

Spiritual Gifts 8—Your Gifts

I. Introduction.

- A. **What “spiritual Gifts” do you desire most, why?**
- B. **What do you think is the most important use of your sGs?**

II. Scripture.

- A. **Rom. 12:1-8. Rom. 12:9-10**—⁹“Let **love** be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. ¹⁰Be **kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.**”
- B. **1Co. 12:1-14:40. 1Co. 12:31-13:1**—³¹“But **covet earnestly the best gifts; and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.** ¹Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not **charity**, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.”
- C. **Eph. 4:7-16. Eph. 4:1-6, 32**—¹“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye **walk worthy** of the vocation wherewith ye are called, ²With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, **forbearing one another in love;** ³Endeavouring to **keep the unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace. ⁴There is **one body, and one Spirit**, even as ye are called in **one hope** of your calling; ⁵**One Lord, one faith, one baptism,** ⁶**One God** and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. ³²And **be ye kind** one to another, **tenderhearted, forgiving** one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.”
- D. **1Pe. 4:7-11. 1Pe. 4:1, 8-9**—¹“Forasmuch then as **Christ hath suffered for us** in the flesh, **arm yourselves likewise with the same mind; for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin.** ⁸And **above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.** ⁹Use **hospitality** one to another without grudging.”
- E. **The number of spiritual Gifts.**
- F. **The 19 Spiritual Gifts.** Quickly rate yourself below or use this summary [Spiritual Gift \(self-assessment\)](#).

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| | <p style="text-align: center;">Apostle (<i>1Co. 12:28-29; 2Co. 12:12; Eph. 4:11</i>)</p> <p>Jesus sent eye-witnesses, given miraculous authority and power, to help foundationally build God's church on Christ.</p> <p>ἀπόστολος (apostolos; ap-os'-tol-os)-"a delegate; specifically an ambassador of the Gospel; officially a commissioner of Christ ("<i>apostle</i>"), (with miraculous powers):- apostle, messenger, he that is sent." 83 times (Apostle/s/ship).</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Discernment (<i>1Co. 12:10</i>)</p> <p>Spiritual insight to rightly judge (distinguish, prioritize, and decide) truth, morality, and intention with spiritual accuracy.</p> <p>Διάκρισις (diakrisis; dee-ak'-ree-sis)-"judicial estimation: -discern (-ing), disputation." 3 times (discern/ing).</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Evangelist (<i>Eph. 4:11</i>)</p> <p>A passionate preacher of the gospel (with joy and success).</p> <p>εὐαγγελιστής (euaggelistēs; yoo-ang-ghel-is-tace')- "a preacher of the gospel:- evangelist." 3 times (evangelist/s).</p> |

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| | <p style="text-align: center;">Exhortation (<i>Rom. 12:8</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strongly calling one near to rebuke, counsel, encourage, or motivate to do what is right.</p> <hr/> <p>Παρακαλέω (parakaleō; par-ak-al-eh'-o)-"to call near, that is, invite, invoke (by imploration, hortation or consolation): - beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhort (-ation), intreat, pray." 31 times (Exhort/eth/ation/ing).</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Faith (<i>1Co. 12:9; 13:2</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Complete continued confidence and trust, persuaded and assured (without full proof) of God, Scripture, and the gospel.</p> <hr/> <p>Πίστις (pistis; pis'-tis)-"persuasion, that is, credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly constancy in such profession; by extension the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity." 247 times (faith; only 2 in OT); 197 times (belief/ve/veth/ving).</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Giving (<i>Rom. 12:8</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">One who delights to generously and selflessly give or share with others, without concern of reciprocity.</p> <hr/> <p>Μεταδίδωμι (metadidōmi; met-ad-id'-o-mee)-"to give over, that is, share: -give, impart." 1,043 times (give/ivg/eth).</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Governing or Ruling (<i>Rom. 12:8; 1Co. 12:28</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Standing before, presiding, leading, directing, governing, and helping effectively oversee the church, or other entity.</p> <hr/> <p>Κυβέρνησις (kubernēsis; koo-ber'-nay-sis)-"pilotage, that is, (figuratively) directorship (in the church): - government." προιστημι (proistēmi; pro-is'-tay-mee)-"to stand before, that is, (in rank) to preside, or (by implication) to practice: - maintain, be over, rule." 9 times (govern/ment/ments) and 84 times (rule/eth/ing).</p> |

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| | <p style="text-align: center;">Healing(s) (<i>1Co. 12:9, 28, 30</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Miraculously heal, cure, or restore to full health.</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">ἴαμα (iama; ee'-am-ah)-"a cure (the effect):- healing." 55 times (heal/eth/ing/ings).</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Hospitality (<i>Rom. 12:13; 1Pe. 4:9</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Enjoys generously loving Christians and strangers (often with food, drink, lodging, and/or entertainment).</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Φιλονεξία (philonexia; fil-on-ex-ee'-ah)-"hospitableness:- entertain strangers, hospitality." 4 times.</p> |

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| | <p style="text-align: center;">Interpretation of Tongues (<i>1Co. 12:10, 30; 14:5, 13, 26-27</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Miraculously interprets or translates what someone said (without prior training of an unknown/foreign language).</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">ἑρμηνεία (hermeneia; her-may-ni'-ah)-"translation:- interpretation." Διερμηνεύω (diermēneuō; dee-er-main-yoo'-o)-"to explain thoroughly; by implication to translate:- expound, interpret." 56 times (interpret/ation/ations).</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Knowledge (<i>1Co. 12:8; 13:2, 8; 14:6</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Knowing facts, info, or specific science (knowledge from the Spirit).</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">γνώσις (gnōsis; gno'-sis)-"knowing (the act), that is, (by implication) knowledge: - knowledge, science." 173 times.</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Mercy (<i>Rom. 12:8</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tenderly withholding judgment, giving pity, forgiving, being compassionate.</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">ἐλεέω (eleeō; el-eh-eh'-o)-" to compassionate (by word or deed, specifically by divine grace): - have compassion (pity on), have (obtain, receive, show) mercy (on)." 31 times, 316 times (mercy/iful).</p> |

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| | <p data-bbox="467 310 1235 344">Ministry / Administrations / Helps / Service</p> <p data-bbox="516 352 1187 386"><i>(Rom. 12:7; 1Co. 12:5, 28; 1Pe. 4:11)</i></p> <p data-bbox="375 394 1328 464">Finds fulfillment serving, administering, helping, and ministering relief or aid to others (informally or as deacon).</p> <hr/> <p data-bbox="354 485 1349 709">Διακονία (diakonia; dee-ak-on-ee'-ah)-"attendance (as a servant, etc.); figuratively (eleemosynary) aid, (official) service (especially of the Christian teacher, or technically of the diaconate): - (ad-) minister (-ing, -tration, -try), office, relief, service (-ing)." ἀντιληψις (antilepsis; an-til'-ape-sis)-"relief:- help." 31 times (ministry/istering).</p> |
| | <p data-bbox="776 768 927 802">Miracles</p> <p data-bbox="678 810 1024 844"><i>(1Co. 12:10, 28-29)</i></p> <p data-bbox="440 852 1263 921">Miraculous power to do mighty supernatural things (unexplainable by natural/scientific laws).</p> <hr/> <p data-bbox="375 942 1328 1167">Δύναμις (dunamis; doo'-nam-is)-"force (literally or figuratively); specifically miraculous power (usually by implication a miracle itself): - ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work." 37 times (miracle/s).</p> |

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| | <p style="text-align: center;">Pastoring / Speaking (<i>Eph. 4:11</i>) / (<i>1Pe. 4:11</i>)</p> <p>Pastor/minister/shepherd/overseer/preacher of God's Word with authority (often ordained) for care of a local church.</p> <p>Ποιμήν (poimēn; poy-mane)-"a shepherd (literally or figuratively):- shepherd, pastor." 9 times (Pastor/s), only once in NT (<i>Eph. 4:11</i>). Λαλέω (laleó; lal-eh'-o)-"a prolonger form of an otherwise obsolete verb; to talk; that is, utter words:- preach, say, speak (after), talk, tell, utter." 295 times.</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Teaching (<i>Rom. 12:7; 1Co. 12:28-29; Eph. 4:11</i>)</p> <p>Learns, teaches, instructs, and helps others to acquire knowledge, competencies, values, and skills.</p> <p>Διδάσκω (didaskō; did-as'-ko)- "A prolonged (causative) form of a primary verb δάω daō (to learn); to teach (in the same broad application):-teach." 156 times (Teach/er/eth/ing).</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Prophecy (<i>Rom. 12:6; 1Co. 12:10, 28-29; 14:1-6, 29-32, 37, 39</i>)</p> <p>Miraculously inspired speaker foretelling, predicting, or prophesying a specific thing that will occur in the future.</p> <p>Προφητεία (prophēteia; prof-ay-ti'-ah)—"prediction (Scriptural or other):-prophecy, prophesying." 119 times (prophecy/ies/sy/sying).</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Tongues (<i>1Co. 12:10, 28, 30; 13:1; 14:1-40</i>)</p> <p>Miraculously speaking a different (foreign) language (previously unknown).</p> <p>γλώσσα (glōssa; gloce'-sah)-"Of uncertain affinity; the tongue; by implication a language (specifically one naturally unacquired):- tongue." 165 times (tongue/s).</p> |

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| | <p style="text-align: center;">Wisdom (<i>1Co. 12:8</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Skillful application of truth (knowledge and understanding) for sound moral decision-making and righteous living.</p> <hr/> <p>Σοφία (Sophia; sof-ee'-ah)-"wisdom (higher or lower, worldly or spiritual):- wisdom;" 51 times. 495 times wise/ly/dom.</p> |

III. Application.

- A. Does **everything** we have **come from God? Should we develop, grow, and invest what we have been given in the church and in those around us?**

- B. What has **God gifted you the most to love** others best?

- C. Is it the **best investment of your time and abilities to focus your service** where **you are not gifted?** Why/Why not?

- D. How can you **use your best gifts more lovingly for God and His Church?**

- E. Should all of us be **100% serving the Lord** with all our gifts **in the church** and **wherever God calls us to serve?**

- F. Tell someone next to you **what your top spiritual gifts are.** Ask them how **they think you could best use those gifts in the church,** and the lives of **those close to you?**

- G. **What gifts should you be using more,** and how do you think God would want you **to better use your gifts for Him?**