

Worship with us in the Word

God's Body-Building Gifts for His Church

Spiritual Gifts and Me

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Spiritual Gifts: *"A God-given capacity for service given to every true Christian and is something that each did not possess before he became a Christian"* (Ray Stedman, *Body Life*, 1972, p. 39)

The Principle: Diversity & Unity; Variety & Harmony

The Picture:

- Romans 12:3-5
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

The Priority for You:

The Potential Problem:

If God's primary means of gracing His people is through the practicing of spiritual gifts, what are the implications of believers who refuse to exercise their gifts for the benefit of the body?

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The Prescription: Learn where and how God uses you.

- Start with a question:
- Start a conversation:
- Start by reviewing the Scripture:
- Start somewhere:

Spiritual Gifts & Common Characteristics

- Administration** Servant leaders; often keeping the big picture in mind while identifying the right elements to accomplish the purpose; manages people and resources well; their efforts are effective and organized
- Exhortation** To come alongside; personal use of God's Word; sometimes for comfort, sometimes to challenge
- Evangelism** Shares the Gospel often, but with greater results; leads people to Christ often; able to equip others to share their faith
- Pastoring** Ministers to spiritual needs of people; protects and nourishes those being shepherded (individuals or groups), includes feeding others biblical truth and guiding them in applying biblical truth
- Teaching** Explains truth (in one-on-one or formal settings) and fulfilled by the teaching process; learners understand and respond well
- Serving** Willing to put aside personal position in order to meet the needs of others; includes spiritual, physical, or practical areas
- Helping** Aiding or assisting; see a need and jump in to fill it; not concerned with recognition or even gratitude; the size of the need is less important than the need itself
- Mercy** Extending compassion & forbearance; sensitive in times of physical distress or loss; desire to eliminate suffering; generally loved by many, not always visible, generally effective in one-on-one settings or ministering to a need within a single family unit
- Giving** Easily gives of personal resources for kingdom purposes; examples of giving; not concerned with what can be personally kept regardless of their current economic level; may see needs others miss

Spiritual Gifts & Ministry Opportunities

Note: A **Spiritual Gifts Inventory** tool is online at www.TeamMinistry.com

Administration	Awana commander or club director, ministry team leader, youth group coordinator, Adult Bible Fellowship class leader, outreach event coordinator
Exhortation	Counseling, discipleship, encouragement, deacon, Impact studies or core studies leader, Sunday School or Adult Bible Fellowship teacher, youth group mentor, jail ministry, worship team member
Evangelism	Visitor follow-up, evangelism team, Awana, missions, evangelism training, Awana leader, short-term missions, door greeter
Teaching	Explains truth (one-on-one or formal settings) fulfilled by the teaching process; learners understand and respond well
Serving	Deacon, trustee, kitchen committee, worship team member, door greeter, Adult Bible Fellowship teacher, social event coordinator, sound/video team, Awana leader, media communications, nursery, youth leader, home hospitality & lodging of guests
Helping	Building & grounds work projects, event set-up and clean up, greeting, ABF activities organization, video/sound, volunteer office worker, safety team member, trustee, seasonal decorating, <i>Journey Through Bethlehem</i> event, Christmas Tea
Mercy	Care of widows and widowers, the sick, the bereaved; nursery, children's worker; usher; greeter; shut-in home ministry, short term missions team
Giving	Hospitality, meals, special needs, monetary and other gifts, deacon, deaconess, trustee
Pastor/Shepherd	Small group studies, one-on-one discipleship, youth group mentor, deacon, counseling ministry