

Sermon Questions

A Spiritual Gifts Primer (Part 1)

Romans 12:3-8

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CONNECT:

- Did you ever play team sports, participate in a play, sing in a choir, or play in a band or orchestra? What was your role?

GROW:

- Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. What are the two primary purposes of spiritual gifts? Why is it very important to know and remember these purposes well when utilizing spiritual gifts? What is the danger of ignoring the purposes of spiritual gifts?
- Read Romans 12:3-8. What mindset (per verse 3) are we to have when utilizing spiritual gifts and why?
- Every Christian has at least one spiritual gift (read 1 Corinthians 12:7-11). Where does your gift come from?
- As a Christian, what are you passionate about? Do you know what your spiritual gift(s) is/are? In what way(s) are you utilizing your gift(s)?
- If you haven't thought much about this, what are some areas that you might be interested in exploring?
- What are pitfalls to avoid when using spiritual gifts?
- How have you benefited from the spiritual gifts of others? Have you noticed how your spiritual gift has built up a fellow believer?

GO:

- Put your spiritual gift to work with the right mindset! What is your next step in doing so?

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Some of the spiritual gifts listed in the Bible include:

Wisdom—The ability to accurately apply Scriptural truths to everyday life

Knowledge—A God gifting enabling some to understand Scripture at a deeper level and to cite it in context

Faith, Miracles, or Healing—While all believers must have (saving) faith, those so gifted have a greater (than normative) confidence in and recognition of the miraculous workings of God.

Helps, Mercy, and Service—A behind-the-scenes gift of assisting, supporting, and meeting practical needs

Teaching—An ability to take Scriptural knowledge and wisdom, as one exegetes Biblical truths, and communicate it in a plain, accurate, and systematic way which applies to everyday life.

Exhortation or Prophecy—The ability to motivate, comfort, or even Biblically rebuke (with grace) others—helping them take their next spiritual steps. This gift is often utilized in teaching and counseling.

Tongues with Interpretation—The ability to speak in known languages, yet without having learned that language (sometimes used in missionary settings among the unreached). This gift is also used privately as a prayer language. Many believe this gift is viable today, while others are less certain. HCC sees this gift working in missions today, and we do have attenders who utilize a private prayer language before the Lord. However, HCC does not utilize tongues/interpretation within our church ministries and/or services.

Shepherding—A heart to care for, and lead, a congregation in their walk with Jesus and His Spirit

Discernment—A capacity to distinguish between Divine truths and what is demonic

Evangelism—While all Christ-followers are commanded to share the gospel with others, some are supernaturally gifted in doing so.

Hospitality—A person with this gift is the “host/hostess with the mostess.” She/he makes people feel welcomed, heard, and loved. She/he opens up one’s heart and home to others.

Leadership or Administration—Leaders move others towards new, yet predetermined, goals. Administrators keep existing ministries organized, flowing, and fresh.

Giving—While all Christ-followers are commanded to give our first fruits to the Lord, some are supernaturally gifted to give even beyond Scripturally guidelines.

Mercy—A supernatural empathy and compassion which cares for those who are suffering or wounded

Singleness—God has gifted some to serve Him more completely in singleness than in marriage.

Worship/Music—A supernaturally augmented talent for leading others into God’s presence (1 Chronicles 15:16)