

The Gifts of The Holy Spirit as They Relate to The Church

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

1. What is a spiritual gift?

“A spiritual gift is any ability that is empowered by the Holy Spirit and used in any ministry of the church.” Wayne Grudem

2. What is the purpose of a spiritual gift?

“. Spiritual gifts are given to equip the church to carry out its ministry until Christ returns.” WG

I Cor 12:7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

14:26 Well, my brothers and sisters, let's summarize. When you meet together, one will sing, another will teach, another will tell some special revelation God has given, one will speak in tongues, and another will interpret what is said. **But everything that is done must strengthen all of you.**

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3. Gifts will vary among believers

I Cor 12:29-30 Are we all apostles? Are we all prophets? Are we all teachers? Do we all have the power to do miracles? ³⁰ Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the ability to speak in unknown languages? Do we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not!

4. What are the spiritual gifts?

Rom 12:6-8 By his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. ⁷ If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. ⁸ If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

I Cor 12:8-10 To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice^[a]; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge.^[b] ⁹ The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. ¹⁰ He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages,^[c] while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said.,

28_Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church:

first are apostles,
second are prophets,
third are teachers,
then those who do miracles,
those who have the gift of healing,
those who can help others,
those who have the gift of leadership,
those who speak in unknown languages.

Eph 4:11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.

I Peter 4:11 Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

Apostle

Prophet

Teacher

Miracles

Kinds of healings

Helps

Administration

Tongues

Word of wisdom

Word of knowledge

Faith

Distinguishing the spirits

Interpretation of tongues

Evangelist

Pastor-teacher

Serving

Encouraging

Contributing

Leadership

Mercy

5. How do I find out what my spiritual gift is?

--Ask yourself

What do I crave to do in the church?

How do I respond to moments of crisis and needs of others in the church?

What ministries of the church am I exploring?

--Ask others

What are wise believers saying about my abilities?

--Ask God

James 1:5

6. Gifts are generally permanent

-The function of body parts does not change over time.

I Cor 12:12 The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ.

-NT leaders were identified by their gifts.

I Tim 4:14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you.