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SPIRITUAL GIFT SESSION: DISCERNMENT

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A hand holding a crystal ball that reflects a sunset over a valley. The background is a warm, golden sunset sky with soft clouds. The crystal ball shows a clear reflection of the sun and the landscape below.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS GUIDE

BOLDLY SHARING THE GRACE OF GOD WITH THE WORLD

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SPIRITUAL GIFTS OVERVIEW

“There are different kinds of gifts,
but the same Spirit distributes them.
There are different kinds of service,
but the same Lord.
There are different kinds of working,
but in all of them and in everyone
it is the same God at work.”

1 Corinthians 12: 4-6





DISCERNMENT

The gift that motivates a believer to seek God's will and purpose and apply that understanding to individual and congregational situations.

People with this gift are usually perceptive, insightful, sensitive, intuitive, decisive, challenging, truthful.

Cautions for people with this gift:
being harsh when confronting others instead of speaking truth in love;
confirming perceptions before speaking.

BIBLICAL REFERENCES

John 16:6–15,
Romans 9:1,
1 Corinthians 2:9–16



JOHN 16:6-15

⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate[a] will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you.

⁸ And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about[b] sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.



ROMANS 9:1

God's Election of Israel

9 ¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying;
my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—



1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-16

9 But, as it is written,

**“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those** who love him”—

10 God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. 13 And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.[\[a\]](#)



1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-16

14 Those who are unspiritual[b] do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15 Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"
But we have the mind of Christ.



NEXT STEPS

- How can we support you in using your spiritual gift?
- What would help you develop and grow in confidence using your spiritual gift?
- Other closing thoughts?

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