil. (*Mat 16:21-23; Act 5:1-11; 16:16-18; I Cor 12:10; I Joh 4:1-6*)

IDENTIFYING YOUR GIFT

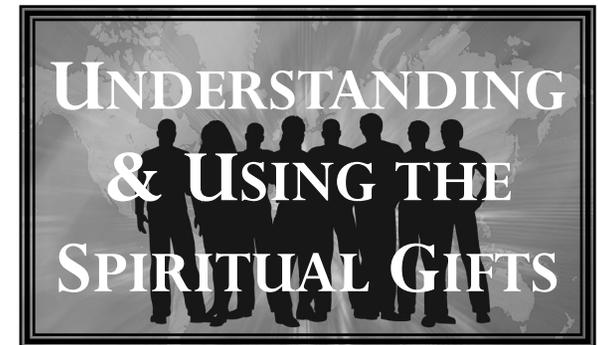
- Take the spiritual gifts assessment at www.spiritualgifts.com. What were the top three gifts from your assessment?
- Do your God-given natural abilities seem to compliment these God-given supernatural gifts?
- As you read through the gifts listed here, did any seem to weigh heavy on your heart or awaken a burden in your spirit?
- In what specific ways have you seen God use you in the lives of others? Has this been affirmed by others you trust?

USING YOUR GIFT

- How are you currently involved in ministry? Does this give you the opportunity to use your spiritual gift?
- Are there other needs or ministries in the church that seem to be deficient of the very gift that God has given you?
- Are there specific people or circumstances in your life right now in which God could work if you were to "*fan into flame the gift of God which is in you*" (II Timothy 1:6).

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PURPOSE OF THE GIFTS

The Holy Spirit is the power behind each of the wide variety of spiritual gifts. *“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit...but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.”* (I Corinthians 12:4, 6)

The Holy Spirit distributes spiritual gifts to every believer for the common good. *“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good... All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.”* (I Corinthians 12:7, 11)

The Body of Christ is composed of many members and each offers a vital component to the whole. *“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”* (I Corinthians 12:12)

The spiritual gifts have been given to build up the Body of Christ into full maturity. *“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood...”* (Ephesians 4:11-13)

The spiritual gifts are given by God’s grace and should not be a reason for pride. *“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.”* (Romans 12:3)

While spiritual gifts are empowered by God, the believer must be a good steward and actively exercise his gift. *“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace...in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.”* (1 Peter 4:10-11)

DEFINING EACH GIFT

Service Gifts

Helping: The Spirit-filled ability to identify and assist other people in the church so they can live and minister more effectively. *(Mar 15:40-41; Luk 8:2-3; Rom 16:1-2; I Cor 12:28; II Tim 1:16-18)*

Serving: The Spirit-filled ability to identify and accomplish supporting tasks necessary to further the ministry of the church. *(Joh 12:26; Act 6:1-7; Rom 12:7; Gal 6:2, 10; II Tim 1:16-18; Tit 3:14)*

Mercy: The Spirit-filled ability to compassionately identify and meet the needs of someone experiencing suffering, hardship, or oppression. *(Mat 20:29-34; 25:34-40; Mar 9:41; Luk 10:33-35; Act 11:28-30; 16:33-34; Rom 12:8; Jud 1:22-23)*

Giving: The Spirit-filled ability to identify and generously contribute out of one’s personal finances to further the ministry of the church. *(Mat 6:2-4; Mar 12:41-44; Rom 12:8; II Cor 8:1-5; 9:2-8; Phi 4:14-19)*

Administration: The Spirit-filled ability to plan, organize, and coordinate people and programs in the church. *(Luk 14:28-30; Act 6:1-7; I Cor 12:28; Tit 1:5)*

Proclamation Gifts

Teaching: The Spirit-filled ability to provide explanation and application for the truths of Scripture. *(Act 18:24-28; 20:20-21; Rom 12:7; I Cor 12:28; Eph 4:11-13)*

Exhortation: The Spirit-filled ability to offer relevant words of encouragement, consolation or admonishment to a specific person or persons. *(Luk 3:16-18, Act 14:22, Rom 12:8, I Tim 4:13, Heb 10:25)*

Evangelism: The Spirit-filled ability to identify, relate to, and share the Gospel with those who do not yet know Christ as their Savior. *(Eph 4:11-13; Acts 8:5-6, 26-40; 14:21; 21:8; II Tim 4:5)*

Leadership Gifts

Apostleship: The Spirit-filled ability to found and/or care for multiply congregations and their leaderships. *(Act 13:2-3; 14:4, 23; I Cor 12:28; Eph 2:20; 4:11-13)*

Leading: The Spirit-filled ability to provide motivation, instruction, and direction to guide a group of people toward the achievement of a vision. *(Act 7:9-10; 15:6-11; Rom 12:8; I Tim 5:17; Heb 13:17)*

Shepherding: The Spirit-filled ability to purposefully care for the spiritual needs of a group of believers. *(Act 20:28; Eph 4:11-13; I Tim 3:1-7; I Pet 5:1-4)*

Prophetic Gifts

Prophecy: The Spirit-filled ability to receive and report a revelation that God brings to mind/lays on one’s heart. *(Luk 7:26; Act 15:32; 21:9-11; Rom 12:6; I Cor 12:10, 28; 14:3-5, 29-33; Eph 4:11-13)*

Wisdom: The Spirit-filled ability to receive and report insight which provides direction or resolution for a specific circumstantial or relational difficulty. *(Act 6:3-10; I Cor 2:1-13; 12:8; Jam 1:5-6; II Pet 3:15-16)*