

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Definition: *A supernatural ability given by God to enable every believer to serve the common good of the body of Christ and reveal Christ to the world.*

Speaking Gifts:

Apostleship (Eph. 4:11; I Cor. 12:28) The ability to exercise authority in planting and/or overseeing new churches and Christian ministries, oftentimes in another cultural context

Prophecy (Rom. 12:6; I Cor. 12:10,28; 14:1ff,-Eph.4:11) The ability to proclaim the Word of God with clarity and apply it to a particular situation with a view toward correction or edification.

Evangelism (Eph. 4:11) The ability to proclaim the good news of salvation effectively so that people respond to the claims of Christ in true conversion.

Shepherding (Pastor/Teacher - Eph. 4:12) The ability to tend the flock of God and care for its well being, leading them by precept and example, in the path of Christian faith and life.

Teaching (Rom. 12:7; I Cor. 12:29) The ability to explain clearly and apply effectively the truth of the Word of God in a way that leads to learning and retention.

Knowledge (I Cor. 12:8) The ability to search, systematize, and summarize the teachings of God's Word and acquire deep insight into divine truth.

Wisdom (1 Cor. 12:8) the ability to take Biblical truths and use them to make discerning applications to practical questions in the lives of individual's and in the life of the church

Discernment (I Cor. 12:10) The ability to distinguish between the Spirit of truth and the Spirit of error before the difference is clearly evident to others.

Exhortation (Encouragement - Rom. 12:8) The ability to comfort, console, counsel, and challenge others in such a way that they are helped.

Leadership (Ruling - Rom. 12:8) The ability to set goals in accordance with God's purpose for the future and to communicate these goals to others in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish these goals for God's glory.

Serving Gifts:

Administration (I Cor. 12:28) The ability to understand clearly the goals of a particular unit of the church and to devise and execute effective plans for the accomplishment of these goals.

Faith (I Cor. 12:9; 13:2) The ability to see something that God wants done and to sustain unwavering confidence that God will do it regardless of seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

Service (Ministry - Rom. 12:7) The ability to identify and meet the unmet needs involved in a task related to God's work.

Helps (I Cor. 12:28) The ability to see the needs of others and respond willingly to those needs.

Mercy (Rom. 12:8) The ability to feel compassion for individuals who suffer distressing physical, mental, or emotional problems and to translate that compassion into actions done cheerfully.

Giving (Rom. 12:8) The ability to give, and possibly to earn, money for the advancement of God's work and to do so with wisdom and cheerfulness that the recipients are strengthened and blessed.

Sign Gifts:

Miracles (I Cor. 12:10,29) The ability to perform events of supernatural power, evident to the senses, accompanying the servant of the Lord to authenticate his message.

Healing (I Cor. 12:9, 28,30) The ability to cure illness and restore health apart from natural means.

Tongues (I Cor. 12:10,28,30) The ability to receive and communicate a message of God to people in a language that has never been learned.

Interpretation of Tongues (I Cor. 12: 10,30; I Cor. 14:5,27,28) The ability to make known in the vernacular, the message of one who speaks in tongues.