



Part 3

Being Filled

People often wonder if Life Words Church is "charismatic," and the answer is: "Yes! But probably not in the way they're thinking." We don't use that term to describe ourselves very often because of the baggage that it sometimes carries in people's minds. Being "charismatic" is not about handling "snakes and stuff," or racing up and down the aisles shouting. Instead, it is a term used to describe someone who has embraced their "spiritual gifts," or "divine enablement." Charismatics aren't people who are crazy in church, they're people who believe that the Holy Spirit is still living and working in the lives of people today! God created each of us with a purpose, and He has given us the gifts we need in order to do the work that He is calling us to do.

So how do we understand our spiritual gifts? First, we have to discover how God has uniquely equipped us. How we are made reveals our destiny. Once we have discovered our gifts, we can begin to develop them! We are called in 2 Timothy 1:6 to "fan into flame the gifts of God which are in you..." Embrace the beautiful truth that God created and equipped each of us on purpose, and that He believes in us. Once we do, we can start using our gifts to make a difference in the lives of others. There is nothing more fulfilling than living out your God given purpose!

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." - Acts 19:1-7

Discussion Questions

- Life Words believes that someone who is truly "charismatic" has embraced their spiritual gifts. We believe God gifted and designed each of us in different ways. Share your spiritual gifts. How are you using these gifts to fulfill your purpose?
- Pastor Tré encouraged us to develop the gifts God has given us, and to eagerly desire all spiritual gifts. Discuss why you believe that this is important, and what will happen if we embrace God's gifts instead of trying to make our own way.
- Life Words exists to help you experience life by taking you on a spiritual journey to know God, find freedom, discover your purpose, and make a difference. Once you are living out your God given purpose, you will be able to say, "I was made for this." Do you know what you were made for? If so, tell the world about it!

Prayer Focus

Pray that God would reveal the gifts that He has given you, and the purposes for which He has created you. Ask the Lord to show you how you can start using your spiritual gifts. Ask to be humble, secure, and strong as you pursue everything that God has for you.

Next Steps

If you haven't discovered your spiritual gifts yet, or if it has been a long time since you took a spiritual gifts assessment, come to Step Two of the Growth Track. Growth Track is offered to new and existing member each month. Begin to identify areas where you can use your God-given abilities to make an impact on the lives of others. Get involved and live out your purpose!

Leader Tip

Identify and develop leaders within your small group. Pointing out potential in them will not only help put their gifts into action, but also encourages and empowers them to lead their own small group next semester.