

WHAT IS MY SPIRITUAL GIFT?  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (NIV)

- ❖ A Spiritual Gift is a God-given ABILITY used to serve or strengthen the Body of Christ.
- ❖ There are SEVERAL lists of Spiritual Gifts in Scripture. (1 Corinthians 12:8-10, Romans 12:6-8, 1 Peter 4:9-11)

*To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,<sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,<sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.*

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 (NIV)

*We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;<sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;<sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,<sup>1</sup> do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."*

Romans 12:6-8 (NIV)

*Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.<sup>10</sup> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.<sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

1 Peter 4:9-11 (NIV)

- ❖ Every believer has at least ONE gift, but no believer has ALL of the gifts. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.<sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.<sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.<sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (NIV)

- ❖ The Holy Spirit CHOOSES your gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:11)

*All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.*

1 Corinthians 12:11 (NIV)

- ❖ Although you may have particular gifts, that doesn't mean you should NEGLECT the things every believer should do.
- ❖ What are CHARISMATIC gifts? (1 Corinthians 14:13-17, 33)

*For this reason the one who speaks in a tongue should pray that they may interpret what they say. <sup>14</sup> For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding. <sup>16</sup> Otherwise when you are praising God in the Spirit, how can someone else, who is now put in the position of an inquirer, say "Amen" to your thanksgiving, since they do not know what you are saying? <sup>17</sup> You are giving thanks well enough, but no one else is edified... <sup>33</sup> For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord's people.*

1 Corinthians 14:13-17, 33 (NIV)

- ❖ So, how can I DISCOVER my Spiritual Gift? By USING it! (1 Peter 4:10)

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1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)