



# What are Spiritual Gifts?

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# Jesus wants His Holy Spirit to fill you & flow from You

***John 7:38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” 39 By this he meant the Spirit, ...***



# Bible Scriptures about Spiritual Gifts

- The main places in the Bible where we learn about Spiritual Gifts are:
- [1 Corinthians 12-14](#)
- [Romans 12](#)
- [Ephesians 4](#)

# Biblical Summary about Spiritual Gifts

- From Scripture, we learn the following key information about Spiritual Gifts:
  - Every Christian has at least one Spiritual Gift ( [1 Peter 4:10](#) )
  - No Christian has all the gifts ( [1 Corinthians 12:28-30](#) )
  - We cannot choose our gifts; God does that job ( [1 Corinthians 12:7-11](#) )
  - There is no gift that every Christian possesses ( [1 Corinthians 12:29-30](#) )
  - Believers will account to the Lord for how they use their gifts ( [1 Peter 4:10](#) )
  - Spiritual Gifts indicate God's call and purpose for a Christian's life ( [Romans 12:2-8](#) )
  - Gifts used without love do not accomplish God's intended purposes ( [1 Corinthians 13:1-3](#) )
  - Spiritual Gifts are for the common good to build up the Body ( [1 Corinthians 12:27](#) )

# Biblical Guidelines for using Spiritual Gifts

- Usage of the gift(s) conforms to Biblical teaching ( [2 Timothy 3:16](#) ; [Romans 12](#) ; [1 Corinthians 12-14](#) ; [Ephesians 4](#) ; [1 Peter 4](#) )
- There is affirmation and positive feedback within the Body of Christ for the expression of the gift ( [1 Corinthians 12:7](#) ; [Ephesians 4:16](#) )
- There is agreement within the Body of Christ that the Holy Spirit is at work ( [1 John 4:1](#) ; [1 Thessalonians 5:21](#) )
- The Holy Spirit provides peace in our spirits as we offer our gift(s) to the Body of Christ ( [John 15:26](#) ; [Romans 8:16](#) )
- There is evidence of godly fruit in the life of the Body ( [John 15:8](#) ; [Matthew 7:16-20](#) )
- Believers offer their gifts for the common good as others have need ( [Acts 2:44-45](#) ; [1 Corinthians 12:7](#) )
- Unless gifts are offered in love, they have no worth ( [1 Corinthians 13:1-3](#) )
- We should strive to live a life worthy of our calling ( [Ephesians 4:1](#) )

## **What are Spiritual Gifts?**

- Spiritual Gifts are “God’s Gifts of Grace.”

## **Why do we study about Spiritual Gifts?**

- *1 Corinthians 12: 1 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.*

## Where in the Bible Do We Find Information About Spiritual Gifts?

- Romans 12
- 1 Corinthians 12-14
- Ephesians 4
- 1 Peter 4



# Who Gives Spiritual Gifts?

## **Father God –**

- *1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

## **Jesus –**

- *Ephesians 4:11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,*

## **Holy Spirit –**

- *1 Corinthians 12: 1 Now about the gifts of the Spirit,*
- *1 Corinthians 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ...*



# Who is a Gift Usually For?

- **NOT JUST FOR YOU**
- **YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFT IS FOR YOU & OTHERS.**



## Why does God give us Spiritual Gifts? (Purpose of SP Gifts):

*1 Peter 4:10-11 Each of you should use whatever gift you have **received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.** 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, **so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.** To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

- To Serve and Minister to Others! – TO MINISTER.
- To Praise and Glorify God – TO MAGNIFY.

*1 Corinthians 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

- Greek – symphérō = From 2 Greek words – With + Bear – “with you bear” – “carry together” –
- - SHARE THE MINISTRY OF GOD TOGETHER

## Why does God give us Spiritual Gifts? (Purpose of SP Gifts):

**Ephesians 4:11-13** So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, **12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity** in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and **become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.**

- To Equip his people for works of service -**TO SUPPLY.**
- So the body of Christ may be built up – **TO EDIFY.**
- Becoming unified in faith – **TO UNIFY.**
- Becoming mature like Christ – **TO SANCTIFY.**

# What Happens when I don't seek Spiritual Gifts? What happens when I choose not to use my Spiritual Gifts?

When each person uses their gifts, we all benefit.

- **If others don't use their gifts, then you get cheated.**
- **And if you don't use your gift, then they get cheated.**
- **An unopened gift is wasted.**
- *1 Timothy 4:14 Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.*
- *2 Tim 1:6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.*

**DISCOVER IT, OPEN IT, USE IT** – so the light of God may touch others.

- *1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

# List of Spiritual Gifts

## Romans 12:6-8

- **6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying [prophesy], let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is serving [serving], let him serve; if it is teaching [teaching], let him teach; 8 if it is encouraging [exhortation / encouraging], let him encourage; if it is contributing [giving] to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership [leadership], let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy [mercy / compassion], let him do it cheerfully. [NIV]**

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## 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

- **8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom [wisdom], to another the message of knowledge [knowledge] by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing [healing] by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers [working miracles], to another prophecy [prophecy], to another distinguishing between spirits [discernment], to another speaking in different kinds of tongues [tongues], and to still another the interpretation of tongues. [NIV]**

## 1 Corinthians 12:28

- **28 And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles [apostleship], second prophets [prophecy], third teachers [teaching], then workers of miracles [working miracles], also those having gifts of healing [healing], those able to help others [helps], those with gifts of administration [administration], and those speaking in different kinds of tongues [tongues]. [NIV]**

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## **Ephesians 4:11**

- **11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, [NIV]**

Rom 12:6-8

Prophecy

Teaching

Serving

Exhortation

Giving

Leadership

Compassion

1 Cor. 12:8-11

Prophecy

Healing

Working miracles

Tongues

Interp. of tongues

Word of Wisdom

Word of Knowledge

Faith

Discernment

1 Cor. 12 :28

Prophecy

Teaching

Healing

Working Miracles

Tongues

Interp. of tongues

Apostleship

Helps

Administration

Eph. 4:11

Prophecy

Teaching

Apostleship

Evangelism

Shepherding



## Other Possible Spiritual Gifts

- Hospitality [1 Peter 4:9-10]
- Craftsmanship [Exodus 31:3]
- Intercession [1 Timothy 2:1-2]
- Worship / Creative Communication [Psalm 150:3-5]
- Casting out Evil Spirits [Mark 6:13]



# Conclusion

- Some of these "gifts" are obviously Spiritual Gifts. Others are debatable. However, it is not particularly important whether a certain ability is a Spiritual Gift, a blessing from God, a God given talent, an inherited trait, a natural human ability, or something learned. The thing that is important is that we discover what Gifts are more pronounced in us and to learn how to use them to serve God. God is just as pleased when we use a learned ability to serve Him as He is when we use a Spiritual Gift to serve Him.
- The key is to discover our abilities (Spiritual Gifts and Talents) and learn to use them to Love, Worship, and Serve God.