

# The Practice of Spiritual Gifts in the Local Church (3)

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    - 1. The Source of the Gifts (12:4)
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        - 1) The Gifts (12:4a)
          - varieties                      apportionment or division; allotment
          - gift (*charisma*)              favor bestowed, a free gift, a gift graciously given
        - 2) The Spirit (12:4b)
    - 2. The Purpose of the Gifts (12:5)
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      - b. The Meaning of This Statement
        - ministries              service, religious service
    - 3. The Accomplishment of the Gifts (12:6)
      - effects              an action accomplished, a work done
    - 4. The Summary (12:7)

A Talent:

a human ability developed, learned, or acquired either consciously or unconsciously through one's physical and mental maturation and interaction with others, whose results are explicable through human categories.

A Gift:

the result of the work of the Holy Spirit at the time of regeneration and is a special ability graciously granted to the believer in a particular area of encouragement to the church.