

How Do We Use Our Spiritual Gifts?

Quick Review:

- ❖ What are spiritual gifts? *“A spiritual gift is an ability freely given and enabled by the Spirit of God for the purpose of cultivating connected followers of Christ”*
 - 3 General Expressions > Prophetic gifts: Articulating **TRUTH** (communication); Priestly gifts: Applying **CARE** (compassion); Kingly gifts: Exercising **LEADERSHIP** (direction)
- ❖ Why do we have spiritual gifts?
 - To display the indwelling **POWER** of the Holy Spirit (*1 Cor. 12:4-7*); 2. To meet the **NEEDS** of our community of faith (*1 Cor. 12:7-11*); 3. To **BUILD UP** the body of Christ (*1 Cor. 14:12,26*); 4. To **GLORIFY** God (*1 Pet. 4:10-11*)
- ❖ How do we use our spiritual gifts? or “What posture, attitude, approach, demeanor is essential when we use our spiritual gifts?”
 - 1st Option=Worldly Abuse (Ephesians 4:17-20)
 - 2nd Option=Spiritual Use (Ephesians 4:11-16)

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds^[1] and teachers,^[2] to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,^[3] until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood,^[4] to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,^[5] so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.^[6] Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,^[7] from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

- ❖ Our Posture: **HUMILITY** (Phil. 2:5-11)
- ❖ Our Goal: **UNITY** (Eph. 4:13,16)
- ❖ Our Expression: **LOVE** (Eph. 4:15-16; 1 Cor. 13)
- ❖ Our Need: **MATURITY** (Eph. 4:12-13,15)
- ❖ Our Response: **OBEDIENCE** (Eph. 4:12,13,16)
- ❖ Tangible Examples @Fellowship!