

# My Gift . . . to Serve! Introduction to Spiritual Gifts

Series: "Spiritual Gifts," Part 1 of 4; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

## An Early Winter, a Taste of Christmas?

**A Sermon in a Sentence:** "You have a \_\_\_\_\_; now \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

### A Review of 1 Corinthians

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Report from Chloe's Household (chapters 1-6): Unity
2. \_\_\_\_\_ from Corinthians (chapters 7-16), "now concerning"
  - a. Strengthening \_\_\_\_\_ (7:1) marriage, singleness, etc.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (8:1): food sacrificed to idols, Communion
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ (12:1)
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ (16:1)

**Definition of Spiritual Gifts:** Spiritual gifts are special \_\_\_\_\_ poured out on individual Christians for the building up and benefit of the \_\_\_\_\_. There are \_\_\_\_\_ Spiritual gifts mentioned in the letters of Paul alone, and if one looks into the Old Testament and Gospels, there are more to be found. At St. Paul's, we talk about \_\_\_\_\_ Spiritual Gifts.

### Identifying the Spiritual Gifts:

Romans 12:6-8:

1. Prophecy
2. Serving
3. Teaching
4. Encouragement C \_\_\_\_\_)

5. Giving
6. Leadership
7. Mercy

1 Corinthians 12:8-10:

8. Wisdom
9. Knowledge
10. Faith
11. Healing
12. Miracles
13. Discerning of Spirits
14. Tongues
15. Interpretation of Tongues

1 Corinthians 12:28 adds:

16. Apostles
17. Helps
18. Administration (O \_\_\_\_\_)

Ephesians 4:11 adds:

19. Evangelism
20. P \_\_\_\_\_ (Shepherding)

Other Gifts Identified as "Charismatic" (gifts of God's grace):

21. Celibacy (S \_\_\_\_\_), I Corinthians 7:7
22. Voluntary Poverty, I Corinthians 13:3
23. Martyrdom (S \_\_\_\_\_), I Corinthians 13:3
24. Missionary, Ephesians 3
25. Hospitality, I Peter 4:9

Other Gifts Mentioned in the Scriptures:

26. Intercession (P \_\_\_\_\_) (ex., Anna in Luke 2:36-37)
27. Exorcism (D \_\_\_\_\_) (ex., Acts 16:16-18)
28. Craftsmanship, Artistic (Exodus 31:3-11, temple artists)
29. Craftsmanship, Manual (Acts 18:3, tentmaker)
30. Music, Vocal and Instrumental (Exodus 31:22, Psalm 150)

**Notice:** Each major teaching on Spiritual Giftedness (Rm. 12, 1 Cor. 12, Eph. 4) if followed by an extensive teaching on \_\_\_\_\_.

## THREE TRUTHS ABOUT YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTEDNESS

1. **God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Your Spiritual Gifts (12:1-3).**  
LESSON: Don't be afraid to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. **The \_\_\_\_\_ Oversees All Aspects of Your Spiritual Gifts (12:4-7).**  
LESSON: You are \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. **\_\_\_\_\_ Are Supposed to be Charismatic (12:8-11).**  
LESSON: You have a \_\_\_\_\_, now \_\_\_\_\_ it an \_\_\_\_\_ it.

### Classification of Gifts

Word Gifts: For \_\_\_\_\_; for evangelism and discipleship.

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| 1. Apostle    | 4. Prophecy      | 7. Knowledge |
| 2. Missionary | 5. Pastor        | 8. Wisdom    |
| 3. Evangelist | 6. Encouragement | 9. Teaching  |

Helping Gifts: E \_\_\_\_\_ the word gifts

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| 10. Administration | 15. Mercy               | 20. Craftsmanship, Artistic   |
| 11. Giving         | 16. Service             | 21. Craftsmanship, Manual     |
| 12. Helps          | 17. Intercessory Prayer | 22. Music, Instrumental/Vocal |
| 13. Hospitality    | 18. Celibacy            |                               |
| 14. Leadership     | 19. Voluntary Poverty   |                               |

Special Effects Gifts: I \_\_\_\_\_ expectancy and passion

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| 23. Faith    | 26. Discerning of Spirits     | 29. Martyrdom |
| 24. Healing  | 27. Tongues                   | 30. Exorcism  |
| 25. Miracles | 28. Interpretation of Tongues |               |

# Sermon-based Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 18, 2009

I Corinthians 12:1-13

**Icebreaker:** Describe the most fulfilling job you ever had.

1. What do you know about spiritual gifts? Your small group leader will have the answers to this quiz taken from *The Three Colors of Ministry*.

True/False

- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 1. God rewards faithful Christians with spiritual gifts.  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 2. When a person receives a spiritual gift, it can be assumed that he or she will possess it their whole life.  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 3. Most, but not all, Christians have a spiritual gift.  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 4. Any Christian can receive any gift, if only he or she desires it.  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 5. There are always more Christians who don't have a specific gift than those who do have it.  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 6. God endows each Christian with the same gifts; Only the manner in which they are utilized varies from person to person.  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 7. Every Christian should do his or her best to exercise all of the spiritual gifts mentioned in the New Testament.  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 8. In order not to become one-sided, Christians should be particularly active in those areas in which they do not possess any gifts.  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 9. Spiritual gifts are only present when there is no adequate natural explanation for an event.  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 10. A spiritual gifts test needs to be taken only once; the results apply for a lifetime.  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 11. The Bible clearly teaches that there are three categories of gifts.  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 12. A Christian should exercise his or her gifts but should not talk about them.  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 13. Anyone who holds a leadership position for which he or she does not have the corresponding gift should resign.  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 14. The only reason God gives us spiritual gifts is to deepen our personal relationship with him.

2. Have you ever taken a spiritual gifts inventory (test)?

3. When you consider the list of spiritual gifts in the sermon notes, do you know any Christians whose use of spiritual gifts you admire? Write down their names.

4. Verses 4-6 indicate that the Corinthians believed that some spiritual gifts were more important than others. Have you ever encountered such an attitude? Explain.
5. How do you think the diversity of gifts is related to the unity of the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit (4-6ff)?
6. Verse 11 says that every Christian is gifted. Why might that be difficult to accept or believe?
7. Are there any tasks to which you are certain God has called you? What are they? To what extent do you think these tasks correspond to your spiritual gifts?
8. Are there some spiritual gifts that you are relatively certain that you do not have? Which ones?
9. Have you had any negative experiences with Christians exercising certain gifts? (Suggestion: ask God to release you so that those experiences do not hinder you in your own discovery process.)
10. How many hours are you willing to invest toward the development and use of your spiritual gift?
11. Are you aware of any tasks/ministries in our church or community that are not getting done? Name them.
12. Can you imagine these ministries being fulfilled? Explain.
13. How have others confirmed spiritual gifting in your life and ministry?

## Prayer

Pray for the unwrapping of spiritual gifts at St. Paul's.

Pray for one another.