

Why did the Lord give us spiritual gifts?

(Aka: What does the Lord want us to do with them?)

#1 – We are to use them FOR THE PROFIT OF ALL!

1 Corinthians 12:7 says, “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.”

#2 – We are to use them to BUILD UP (edify) the Body of Christ!

1 Corinthians 14:12 says, “Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.”

Ephesians 4:12 says the gifts are, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,”

#3 – So, are we using our gifts since the Lord gave them to us for the profit of all to equip and to edify people around us?

Romans 12:6a says, “6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them...”

1 Peter 4:10 says, “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

Question: Are we using our gifts to minister to each other or are we simply not using our gifts and hoarding them?

Spiritual Gifts in the Bible

		Verses in the following chapters					
Spiritual Gifts	Ministry / Activity (1)	I Cor 12	I Cor 14	Rom 12	Eph 4	Greek Word	Word meaning
Wisdom (word of)		8				sophia	wisdom, skill to apply knowledge
Knowledge (word of)		8				gnoskos	knowledge (thru experience), understanding
Faith		9, 28				pistis	faith, trust, assurance, belief
Gifts of Healings		9, 28, 30				iama	healing, remedy, cure, medicine
Working of Miracles	Activity	10, 28, 29				dunamis	miracle, power, might, strength
Prophecy	Ministry	10, 28, 29	1, 3, 22, 29	6	11	propheteia	speak divine truth, foretell
Discerning (of spirits)		10				diakrisis	discern, dispute, separate, distinguish, judge
Tongues (2)		10, 28, 30	2, 22, 27 & more			glossa	tongue, language, speech
Interpretation		10, 28, 30	13, 27			hermeneia	interpret, translate, explain
Teachers	Ministry	28, 29		7	11	didaskalos	teacher, master, instructor
Apostles	Ministry	28, 29			11	apostolos	messenger, sent one, delegate
Helps		28				antilepsis	help, support, relief
Administration		28				kubernesis	administration, navigation, general, government
Ministry	*			7		diakonia	ministry, service
Exhortation				8		parakaleo	urge, implore, exhort, encourage, comfort
Giving				8		metadidomi	share, give, impart
Leader				8		proistemi	lead, rule over, manage, superintend
Mercy				8		eleao	show mercy, have pity or compassion
Evangelists	Ministry				11	euaggelistes	evangelist, to bring good news
Pastors	Ministry				11	poimen	shepherd, pastor

(1) - Ministry gifts are ones that are aimed at particular ministry (*) callings. See this discussion in 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 & Ephesians 4:11-12.

(2) - Note that the word for tongues is the greek word "glossa" and is used throughout 1 Corinthians 12 & 14 and is used in Acts 2:3,4,11,26.

But, the word for tongues in Acts 2:8 is the greek word "dialektos", meaning discourse or dialect. This word applied to the people hearing.