

# Spiritual Gifts

*1 Corinthians 12:7*

- Spiritual giftedness definition
  - *Spiritual gifts* are God given capacities for spiritual service supernaturally bestowed upon believers only
- Origen of the word
  - *Charismata* – “the gift of grace” or “free gift”
  - *Pneumatika* – “spiritualities” or “something from the Spirit”
- Different from talents
  - Talents come from natural birth
  - Gifts come from the second birth

**GENERAL**

- The Holy Spirit is the source – 1 Cor 12:11
- God is the source – 1 Cor 12:28
- All Christians have been given a special gift – 1 Pet 4:10
- Your spiritual gift is unique

## THE GIVING OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

## A Unique Spiritual Gift

"A believer's gifts can be an overlapping combination, taken in different proportions from the categories of gifts. ...

It is best to see a person's gift as a unique blend of the categories of giftedness, granted to that individual in connection with his or her traits and experiences and the needs of the church.

Each believer becomes as unique spiritually as his fingerprints are physically."

John MacArthur, The MacArthur N.T. Commentary, 1 Corinthians, pg. 291

# THE GIVING OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- For the common good – 1 Cor 12:7
- For the edification of the Church – 1 Cor 14:12
- Serving one another – 1 Pet 4:10
- The context of the giving of spiritual gifts
  - 1 Cor 11:18 Warnings against division in the church
  - 1 Cor 12:4-11 The Spiritual gifts given
  - 1 Cor 12:12-26 Body concept of the Church
  - 1 Cor 13 Love
  - 1 Cor 14 Tongues warning chapter
- Our gifts must be ministered in LOVE–1Cor 13:1-7

**MINISTRY & PURPOSE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

- The Number of Gifts (from 9-22)
  1. The lists are not identical
  2. Gifted people are appointed (not gifts) – Eph 4:11; 1 Cor 12:28
- Categories of gifts
  1. Nature – speaking, serving – 1 Pet 4:11
  2. Aspects – motivation, ministries, manifestations
  3. Duration – permanent or temporary

**A LOOK AT THE GIFTS**

## • Permanent Gifts

1. Prophecy – 1 Cor 14:3
2. Teaching
3. Faith
4. Wisdom
5. Knowledge
6. Discernment
7. Mercy
8. Exhortation
9. Giving
10. Administration/Leadership
11. Helps
12. Service

**A LOOK AT THE GIFTS**

- Temporary Gifts

1. Tongues / Interpretation
2. Healing
3. Miracles

- The Purpose

- Confirmation of the gospel - Heb 2:2-3
- Confirmation of the apostles - 2 Cor 12:12
- Attested to the deity of Christ - Acts 2:22

**A LOOK AT THE GIFTS**

## Recap of Spiritual Gifts

1. A gift from God
2. At the time of salvation
3. All Christians have a special gift
4. The gift is singular – a mixture or painting of gifts
5. We are exhorted to employ it in serving others, not ourselves
6. The purpose is the building up of the body of Christ
7. Permanent gifts are for today
8. Temporary gifts have passed away
9. The purpose of temporary gifts were:
  - Confirmation of the gospel - Heb 2:3-4
  - Confirmation of the apostles – 2 Cor 12:12
  - Attest to the deity of Christ – Acts 2:22
  - Tongues – a special sign gift

**A LOOK AT THE GIFTS**

- We should all be ministering in many gifted areas
  - Faith – 2 Cor 5:7
  - Wisdom – James 1:5
  - Knowledge – 2 Tim 2:15
  - Exhortation – Heb 10:25
  - Giving – 2 Cor 9:7
  - Care for one another – 1 Cor 12:25

**THE DISCOVERY OF YOUR GIFT**

- We should all be ministering in many gifted areas
- Finding your giftedness
  1. The Bible does not specifically say how
  2. Move out in faith – allow God to guide you in ministry
  3. Be obedient in the areas above, some may stand out
  4. Taking tests to determine giftedness is not of much value

**THE DISCOVERY OF YOUR GIFT**

## • Review

- We have all been uniquely gifted by God
- We must use our gift for the common good of the body of Christ
- Our gift will be useless if not exercised in love
- We use our gift to serve each other – building each other up

**APPLICATION**

- Review
- Exhortation to exercise your gift – Rom 12:6-8

“No child in the world could substitute for one of our own children

Neither are God’s children replaceable or the ministries He has given them replaceable

He has given no one the exact gift He has given us and He has given no one the exact ministry He has given us.

If we do not use our gift no one else will;  
If we do not fulfill our ministry it will not be fulfilled.”

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