

Living Way
I Corinthians 12 and 13

“Now Concerning Spiritual Gifts...” I Corinthians 12:1

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Every Size...Every Denomination...Every Worship Style...Every Continent

Discovered “8 Quality Characteristics of Growing Churches”

Quality #2: “Gift Oriented Ministry”

Category 1: the green area		Category 2: the red area		Category 3: the blue area			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Artistic creativity	93	<input type="checkbox"/>	Apostle	104	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deliverance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Craftsmanship	94	<input type="checkbox"/>	Counseling	105	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discernment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Giving	95	<input type="checkbox"/>	Evangelism	106	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faith
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospitality	96	<input type="checkbox"/>	Helps	107	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Knowledge	97	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leadership	108	<input type="checkbox"/>	Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mercy	98	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missionary	109	<input type="checkbox"/>	Miracles
<input type="checkbox"/>	Music	99	<input type="checkbox"/>	Service	110	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prayer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organization	100	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shepherding	111	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prophecy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Voluntary poverty	101	<input type="checkbox"/>	Singleness	112	<input type="checkbox"/>	Suffering
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wisdom	102	<input type="checkbox"/>	Teaching	113	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tongues

Category #1 -Green: Reflecting God the Father (Creation)

Category #2 -Red: Reflecting God the Son (Redemption)

Category #3 - Blue: Reflecting God the Holy Spirit (Sanctification)

Example of Spiritual Gifts of the Old Testament:

-The Lord said to Moses, ²“See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, ³and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, ⁴to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, ⁵in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft. (Exodus 31)

II Timothy 4:5 But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the **work of an evangelist**, fulfill your ministry.

The Difference:

1. Those “Spiritual Gifts” we do with joy and feel naturally energized. We never tire of doing them.
2. Those “necessary marks of the church” that an individual is capable of doing but are not naturally energized toward them.

What on the List of “Spiritual Gifts” do you think reflects you and your spiritual gifts?

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Spiritual Gifts can be done out of LOVE ... I Corinthians 13

- Properly Motivated “...patient, kind, does not envy or boast.”
- Perseveres “... believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

Differentiate:

“Gifts of the Spirit” --- two or three as the Holy Spirit determines for the sake of the “body of Christ.”

“who apportions to each one individually as he (the Holy Spirit) wills.” (I Corinthians 12:11)

“Fruit of the Spirit” --- ALL 9 of them given each Christian

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“All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.”

Might that mean also when and where He wills?

Are All The Gifts for All Time and All Places?