

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”

1 Peter 4:10-11

SPECIFIC SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND THEIR BIBLICAL REFERENCES

Apostle	1 Cor. 12:28, Eph. 4:11
Prophet/Prophecy	1 Cor. 12:8-10, 1 Cor. 12:28, Rom. 12:6-8, Eph. 4:11
Teacher	1 Cor. 12:28, Romans 12:6-8
Miracles	1 Cor. 12:8-10, 1 Cor. 12:28
Healings	1 Cor. 12:8-10, 1 Cor. 12:28
Helps	1 Cor. 12:28
Administration	1 Cor. 12:28
Tongues	1 Cor. 12:8-10, 1 Cor. 12:28
Words of Wisdom	1 Cor. 12:8-10
Words of Knowledge	1 Cor. 12:8-10
Faith	1 Cor. 12:8-10
Discernment of spirits	1 Cor. 12:8-10
Interpretation of Tongues	1 Cor. 12:8-10
Evangelist	Eph. 4:11
Pastor-Teacher	Eph. 4:11
Serving	Romans 12:6-8
Encouraging	Romans 12:6-8
Contributing	Romans 12:6-8
Leadership	Romans 12:6-8
Mercy	Romans 12:6-8

CATEGORIZING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Below are three different options for how spiritual gifts might be categorized.

OPTION #1

- **Prophetic** – anything involving teaching, encouraging, exhorting, or rebuking
- **Priestly** – showing mercy & care for those in need or interceding before God
- **Kingly** – administration, governing, or order in the church

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OPTION #2

- **Knowledge** – discernment, words of wisdom, words of knowledge, administration
- **Power** – healing, miracles, faith
- **Speech** – tongues, interpretation, prophecy

OPTION #3

- **Ministry** – reveal plan of God, vocational: apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher
- **Manifestation** – reveal the power of God, supernatural/spiritual
 - Utterance – prophecy, tongues, interpretation
 - Power – faith, healing, miracles
 - Revelation – word of wisdom, word of knowledge, discerning of spirits
- **Motivational** – reveal the personality of God, practical in nature: prophecy (in a watchdog role), serving/helps, teaching, giving, exhortation/encouragement, admin/leadership, mercy



NATURE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS – SUPERNATURAL

- **SUPER** because God is involved
 - Dispersed by the Holy Spirit (**1 Corinthians 12:7, 11**)
 - In general, spiritual gifts given to us are for the duration of our life. However, there may be “ebbs and flows” of gifts as the Spirit enables.
 - No spiritual gift is more valuable than any other gift in the Bible (**1 Corinthians 12:22-27**)
- **NATURAL** because we humans are involved
 - As believers, the Holy Spirit utilizes what the Lord created in each of us for His glory (**1 Cor. 12:6-7**)
 - Two individuals may have the same spiritual gift, but it will be expressed differently because of God’s divine creativity in our natural being. While there may be similarities, there will still be differences – purposed and designed by God Himself!

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SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE NOT EQUIVALENT TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY

- Upon salvation, we receive spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit. This means that spiritual babies, adolescents, and mature Christians all have spiritual gifts and can use them.
- We can operate in a spiritual gift, yet still be lacking in doctrinal understanding and Christian character.
- Do not believe the lie that operating in spiritual gifts is equal to being a mature Christian or that your character doesn't matter. Many have shipwrecked their faith and ministry to others by believing this lie! Your character DOES matter, and the Lord is being merciful to reach and minister to others through you, not because of you.
- As 1 Corinthians 13 clearly states, spiritual gifts apart from love and humility are meaningless. In your use of spiritual gifts, stay humble and allow the love of God to flow through you as His gifts are displayed through you.

HOW TO DETERMINE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- Ask the Spirit to guide you to what He has given you.
- Self-examination: What are your interests, strengths, and abilities?
- Ask others: What do others see as your strengths, interests, and areas of success?
- Take a spiritual inventory test: <http://www.spiritualgiftstest.com/test/adult>.
- Volunteer in different areas of ministry and see what blessings come forth.