

You're Gifted

Part 1

"The Foundation of Spiritual Gifts"

I Cor. 12:1-11

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Intro. Facts about spiritual gifts

1. 60 % of the people who attend church every Sunday do not know what their spiritual gift is
2. Spiritual gifts are received not achieved they are not learned they are a gift
3. They are given to fulfill Christ's purpose in the earth – (Acts 1: 8)
4. They differ from natural talents and human abilities those these are gifts of God but not spiritual gifts
5. They are different from the Fruit of the Spirit: (Gal 5: 22-23)
6. A Believer can be given more than one gift
7. They are given to us by "measure" and just like faith it can be increased (Eph 4: 7; Rom. 12: 3)
8. We each must relate to our gifts honestly and realistically (Rom. 12: 3; 1 Peter 4: 10-11)
9. The measure or maturity of our gifts can increase (Luke 19: 26)
10. We must be careful not to step beyond our measure of the gift (2 Cor. 10:13, Rom. 12: 3)
11. We must be careful of the enemy's (Satan's) attempt to confuse us with counterfeit gifts (Acts 16: 16-18)
12. God does not want us to be ignorant about our spiritual gifts or the truth that God's word says about them (I Cor. 12:1)
13. God doesn't want us to be led astray by false teaching about spiritual Gifts (I Cor. 12:2-3)
13. God does not want those of us who have discovered our spiritual gifts to forget they are not of ourselves but are of the gift of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 12:5)
14. God does want us under His leadership and control with the gifts He has given us (If we don't Satan has a way of making us use them to glorify him) (I Cor. 12:6)

I Manifestation of Spiritual Gifts (v4-7)

- A. Different gifts same spirit
- B. Different administration/Service but same Lord
- C. Different kinds of working but same God

II Many Gifts (v7-11)

Prophecy — The gift of prophecy is the ability to communicate God's Word with clarity, power, and conviction, and to apply it to the particular situation of the hearers. Essentially it is inspired preaching. *Romans 12:6, 1 Cor. 12:10, Eph. 4:11, 1 Cor. 14:24*

Serving — The gift of serving is the unique capacity to recognize practical needs and to meet them joyfully and efficiently, thereby freeing other Christians to perform their ministries. Essentially it is providing behind-the-scenes assistance to support the overall work of the church. *Romans 12:11, 1 Cor. 12:28, 1 Peter 4:10, Acts 6:1*

Teaching — The gift of teaching is the ability to grasp and communicate biblical truths so that Christians comprehend them clearly. Essentially it is the unusual facility to explain God's Word to others. *Romans 12:7, 1 Cor. 12:28, Eph. 4:11, Acts 13:1*

Exhortation — The gift of exhortation is the ability to bring out the best in others by means of encouraging, challenging, comforting, and guiding. Essentially it is the gift of counseling others to become all that God wants them to be. *Romans 12:8, Acts 4:36, Acts 11:23, Acts 13:15*

Giving — The gift of giving is the unique capacity to comprehend the financial needs related to the growth of God's kingdom and to meet those needs by contributing eagerly and generously. Essentially it is the ability to give sacrificially to the Lord's work. *Romans 12:8*

Administration — The gift of administration is the ability to plan and coordinate the gifts and talents of a group of Christians to reach certain objectives. Essentially it is the capacity to organize persons and resources to meet specific goals. *1 Cor. 12:28*

Mercy — The gift of mercy is the ability to feel sincere compassion beyond normal Christian sympathy for persons who are in distress and to provide practical support to meet their needs. Essentially it is cheerful ministry to the undeserving and to those in crisis. *Romans 12:8*

Leadership — The gift of leadership is the ability to discern God's purpose for a group of believers, to set goals to accomplish that purpose, and to motivate others in the fulfillment of those goals. Essentially it is the capacity to inspire others with a vision of God's will. *Romans 12:8, 1 Tim. 5:17*

Wisdom — The gift of wisdom is the unique capacity to understand how to apply biblical truths to problems or opportunities -which face a group of believers. Essentially it is divine insight into the relationship of Scripture to life. *1 Cor. 12:8, 1 Cor. 2:6*

Knowledge — The gift of knowledge is the unique capacity to gain deep insight into biblical truth by means of careful research and serious study. Essentially it is the ability to uncover the great principles of God's Word. *1 Cor. 12:8, 1 Cor. 13:2, 2 Cor. 4:6, 2 Cor. 8:7*

Faith — The gift of faith is the ability to see God's purpose in a situation and to trust his wisdom and power to accomplish that purpose. Essentially it is the gift of vision which enables one to believe God for what seems impossible. *1 Cor. 12:9, 1 Cor. 13:2, 2 Cor. 8:7*

Discernment — The gift of discernment is the ability to determine whether certain teachings or actions originate from God, humanity, or Satan. Essentially it is the unique capacity to distinguish truth from error. *1 Cor. 12:10*

Missions — The gift of missions is the ability to adapt to a different culture in order to share the gospel. Essentially it is the missionary gift whereby one is enabled to minister one's gifts and calling cross-culturally. *1 Cor. 12:28, Eph. 4:11*

Evangelism — The gift of evangelism is the ability to introduce Jesus Christ to unbelievers clearly and with frequent positive response. Essentially it is the desire and capacity to share the gospel effectively with those who are not yet Christians. *Eph. 4:11, Acts 21:8*

Shepherding — The gift of shepherding is the ability of a pastor or a layperson to care for a specific group of Christians by guiding, nurturing, and protecting them. Essentially it is taking responsibility for the spiritual growth of a specific group of believers. *Eph. 4:11*

Hospitality — The gift of hospitality is the unique capacity to welcome individuals or groups into one's home in order to share fellowship, food, or lodging. Essentially it is the desire and willingness to open one's home to others. *1 Peter 4:9, Rom. 12:13*

Intercession — The gift of intercession is the ability to pray often and with unusual perseverance with the result that answers to prayer requests are experienced in a remarkable way. Essentially this is the gift of being a "prayer warrior." *1 Cor. 14:15, Rom. 12:12*

Music — The gift of music is the unique capacity to use the vehicle of music to share one's relationship with God and to lead others to worship God. Essentially it is the ability to communicate God's love through music. *1 Cor. 14:15, 1 Cor. 14:26*