

## Lesson 4: Spiritual Gifts of the Holy Spirit

\_\_\_\_\_ are tools or abilities God gives to Christians to do the work of the \_\_\_\_\_; to fulfill the Great Commission; and to reach, baptize, teach, and minister to one another. Every \_\_\_\_\_ receives at least one gift at the moment of conversion. Spiritual gifts are not rewards and they are not natural talents. Since they each serve God's purpose, no one gift is superior or inferior to another.

A spiritual gift is one of \_\_\_\_\_ and not individual merit. These special abilities will operate at specific, Spirit-directed, appointed times. They may be temporary, and they may last for long or short periods of time. The duration depends on the needs of the Church, or a situation as determined by the Holy Spirit.

Spiritual gifts are not a place of service, are not an age-group ministry, and are not a specialty ministry. But they express themselves through various functions, which in turn \_\_\_\_\_ diverse results. A spiritual gift is the primary channel by which the Holy Spirit ministers to the believer. It operates through a supernatural capacity for service to God – and God gives you the passion or the extraordinary desire to perform the duties of that gift. Spiritual gifts are tools for building the church.

They are a source of joy in your Christian life and will influence your motives. A spiritual gift is a \_\_\_\_\_ calling with a divine responsibility because what God has \_\_\_\_\_ you to do, God has called you to do, and what God calls you to do, God has gifted you to do. The anointing of the Holy Spirit enables one to accomplish certain things very easily which were formerly very difficult or \_\_\_\_\_ to accomplish.

\_\_\_\_\_ are natural abilities and are present at birth. Spiritual gifts are given by an act of God's grace and have nothing to do with our natural ability, upbringing, or training. Talents would include singing, playing an instrument, playing sports, dancing, or acting. While our talents may be accompanied by the anointing of God for a specific purpose or need, talents can be learned or improved upon. Spiritual gifts are decidedly gifts.

We know and understand the gifts God has given to us by reading the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ on God's Word. The more we practice these disciplines, the more we open ourselves to the knowledge of God and the workings of the Holy Spirit in us.

As we train and understand the use of spiritual gifts, we must exercise our gifts in alignment with the virtues known as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 5:22-26). And as we live God's way, we (Christians) become known by our fruit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control). The gifts of the Spirit should be carried out in an orderly fashion, with humility and with love, for the building up of the church or community where they are used. (1 Corinthians 12, 13, 14).

There are **three purposes** for spiritual gifts and **three main categories** of spiritual gifts.

Purpose of spiritual gifts: \_\_\_\_\_,  
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Categories of spiritual gifts:

- Category one: \_\_\_\_\_ Gifts, generally known as Charismatic Gifts  
Gifts of signs and wonder: healing, miracles, tongues, interpretation of tongues
- Category two: \_\_\_\_\_ Gifts, which all Christians have the ability to develop.  
Speaking Gifts- evangelism, prophecy, pastoring, teaching, exhortation (word of knowledge and word of wisdom.)
- Category three: \_\_\_\_\_ Gifts, which are service, ministry, or task oriented.  
Serving gifts – helps, showing mercy, discernment, government, faith, and hospitality.

## LISTING OF SOME OF THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND SOME DEFINITIONS

Knowledge	Interpretation of Tongues
Faith	Apostles
Gifts of Healings	Evangelists
Miraculous Powers	Pastors
Prophecy	Teachers
Discernment between Spirits	Helpers
Speaking in Different Languages	Wisdom
Being Merciful	Leadership
Administration or Government	Service
Interpretation of Tongues	Giving
Encouragement	

**Artistry:** the gift that gives the believer the skill of creating artistic expressions that produce a spiritual response of strength and inspiration. Biblical references: Exodus 31:1-11, Psalm 149:3a

**Discernment:** the gift that motivates a believer to seek God's will and purpose and apply that understanding to individual and congregational situations. Biblical references: John 16:6-15, Romans 9:1, 1 Corinthians 2:9-16

**Evangelism:** the gift that moves believers to reach nonbelievers in such a way that they are baptized and become active members of the Christian community. Biblical references: Matthew 28:16-20, Ephesians 4:11-16, Acts 2:36-40

**Exhortation:** the gift that moves the believer to reach out with Christian love and presence to people in personal conflict of facing a spiritual void. Biblical references: John 14:1, II Timothy 1: 16-18, III John 5-8

**Faith:** the gift that gives a believer the eyes to see the Spirit at work and the ability to trust the Spirit's leading without indication of where it all might lead. Biblical references: Genesis 12: 1-4a, Mark 5:25-34, 1 Thessalonians 1: 8-10

**Giving:** the gift that enables a believer to recognize God's blessings and to respond to those blessings by generously and sacrificially giving of one's resources (time, talent, and treasure). Biblical references: II Corinthians 9:6-15, Luke 21: 1-4

**Hospitality:** the gift that causes a believer to joyfully welcome and receive guests and those in need of food and lodging. Biblical references: Romans 12:13, Romans 16:23a, Luke 10:38

**Intercession:** the gift that enables a believer to pray with the certainty that prayer is heard and when requests are made, answers will come. Biblical references: Matthew 6:6-15, Luke 11:1-10, Ephesians 6:18

**Knowledge:** the gift that drives a person to learn, analyze, and uncover new insights with regard to the Bible and faith. Biblical references: 1 Corinthians 12:8, 1 Corinthians 14:6, Romans 12:2

**Leadership:** the gift that gives a believer the confidence to step forward, give direction and provide motivation to fulfill a dream or complete a task. Biblical references: Romans 12:8, John 21:15-17, II Timothy 4:1-5a

**Mercy:** the gift that motivates a believer to feel deeply for those in physical, spiritual, or emotional need and then act to meet that need.

**Music – Vocal:** the gift that gives a believer the capacity and opportunity to present personal witness and inspiration to others through singing. Biblical references: Psalm 96: 1-9, Psalm 100:1-2, Psalm 149:1-2

**Music – Instrumental:** the gift that inspires a believer to express personal faith and provide inspiration and comfort through the playing of a musical instrument. Biblical references: Psalm 33:1-5, Psalm 150, 1 Samuel 16:14-23

**Pastoring (Shepherding):** the gift that gives a believer the confidence, capability, and compassion to provide spiritual leadership and direction for individuals or groups of believers. Biblical references: I Timothy 4:12-16,  
I Timothy 3:1-13, II Timothy 4:1-2

**Service (Helps):** the gift that enables a believer to work gladly behind the scenes in order that God's work is fulfilled. Biblical references: Luke 23: 50-54, Romans 16:1-16, Philippians 2:19-23

**Skilled Craft:** the gift that enables a believer to create, build, maintain, or repair items used within the church. Biblical references: Exodus 30:1-6, Exodus 31:3-5, Ezekiel 27:4-11

**Teaching:** the gift that enables a believer to communicate a personal understanding of the Bible and faith in such a way that it becomes clear and understood by others. Biblical references: 1 Corinthians 12:28, Matthew 5:1-12, Acts 18:24-48.

**Wisdom:** the gift that allows the believer to sort through opinions, facts, and thoughts to determine what solution would be best for the individual believer or the community of believers. Biblical references: I Corinthians 2:6-13, James 3:13-18, II Chronicles 1:7-11.

**Writing:** the gift that gives a believer the ability to express truth in a written form: a form that can edify, instruct, and strengthen the community of believers. Biblical references: I John 2:1-6, 12-14, I Timothy 3:14-15, Jude 3.