



Session #12:
“What are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit?”
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Key Biblical Truths about Spiritual Gifts:

1. The Holy Spirit decides who gets which gift. The Holy Spirit knows exactly which gifts each of us should have, so together the body of Christ will prosper, and so that each of us will enjoy serving in the best way that the Lord made us.
2. Gifts are used in the power and under the direction of the Holy Spirit not in our human strength or wisdom. In this way we can do far more than each of us could do on our own and we do what the Lord desires us to do.
3. Every follower of Jesus has a gift so that all followers of Jesus are needed in the church. No one has more than a few gifts so that all have a part in the ministry of Christ.
4. No one gift is greater than any other. All are needed for the church to succeed. We succeed together or we fail together depending on how we use our gifts together.
5. Gifts are given for the common good of the body of Christ. They are not given for our own selfish uses.
6. When we use our spiritual gift and see how the Lord uses us, this brings us great joy, purpose, and reward in our lives.

A List of Spiritual Gifts Found in the Bible

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10 Spiritual Gifts of Leadership for the Church (Speaking Gifts):

1. Apostleship: ministering to and overseeing churches in larger regions, not just a local town or church like a pastor. (a pastor to pastors)
2. Prophecy: proclaiming God’s Truth so that people will hear, respond, and use it in their lives for any time; in the past, now and/or in the future.
3. Evangelism: presenting the Good News of Jesus Christ to unbelievers in such a clear and meaningful way that it calls for response.
4. Leading: directing a group of Jesus’ followers in a church with caring concern and insight into how they can best minister together.
5. Knowledge: to discover, collect, analyze, and organize information vital to individual believers or the entire church family so right decisions can be made.
6. Wisdom: taking appropriate knowledge and key facts and using them to make right decisions for the church and followers of Jesus.
7. Discernment: helping the church distinguish right from wrong, truth over false, and to know when a person or act is of God or not.

8. Teaching: helping to mature followers of Jesus in the truth of the Lord's Word so that they can understand and use it in their lives.
9. Pastoring: overseeing the spiritual lives of those in a particular local church and caring for their spiritual needs by teaching and guiding them toward maturity.
10. Administration: helping organize God's people to use their time, talents, and resources through purposeful and proficient teams for ministry and outreach.

14 Spiritual Gifts of Serving in the Church (Ministry Gifts):

1. Serving: caring for each other in practical ways with a helpful attitude.
2. Encouraging: coming alongside others in times of trial, trouble, or temptation to lift them up, and to motivate them in ministry with hopeful words and gestures.
3. Giving: generously giving to the church a God-given abundance of resources to promote the ministry and mission of the church.
4. Showing Mercy: generously sharing the kindness and grace of the Lord with those needing forgiveness and reconciliation in their lives and relationships.
5. Faith: helping to strengthen the faith of all members of the church, especially in difficult or uncertain times.
6. Healing: bringing relief to others who suffer physically, mentally, or emotionally.
7. Miracles: praying for and helping to enable supernatural occurrences that demonstrate the great glory of God.
8. Speaking in Different Tongues: uttering languages that are unknown to the speaker in a way that expresses worship and glory to God.
9. Interpretation of Tongues: translating the languages of those who speak in tongues so that a word from God can be heard from them.
10. Intercession: being able to pray for others faithfully and specifically for God's will.
11. Hospitality: welcoming and graciously serving guests or strangers.
12. Creative Ability: sharing about and worshiping the Lord through music, drama, graphic arts, writing, painting, sculpting, photography, dance, and more.
13. Celibacy: a valuable gift given so that individuals are free to serve the Lord without commitments to marriage.
14. Missions: the ability to adapt to a different culture to reach unbelievers with the Gospel and to help believers from that culture draw closer to the Lord.

* Major spiritual gift lists are found in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12 & Ephesians 4

Questions:

- Look over the list of spiritual gifts. Which gift seems to be one that you have been given by the Holy Spirit to use in ministry?
- Have you ever tried to use your spiritual gift? How did it go?
- In what type of ministry did you try to use your spiritual gift?
- If you have not tried to use your spiritual gift, what would help you to start doing so?
- How can we encourage each other to discover and use our spiritual gifts?

Pray for each other about what you have shared together to end your time.