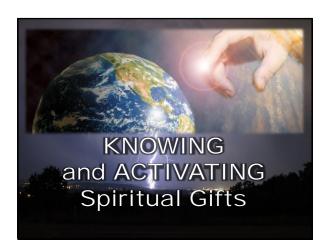


What is the greatest gift you ever received?



1 Corinthians 12:4-6

There are <u>different kinds</u> of spiritual gifts, but the <u>same Spirit gives them</u>. There are <u>different ways of serving</u>, but the <u>same Lord is served</u>. There are <u>different abilities</u> to perform service, but the <u>same God gives ability</u> to all for their particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

There are different spiritual gifts for different ways of serving God (diversity)

It is God who gives ability through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit





For the unity of the Body of Christ. The Spirit unites all believers.

1 Corinthians 12:13-14- For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body-whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free-and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Now the body is not made up of one part but of many.

For the edification and building-up of the Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:7 - Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

For the empowerment of believers for service

Zecariah 4:6 - So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.

For evangelism and witnessing. They give confirmation to the Gospel.

Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Romans 12:4-8	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	1 Corinthians 12:27-30	Ephesians 4:7-12
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Serving	Healing	Healing	Teaching
Teaching	Miracles	Teaching	Evangelism
Exhortation	Tongues	Miracles	Pastoring
Giving	Interpretation	Tongues	Apostleship
Leadership	Wisdom	Interpretation	
Compassion	Knowledge	Apostleship	
	Faith	Helps	
	Discernment	Administration	

Administration is a gift of advice and organization of people's talents and gifts (Proverbs 24:6, 11:14)

Apostleship is the ability to communicate across cultural barriers and plant churches where there is no knowledge of the gospel ("apostolos" means a "sent one", or "a messenger", a Missionary)

Compassion/Mercy provides a supportive ministry of caring and intercessory prayer.

Discernment is the heightened ability to determine whether the source behind the teaching, problem, or action is divine, merely human, or satanic.

Evangelism is a special ability to lead unconverted persons to a saving knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Exhortation is the gift of being able to encourage others by well-timed and wise counsel. Also called the gift of Counseling, or the gift of Encouragement.

Faith as a gift is an extraordinary confidence in God that is unshakable by situations, pain, apparent failure, or ridicule.

Giving empowers one in a sensitive way to detect material or financial needs and meet those needs with Spirit inspired generosity.

Healing is a "sign gift" which enables one to function as an instrument of God's healing grace in the lives of hurting people.

Helps enables one to assist people in skilled ways that are supernaturally enhanced by the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Knowledge is an ability to remember Scripture or have it supernatural quickened, or to know a fact or truth about a person or situation revealed directly by the Holy Spirit.

Wisdom is special illumination that enables one in a specific instance to grasp divine insight regarding a fact, situation, or context.

Leadership is the ability to go first and lead by example, so that others are motivated to follow (1 Corinthians 11:1)

Miracles is another "sign gift" where the gifted person is able to cast out demons, show a supernatural sign to unbelievers, or perform a public healing Pastoring is a special passion and empowering to lead people into green pastures, steer others away from danger, fight off predators, and bind up wounds.

Prophecy/Preaching is speaking what God wants said with clarity, creativity, and power, confront people with the truth about God and man--with conviction and repentance as the result.

Serving is a gift which expresses the love of Christ by taking care of lowly or time-consuming tasks (menial) to allow others to be more effective ministers.

Teaching is the ability to understand and communicate the Christian faith so as to make the truth clear to others. The result of this gift is the equipping and maturing of others in the body of Christ.

Tongues enable some Christians (1 Cor. 12:30) to praise God either in another language not learned (Acts 2) or in ecstatic utterance which is not an earthly language (1 Cor 14).

Interpretation of Tongues is required if speaking in tongues is exercised publicly in a loud voice.

Spiritual gifts should direct people to God, not to man

Acts 8:18-20

When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!

1 Corinthians 12:29-13:1

"...Not everyone has the power to work miracles or to heal diseases or to speak in strange tongues or to explain what is said. Set your hearts, then, on the more important gifts. Best of all, however, is the following way. I may be able to speak the languages of human beings and even of angels, but if I have no love, my speech is no more than a noisy gong or a clanging bell.

Cultivate LOVE in your heart more than aspiring for spiritual gifts













Mark 16:17-18

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

COMMIT yourself to Lord's work. Be AVAILABLE.

1 Corinthians 15:57

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! So then, my dear friends, stand firm and steady. Keep busy always in your work for the Lord, since you know that nothing you do in the Lord's service is ever useless.



Luke 11:11,13

For those who ask will receive, and those who seek will find, and the door will be opened to anyone who knocks...As bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"



2 Timothy 1:6

For this reason I remind you to <u>fan</u> <u>into flame the gift of God</u>, which is in you through the laying on <u>of</u> my hands.



Luke 3:16

So John said to all of them, "I baptize you with water, but someone is coming who is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

