



Session #14:
“How to Discover and Use Your Spiritual Gift”
Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Develop Your SHAPE:

Psalms 139:13-14 *“For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made...”*

S = Spiritual gifts.

H = Heart; the passions and desires that motivate us.

A = Abilities that complement the spiritual gifts so we can better accomplish our purpose.

P = Personality.

E = Experience gained from life situations.

Steps to Discover Your Spiritual Gift:

- 1) Educate yourself about the spiritual gifts.
- 2) Talk to other people who know you well.
- 3) Use one or two of them in a ministry experience.
- 4) Give yourself time to develop your gift.
- 5) Continue to improve your gift with training, mentoring, and experience.

4 Cautions about Spiritual Gifts:

- 1) Don’t use your gift without love! 1 Corinthians 13:1-4

“If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn’t love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God’s secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn’t love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn’t love others, I would have gained nothing.”

- 2) The Holy Spirit empowers the spiritual gifts within the followers of Jesus only to affirm and glorify Jesus. 1 Corinthians 12:3

“So I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit.”

- 3) We don’t choose which gifts we receive, as the Holy Spirit makes that choice for the betterment of the church and for our own good. 1 Corinthians 12:4,11

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all... It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.”

- 4) It is possible to be exercising a gift but still functioning with the power of the Holy Spirit.

5 Ways We Can Misuse Spiritual Gifts:

- 1) "Gift Glorification"
- 2) "Gift Denigration"
- 3) "Gift Universalization"
- 4) "Gift Individualization"
- 5) "Gift Wasting"

Questions:

- Which gifts do we overvalue in the church?
- Which gifts do we undervalue in the church?
- How have we misused our spiritual gifts?
- How can we learn to use our spiritual gifts more to the glory of God and the betterment of His people?
- How should we encourage others in the proper use of their spiritual gifts?