

Many Gifts from the One Spirit

Various Scriptures

Preliminaries

- Every believer has been given the Spirit
- The Christian life is impossible without the Spirit

A Brief Review

- Church life is impossible without the Spirit
 - The mission can only be accomplished by supernatural means
 - So every believer has been given a gift by the Spirit for use in the local church
- Spiritual gifts are gifts of grace, exercised thru faith, for the building up of the church through equipping, promoting unity, and expressing love

A Variety of Gifts

- Including gifts of speaking and of servicing
- Certain revelatory gifts no longer function in the same way as they did in the New Testament

A Preview of Things to Come

- Through the Spirit, every believer has a role in the church that contributes to God's eternal plan

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For Life Group Discussion

Various Scriptures

1. What do you already know about spiritual gifts? What has been your experience, especially with the "sign" gifts like miracles, healing, tongues and prophecy?
2. What foundational truths about the Christian life and the church must we remember in any discussion about spiritual gifts?
3. Read the definition of spiritual gifts on the front of this note sheet. What stands out to you? Anything surprising or unexpected?
4. Read 1 Cor 12:4-11, 27-28; Rom 12:6-8; and Eph 4:11. How many gifts do you count? Do you think any of them overlap? Which ones do you have questions about? Do you know what your gifts are?
5. Did you already know the contemporary function of some gifts is controversial? Was the discussion of the controversy helpful or distracting? What questions were you left with?
6. Have you ever stopped to consider that the Holy Spirit has specifically gifted you to play a role in God's eternal purposes through the church? What does that mean to you?

For further study

"Spiritual Gifts: What they are & why they matter" Thomas Schreiner

Our Statement of Faith: <https://pbefchurch.com/statement-of-faith>

EFCA doctrinal position on Spiritual Gifts: <https://national.office.ministries.efca.org/theological-faq>