

5 Day Devotional for the week of May 31, 2026

This week's five-day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend. Throughout each day, we will explore the significance of spiritual gifts, focusing primarily on the theme of discernment and the calling each of us has within the body of Christ. Join us as we seek to understand and utilize these gifts for the common good.

Day 1

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:7

In today's devotional, we reflect on the unique gifts bestowed upon us by the Holy Spirit. It's crucial to recognize that these gifts are not meant for personal glorification but for the betterment of the community. As Pastor emphasized, once we receive these gifts, they're no longer ours alone but belong to the body of Christ for the common good.

Gifts such as administration, service, and discernment might not seem as glamorous as others, but they play an essential role in our collective mission. Knowing and understanding our calling allows us to seek the right tools to serve effectively. Let this be a reminder to earnestly seek and nurture the gifts that fortify and uplift those around you.

- How can you identify the gifts that God has placed in your life?
- In what ways have you used your spiritual gifts for the common good?
- Reflect on the balance between personal desires and the needs of the body of Christ. How are they aligned or misaligned?
- Pray for clarity in understanding your calling and the gifts associated with it.
- Ask for a heart that seeks to serve others with your gifts.

Day 2

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10

Today's message builds on the theme that each of us has received different gifts, meant to serve one another as faithful stewards of God's grace. The beauty of our diversity lies in the way we complement each other, emphasizing the importance of unity within the church. This union reflects God's design—a community where every member actively contributes to the well-being of others.

Recognizing your gifts often comes from engaging with your community and taking note of

the needs that arise. Sometimes, others might notice and call out gifts in you before you even recognize them in yourself. This underscores the necessity of being an active participant in a local church and allowing relationships to help shape our understanding of spiritual callings.

- Reflect on how community involvement has shaped or revealed your spiritual gifts.
- What actions can you take today to be a better steward of God's grace in serving others?
- How do you define "common good" within your own faith community?
- Pray for God's guidance to act as a faithful steward of the gifts you have been given.
- Ask for opportunities to serve and build up those around you.

Day 3

Scripture: Hebrews 5:14

Spiritual maturity is marked by the ability to discern good from evil, a skill honed through consistent practice and exposure to truth. As we delve deeper into the gift of discernment, we recognize it is not simply about identifying wrongs but understanding the subtleties between choices aligned with God's will and those that are not.

This discipline of discernment is vital for navigating life's complexities and requires a foundation grounded in scripture and community. As you develop this discipline, lean into relationships within the body of Christ to test and confirm the paths you choose.

Encouragement and wisdom from others can reveal perspectives you might not have considered on your own.

- What practical steps can you take to grow in spiritual discernment?
- Reflect on a recent situation where discernment led you to a decision. What was the outcome?
- How do the experiences and counsel of others contribute to your spiritual growth?
- Pray for a deeper understanding and growth in spiritual maturity.
- Ask God to place wise and discerning individuals in your life to guide and support you.

Day 4

Scripture: Romans 12:2

Renewing the mind is a transformative process that aligns our desires and decisions with God's will. It's about reshaping our thought patterns to reflect the truth, enabling us to test and approve what is God's good, pleasing, and perfect will. Discernment flows naturally from a mind renewed by the Word and is crucial in making daily decisions that affect our journey of faith.

As you renew your mind, you will become more attuned to God's voice and better equipped to distinguish spirit-led actions from those that are not. This alignment cannot be hurried; it requires patience and dedication to deepen your relationship with Christ through prayer and study.

- How is the renewal of your mind influencing your life decisions today?
- Reflect on the current influences shaping your thoughts. Are they aligned with biblical truths?
- What practical changes can you implement to facilitate the renewal of your mind?
- Pray for perseverance and commitment in renewing your mind through scripture.
- Ask God to help you discern influences that align with His will.

Day 5

Scripture: Ephesians 4:12

The gifts we possess are intended to build up the body of Christ until we reach unity in faith and knowledge of Him. Each gift has a specific role in fulfilling the church's mission, which is why it's essential to embrace and execute them faithfully. Spiritual gifts are not merely for our benefit but are there to serve the larger mission of the church.

Our collective purpose is to advance God's kingdom, and it's through the varied gifts within the church that we achieve this mission. By recognizing and striving to fulfill each of our callings, we contribute to a harmonious and effective mission that reflects God's love to the world. Let's cherish each role and responsibility and encourage each other to grow and serve earnestly.

- Identify a moment when you felt your gifts were used to serve the church effectively.
- How can you further develop your gifts to better serve the mission of the church?
- Reflect on the interconnectedness of your gifts with those of others in your community.

- Pray for strength and guidance to fulfill your unique role in God's mission.
- Ask God to help you successfully work with others for His kingdom's purpose.