



Holy Spirit

Understanding Spiritual Gifts

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While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." - Acts 19:1-2 NIV

GOD'S GIFTS

ETERNAL life.

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 6:23 ESV

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. - Ephesians 2:8 ESV

The **HOLY SPIRIT**.

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." - Acts 1:4-5 NIV

SPIRITUAL gifts.

*Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant.
- 1 Corinthians 12:1 NKJV*

*A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.
- 1 Corinthians 12:7 NLT*

A spiritual gift is a special **SUPERNATURAL** ability that God gives to each of His children, so that **TOGETHER** we can advance **HIS PURPOSES** in this world.

UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. **DISCOVER** the gifts God has for me.

*We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.
- Romans 12:6 NIV*

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well... all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. - Psalm 139:13-14,16 NIV

2. **DEVELOP** the gifts God has given me.

Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts. - 1 Corinthians 14:1 ESV

*For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you...
- 1 Timothy 1:6 ESV*

3. **DEPLOY** the gifts God has given me.

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. - 1 Peter 4:10 NLT

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- Jesus Christ
- His Community
- His Service
- His Mission

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Walk the Talk

A Small Group Guide

Read: Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; Ephesians 4:10-13
(Read out loud to the group all three passages first)

1. Have you ever felt God use you in one of these gifts mentioned in the three passages above?
2. How are these lists different from one another? How are they alike?
3. In practical ways how do you see them being used in the life of the church? In your own life?
4. Would you say all are “supernatural” gifts or simply some of them are? Why? How does the gifts in 1 Corinthians 12 seem to be very different from the others?
5. Do you think these are all the gifts God has to give someone or simply a sampling of them?
6. How does the material in the section above, called “God’s Gifts,” help you see the big picture of why gifts are for everyone?
7. Where do you find yourself in the process of discovering, developing, and deploying your spiritual gifts (see outline above)?