

**Lord Open My Heart**  
**The Gifts of the Spirit - Part 1**  
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**Text: I Corinthians 12:1 (NLT)**

**Note:** Three things Paul does not want Christians to be ignorant of:

- a. **God's plan for Israel** (Romans 11:25)
  - b. The **Second** Coming (I Thessalonians 4:13)
  - c. Spiritual Gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:1)
1. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit point to Jesus.

**John 15:26 (NIV)**

2. The Gifts are intended for every believer.

**Luke 11:13 (NIV)**

**A. The Holy Spirit gives Guidance.**

**Key Text #1 – Acts 16:6-12 (NIV)**

**Key Text #2 – Acts 16:13-15 (NIV)**

1. The Holy Spirit **SPEAKS TO** and **GUIDES** believers!

**Acts 16:6-7 (NIV)**

2. **Quote:** “Not only are the **STEPS** of righteous man ordered of God...but so are his **STOPS!** - Tim Dilella (Times Square Church)
3. The Holy Spirit not only gives direction, He will make His plans for your life come together.

### **Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)**

4. Guidance comes from the: 1. The WORD of God...and (2. The SPIRIT OF GOD!

### **John 15:16 (NIV)**

### **Acts 13:2 (NIV)**

**Note:** “Paul’s plans were good...**IT EVEN LINED UP WITH** scripture (Matthew 28:19-20 “Go into all the world...”) **BUT IT WASN’T GOD’S TIMING...**!

5. “God had a bigger plan...that involved a **SMALLER GROUP OF PEOPLE!**”

### **B. The Holy Spirit OPENS HEARTS to believe in Jesus!**

### **John 6:44 (NIV)**

1. The Holy Spirit speaks to your heart...(conviction).
2. The inner draw...that is the Holy Spirit.

### **I Corinthians 12:3 (NIV)**

3. “The same voice that tells us we’ve **SINNED** is the same voice that tells us we are **SAVED!**”

### **Romans 8:16 (NIV)**

### **C. The Lord opens the heart.**

## **Acts 16:14 (NIV)**

1. The Lord opened Lydia's heart.
2. Lydia, becomes the first recorded European convert to Christianity and a major.

Conclusions: "Even though ON PAPER...Paul's plan made sense...GOD HAD A better plan...

**(1)** To reach a seemingly insignificant group of women...

**(2)** One of whom was an OUTSIDER (**Gentile**) who was simply ready to RESPOND TO A TRUTH SHE DID NOT KNOW...BUT WAS READY TO RECEIVE!"

### **Next steps: Today:**

1. I am committing or recommitting my life to Christ.
2. I am asking God for His direction in my life.
3. I am asking God to fill me with the Holy Spirit.
4. I am hungry for more of God's touch on my life.