



Message Series Guide

Imperfect Church – I Corinthians

Part 19 – Spiritual Gifts

I Corinthians 12:1-11

Spiritual gifts are something every believer is given when they receive the gift of salvation. We don't choose our gift(s), and we don't earn our gift(s). Our spiritual gift(s) are the equipment God gives us to do what He asks us to do. He will never ask us to do something He hasn't already equipped us to do. Our spiritual gifts(s) are not for our own benefit. They are given to us to serve other people and build up the Body of Christ. When you use your spiritual gift, it blesses others in the Body. When others in the Body use their spiritual gift, it blesses you. It's like a puzzle. If one piece is missing, the picture is not complete. When we develop and use our spiritual gift(s), we all experience the blessing of unity and peace in Christ.

READ:

I Corinthians 12:1-11 • Romans 12:6-8 • Ephesians 4:11-16 • I Peter 4:9-10

- Why did Paul write to the Corinthian church about spiritual gifts? What is the only way a person can say, "Jesus is Lord"?
- What are spiritual gifts? Are spiritual gifts the same as special talents and skills? Why or why not? Can anything be considered a spiritual gift (i.e. singing ability, computer skills, artistic aptitude, etc.)
- Where do spiritual gifts come from? Who determines how the gifts are distributed?
- Who receives spiritual gifts?
- What is the purpose of spiritual gifts? What are we to use them for?
- What is the "word of wisdom"? How would one use this gift? Is it still alive today?
- What is the "word of knowledge"? How is it different than "word of wisdom"? How would one use this gift? Is it still alive today?
- What is the gift of "faith"? Does every believer have the gift of faith? Why or why not? How would one use the gift of faith?
- What is the "gift of healing"? How would one use the gift of healing today?
- What is the "working of miracles"? How would one use this gift today?

DISCUSS:

- Why is it important for believers to discover their spiritual gift(s)?
- Do you know your spiritual gift(s)? If yes, discuss them with the group. If not, see "Respond" below.
- What should we do to ensure that we are using our spiritual gift(s) for the building up of the Body?
- If you know your spiritual gift(s), how are you developing your gift(s) daily?
- Do you see the connection between how God has gifted you and how you can influence your world? In what ways are you using your gifts to influence your world?
- Share an experience when you operated in your spiritual gifting. What was the result?

PRAY:

Pray that you would continue to develop and use your spiritual gifts to build up the Body of Christ.

RESPOND: If you've never discovered your spiritual gifts, consider the free resources below.

Spiritual Gift Tests: <https://spiritualgiftstest.com/>

Lifeway Spiritual Gift Assessment: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/bhpub/edoc/DOC-Spiritual-Gifts-Survey.pdf>

SHAPE Spiritual Gift Assessment: <http://www.sbpcshape.org/>