

# FRAMES

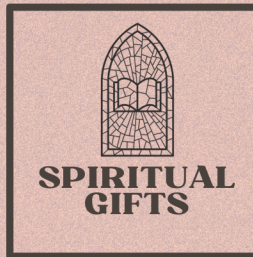
SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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## Foundation Verse

*Ephesians 2:10: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."*



## FRAME Questions:

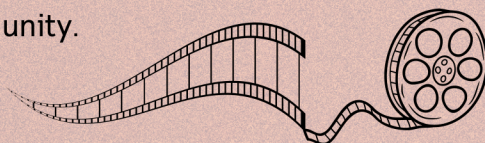
1. **What are Spiritual Gifts?**
2. **Why do we need to know about Spiritual Gifts?**
1. **Are Spiritual Gifts given to all believers?**
2. **What are the benefits of using your Spiritual Gifts?**

## OPENING IMAGE

*A Christmas Story* is a classic 1983 holiday film. Set in the 1940s, it follows the adventures of young Ralphie Parker as he dreams of receiving a arbine Action 200-shot Range Model air rifle--a BB gun



Ralphie is convinced that if only he had this toy, he would be able to protect and serve his family better. What I love about this movie is the emphasis at the end on the importance of family and the joy found in simple, cherished moments with each other. Similarly, in the Bible, spiritual gifts are often seen as divine endowments that individuals receive to serve and benefit the larger faith community.



What are spiritual gifts?

They are not natural talents.

Spiritual gifts are not personality traits.

They are not the same as the Fruit of the Spirit as found in Galatians 5:22.

## A Simple Definition

*"Spiritual gifts are special abilities God gives to Christ's followers to serve others."*

## Question #1

**How can you tell the difference between talents you're born with and special abilities given by God, as explained here?**

**Read**

**1 Co 12:8-10 &  
Romans 12:6-8**

The Bible talks about different spiritual gifts that Jesus' followers should use. These gifts are all important and come from the same Holy Spirit. They are meant to help people know God better and should be used to help other believers.



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**Some Spiritual Gifts Listed in the Bible Administration, Apostleship, Discernment, Evangelism, Exhortation, Faith, Giving, Helping, Healing, Knowledge, Hospitality, Leadership, Mercy, Pastoring, Service, Teaching, Wisdom, Prophecy, Tongues, Celibacy, Craftsmanship, Intercession.**



### Question #2

What are some other spiritual habits that you think might fall into the category of Spiritual disciplines? Which one of the habits that we shared do you do naturally? Which ones are harder for you to practice and why?

### Why do we need to know about Spiritual Gifts?

**1 Corinthians 12:1** *“Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.”*

We are expected to use them! Look at what Paul says further in **1 Timothy 4:14**, *“Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you”*

God has appointed us as managers of these gifts. *“Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God.” 1Pe 4:10*

### Question #3

What if every believer was using his or her spiritual gifts? What do you think the church would look like?

### What are the benefits of using your Spiritual Gifts?

**There is a personal benefit to using your Spiritual Gifts.**

*As you grow in your understanding of your gifts and what the Holy Spirit can do through you, your affection for Christ grows. You also mature in your awareness of people around you and the role God wants to play in their lives.*

**There is a benefit for the Body of Christ.**

*Using the gifts that the Holy Spirit gives us in the church helps us grow as individuals and feel fulfilled, but it also brings us together and strengthens our church. Everyone in the church has special talents and skills that God has given them to help everyone else.*

### Question #4

**What did you learn today about spiritual gifts? What spiritual gifts do you believe God has given you?**

### Application

Try this Spiritual Gifts Quiz

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