

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Release of the Spirit – Part 7

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1. Every Christian is gifted and needed by the church.

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with the strength and energy that God provides. Then everything that you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. – 1 Peter 4:10-11 NLT

2. Motivational spirit gifts define how God has wired us to think and act.

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophecy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. – Romans 12:6-8 NLT

- Prophecy
- Service
- Teaching
- Encouragement/Exhortation
- Giving
- Leadership
- Mercy/Kindness

3. “Manifestation” gifts are supernatural outpourings of God’s power on individuals.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God working. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. – 1 Cor. 12:4-11 NIV

- Message of wisdom
- Message of knowledge
- Faith

- Healing
- Miraculous powers
- Prophecy
- Distinguishing between spirits
- Tongues
- Interpreting tongues

4. Spiritual gifts should be expressed in submission, in order, and in a way that builds up.

When you meet together, each one has a psalm, a teaching, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. All these things must be done to build up the church. If some speak in a tongue, then let two or at the most three speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. However, if there is no interpreter, then they should keep quiet in the meeting. They should speak privately to themselves and to God. In the case of prophets, let two or three speak and have the rest evaluate what is said. And if some revelation comes to someone else who is sitting down, the first one should be quiet. You can all prophesy one at a time so that everyone can learn and be encouraged. The spirits of prophets are under the control of the prophets. God isn't a God of disorder but of peace.
 - 1 Corinthians 14:26-33 CEB

How Can I Discover My Spiritual Gifts?

1. Ask God to stir up His gifts in you and to grant you discernment.
2. Ask other trusted believers what gifts they see in you.
3. Serve! You discover your gifts as you use them.