

How Do I Find Out What My Spiritual Gifts Are?

Help with discerning your own spiritual gifts may be found by visiting any of the following websites:

gifts.churchgrowth.org/cgi-cg/gifts.cgi?intro=1

www.kodachrome.org/spiritgift/

www.lifeway.com/Article/Women-Leadership-Spiritual-gifts-growth-service

UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL GIFTS



What Do We Need to Know About the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity. He is of “one substance” with God the Father and God the Son and proceeding from them.

The Holy Spirit is not a third-rate substitute for Jesus’ presence with us, but is rather God fully with us. The Spirit does what even the incarnation of God in Jesus couldn’t do: He grows in us the fruit of God’s own character (see Galatians 5:22-23) and multiplies from one to millions the number of lives through which God can powerfully work.

The Holy Spirit is the power source of the Christian life. As the Spirit turned a bunch of dim disciples hiding in an upper room into the community of incandescent Christians that lit up the world, so the Holy Spirit can still energize believers’ lives today.

The Holy Spirit is God’s Advocate within us, interpreting to us God’s truth. The Spirit seeks to be our Comforter in times of distress, our Counselor in times of confusion, and our Helper in times of weakness. He teaches us everything we need to know to fulfill God’s purpose for us.

The Holy Spirit doesn’t fill every one, nor does it fill someone just once. We are called to be continually filled by the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). We can increase our infilling by the Holy Spirit by asking Him into our life, listening for what He says to us, and doing what Christ commands us to do. To remain filled with the Spirit, this three step process must be repeated continually.

What are Spiritual Gifts?

Spiritual gifts are...

- supernatural empowerments ... (the power)
- given to every believer ... (the pattern)
- for the upbuilding of the Body of Christ ... (the purpose)

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
(1 Corinthians 12:7)

To each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it ... to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up, 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. (Ephesians 4:7,12-13)

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Each one should use whatever gift he or she has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.
(1 Peter 4:10)

What Spiritual Gifts Might I Have?

Scripture passages listing spiritual gifts: Romans 12:3-8;
1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28-30; Ephesians 4:11-13; 1 Peter 4:9-11

- ❑ **Administration**—the capacity to understand what makes an organization function and the special ability to plan and execute procedures that accomplish the goals of the ministry.
- ❑ **Apostleship**—the ability to start and oversee the development of new churches or ministry structures.
- ❑ **Craftsmanship**—the divine enablement to creatively design and/or construct items to be used to glorify God or advance the Kingdom's cause.
- ❑ **Creative Communication**—the ability to communicate God's truth through a variety of art forms.
- ❑ **Discernment**—the capacity to distinguish between truth and error, right and wrong, good and evil spirits.
- ❑ **Encouragement/Exhortation**—the enablement to present truth that comforts, challenges, or helps move those who are discouraged or wavering.
- ❑ **Evangelism**—the ability to communicate the gospel to unbelievers in such a way that they respond in faith and move toward discipleship.
- ❑ **Faith**—the empowerment to act on God's promises with confidence and unwavering commitment, trusting God to fulfill his purposes.
- ❑ **Giving**—the capacity to contribute resources to the work of the Lord with cheerfulness and liberality.
- ❑ **Healing**—the ability to be God's means for restoring people to wholeness – whether of a physical, emotional, relational, and/or spiritual kind.
- ❑ **Helps**—the enablement to accomplish the practical, necessary, and often unsung tasks which free up and/or meet the needs of others or a ministry.
- ❑ **Hospitality**—the capacity to welcome and care for people by providing fellowship, shelter, and/or food.
- ❑ **Intercession**—the ability to consistently pray on behalf of and for others, seeing frequent and specific results from these prayers.

- ❑ **Interpretation**—the enablement to make known to the Body of Christ the meaning of the message of one who is speaking in tongues.
- ❑ **Knowledge/Wisdom**—the capacity to bring truth to the Body of Christ through a specific revelation or biblical insight.
- ❑ **Leadership**—the empowerment to cast a vision for, motivate, and direct people to harmoniously accomplish the purposes of God.
- ❑ **Mercy**—the ability to gladly, compassionately, and practically assist those who are suffering pain, loss, or need.
- ❑ **Miracles**—the divine enablement to authenticate the ministry and message of God through supernatural interventions which glorify Him.
- ❑ **Prophecy**—the capacity to reveal truth and proclaim it in a timely and relevant manner for understanding, correction, or edification.
- ❑ **Shepherding**—the ability to nurture, care for, and guide people toward growth in spiritual maturity.
- ❑ **Teaching/Preaching**—the empowerment to understand, explain, and apply God's Word, causing greater Christlikeness in the lives of hearers.
- ❑ **Tongues**—the capacity to speak, worship, or pray in a language unknown to the speaker and constrained by the commitment to glorifying God not exalting self.

What Are the Benefits of Knowing and Using My Spiritual Gifts?

1. **FIREPOWER**—I will be guided toward those places where I will be of maximum effectiveness for God.
2. **FUN**—I will experience the joy of doing what I was specially equipped by God to do.
3. **FREEDOM**—I will be able to say a guiltless "No" to ministries and commitments for which I am not gifted.
4. **FULLFILLMENT**—I will find my unique and vital place in the Body of Christ.