

## **Spiritual Gifts**

### **Faith**

#### **Overview**

Faith (pistis) is found in 1 Co. 12:9, 13:2. The key here is “the above normal” aspect of faith. All believers are to live and walk by faith, faith is also a part of the fruit of the Spirit. This faith sees beyond obstacles and distractions that would hinder the work of the local church.

NOTE: Some believe that this gift has ceased because it is found in a list of temporary sign gifts.

#### **Characteristics / Indicators of the Gift**

1. The ability to trust the promises of God in a remarkable way.
2. Absolute trust in communication with God.
3. The ability to encourage other believers in their personal faith.
4. Points out the work of God in order to encourage the faith of others.
5. The ability to discern how the Lord is moving.
6. Helps to correct a lack of faith in the body.
7. Sees the potential of God’s will.
8. Helps confirm God’s desirous will for the local church.
9. Points out the provisions of God for the church.
10. Sees how God will be glorified in all that He does.

#### **Areas of service**

Encourages other believers during difficult times. This person would be a great fit for a missions or building committee. Would help to provide future vision for the church.

#### **Potential Dangers**

1. A lack of patience with those whose faith is weak.
2. Recklessness in decision making (assuming).
3. A tendency to get “ahead” of God.