

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

(for building up the saints)

APOSTLE Rom. 15:20

The ability to start new churches and oversee their development.

- I am pretty sure I have this gift
- I may have this gift
- I don't think I have this one

PROPHET ("Prophecy") 1 Cor. 14:3

The ability to publicly communicate God's word in an inspired way that convinces unbeliever and both challenges and comforts believers. The ability to persuasively declare God's will.

- I am pretty sure I have this gift
- I may have this gift
- I didn't think I have this one

EVANGELIST Acts 8:26-40

The ability to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ to unbelievers in a positive, life-changing way. The ability to sense opportunities to share Christ and lead people to respond with faith.

- I am pretty sure I have this gift
- I may have this gift
- I don't think I have this one

PASTOR ("Shepherding") 1 Peter 5:2-4

The ability to care for the spiritual needs of a group of believers and equip them for ministry. The ability to nurture in spiritual growth and assume responsibility for their welfare.

- I am pretty sure I have this gift
- I may have this gift
- I don't think I have this one

TEACHER 1 Cor. 9:19-23, Acts 13:2-3

The ability to share the deeper truths of God's word in a simple way, adapting to different cultures and belief systems where necessary to reach unbelievers and help believers conform to Christ.

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- I don't think I have this one

GIFTS THAT EDUCATE GOD'S PEOPLE

TEACHING Eph. 4:12-13

Teaching is the ability to educate God's people by clearly explaining and applying the Bible in a way that causes them to learn for ministry. It is the ability to equip and train other believers.

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ENCOURAGEMENT ("Exhortation") Acts 14:22

The ability to bring out the best in God's people by motivating them to apply and act on Biblical principles, challenging them to develop their potential even when discouraged or wavering in their faith.

- I am pretty sure I have this gift
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WISDOM 1 Cor. 2:1, 6-16

Wisdom is the ability to understand and share God's perspective on life situations explaining in a simple, understandable way with insight about what to do and how to do it.

- I am pretty sure I have this gift
- I may have this gift
- I don't think I have this one

DISCERNMENT (Discerning of Spirits) 1 John 4:1-6, 1 Corinthians 12:10

The ability to distinguish right from wrong, truth from error, and to give an immediate evaluation based on God's Word. The ability to discern whether the source of an experience is Satan, self, or God's Spirit

- I am pretty sure I have this gift
- I may have this gift
- I don't think I have this one

KNOWLEDGE Daniel 1:17

The ability to discover, collect, analyze, and organize information that is vital to individual believers or the entire church family. Then, the ability to comprehend information and provide valuable insights from it when needed for effective decision-making related to God's direction.

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- I may have this gift
- I don't think I have this one

GIFTS THAT DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE

MERCY Luke 10:30-37

The ability to detect hurt and empathize with those who are suffering in the church family. The ability to provide compassionate and cheerful support to those experiencing distress, crisis, or pain.

- I am pretty sure I have this gift
- I may have this gift
- I don't think I have this one

HOSPITALITY 1 Peter 4:9-10

The ability to make others, especially strangers, feel warmly welcomed, accepted, and comfortable in the church family. The ability to coordinate factors that promote fellowship

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- I may have this gift
- I don't think I have this one

GIVING 2 Cor. 8:1-7

The ability to generously contribute material resources and/or money beyond the 10% tithe so that the Body may grow and be strengthened. The ability to earn and manage money so it may be given to support the ministry of others.

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Gifts That Communicate God's Word

GIFTS THAT CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE

Worship or prayer-related gifts

MUSIC (worship) Psalm 150

The ability to celebrate God's presence through music, either vocal or instrumental, and to led the church family in worship.

- I am pretty sure I have this gift
- I may have this gift
- I don't think I have this one

ARTS & CRAFTS Exodus 31:3-11

The ability to build, maintain, or beautify the place of worship for God's glory. The ability to express worship through a variety of art forms.

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- I may have this gift
- I don't think I have this one

GIFTS THAT SERVE THE NEEDS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

SERVICE Acts 6:1-7

The ability to recognize unmet needs in the church family, and take the initiative to provide practical assistance quickly, cheerfully, and without a need for recognition

- I am pretty sure I have this gift
- I may have this gift
- I don't think I have this one

ADMINISTRATION (Leadership) Romans 12:8, I Corinthians 12:28

The ability to provide organization for the goals of the Body of Christ by designing and carrying out an efficient plan of action. It is a gift given to help plot the course and put together all the components of a ministry.

- I am pretty sure I have this gift
- I may have this gift
- I don't think I have this one

HELPS I Peter 4:11

The supernatural ability to unselfishly meet the needs of others, freeing them to exercise their spiritual gifts.

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- I may have this gift
- I don't think I have this one

5 PRAYER-MIRACLE RELATED GIFTS

INTERCESSION Col. 1:9-12

The ability to pray for the needs of others in the church family over extended periods of time on a regular basis. The ability to persist in prayer and not be discouraged until the answer arrives.

- I am pretty sure I have this gift
- I may have this gift
- I don't think I have this one

HEALING James 5:14-16

The ability to pray in faith specifically for people who need physical, emotional, or spiritual healing and see God answer. The ability to sense when God is prompting you to pray this kind of prayer.

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FAITH 1 Corinthians 12:9

The supernatural ability to trust God with extra-ordinary confidence, knowing with certainty that He will work out His purposes in every situation.

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MIRACLES Mark 11:23-24

The ability to pray in faith specifically for God's supernatural intervention into an impossible situation and see God answer. The ability to sense when God is prompting you to pray this kind of prayer.

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PRAYING WITH MY SPIRIT ("Tongues/Interpretation") 1 Cor. 14:13-15

The ability to pray in a language understood only by God or one who is given the gift of interpretation of the tongues at that time.

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Gifts That Communicate God's Word

Why we do not usually allow this gift in our services

This gift caused such a problem in the Corinthian church; Paul had to write an entire chapter of guidelines (1 Corinthians 14).

1. It is for personal edification, not for the whole church.

He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who preaches edifies the church. " 1Cor.14:4

2. We are to focus on building up others, not ourselves.

"Unless you speak intelligible words... you will just be speaking into the air... try to excel in the gifts that build up the church. " 1 Cor. 14:9 & 12 3. It confuses unbelievers in the service.

"... if some unbelievers come in, will they not say you are out of your mind?" 1 Cor.

14:23 4.

3. Ideally, it is not meant to be used In the worship service.

"In the church, I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousands words in a tongue. Brothers, stop thinking like children!" 1 Cor. 14:19-20 "The gift of speaking God's message should be under the speaker's control, because God does not want us to be in disorder but in harmony and peace. " 1 Cor. 14:32-33

More About SPIRITUAL GIFTS

These Spiritual Gifts are our "tool" for accomplishing the works of Jesus. Are you a "charismatic" Christian? You certainly are if you are a Christian at all. But perhaps not in the way the term is used today. The Greek word "charismata" means gifts of grace. It speaks of the supernatural abilities given to Christians by the Holy Spirit.

Every Christian today has received the "charismata" of God. You are a gifted child of God with a God given area of ministry.

- But what about these gifts of grace or "spiritual" gifts?
- Are they all for today?
- What is their purpose?
- Are we to actually seek them?
- Can we know which ones have been given to us?

The answers to these questions are included in this syllabus.