

Spiritual Gifts

I will discover and use my spiritual gifts. As a follower of Jesus, the Holy Spirit has gifted me for His divine purposes to build up and encourage the Body of Christ. I did not choose my spiritual gifts, they are not something I earned, consequently I cannot take credit in any way for them. I am however responsible to prayerfully seek God's guidance in discovering and using them for His purpose and plan. When I use them properly they serve the whole Body of Christ. I will discover and use my spiritual gifts.

Should I feel the temptation of pride in my spiritual gifts, I will remember that the Holy Spirit is the source of all gifts. They are not a source of pride but a blessing to serve the Body of Christ with humility. Should I feel the temptation to be jealous of the gifts of other followers of Jesus, I will remember that the Holy Spirit alone is the source of all gifts. God works in and through all believers in different ways using our gifts. He has given me the exact gift I need to serve Him, His Church, and the Kingdom of God. Should I feel the temptation to be competitive with other followers of Jesus with my spiritual gifts, I will remember the Holy Spirit is the source of all gifts. The gifts God gives are not designed to divide but to unify the Body of Christ. I will not devalue the gifts the Holy Spirit has given me, for to do so is offensive to the Spirit. My motive for using my spiritual gifts is serving God and His people. I will discover and use my spiritual gifts.

I recognize that outside of the Body of Christ, His Church, I cannot successfully live the purpose God has given me with His gifts. He did not give me His gifts to be used selfishly or in solitude. I recognize my need for the rest of the Body of Christ and their need for me. We are most effective when we use our unique and diverse spiritual gifts working together for the sole purpose of the mission of Jesus. In this way, my spiritual gifts unite the Body of Christ. I will never allow my spiritual gifts to divide the Body of Christ, I will instead remain focused on the one thing that unites us all: Jesus.

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Study: Spiritual Gifts

Day 1: The Source of Gifts - *1 Corinthians 12:4-6* (Page 877); *1 Peter 4:10* (Page 936); *Judges 6:34* (Page 193)

Day 2: I Have a Spiritual Gift - *1 Corinthians 12:7* (Page 877); *Romans 12:6-8* (Page 866); *Exodus 31:1-5* (Page 69)

Day 3: Unity in the Spirit - *1 Corinthians 12:12-13* (Page 877); *Psalms 133:1* (Page 474)

Day 4: Different Gifts - *1 Corinthians 12:14-20* (Page 877); *Philippians 2:3* (Page 900); *Nehemiah 4:15-20* (Page 373)

Day 5: Equal in Importance - *1 Corinthians 12:22-26* (Page 877); *Galatians 6:2-3* (Page 894)

Day 6: Effective Together - *1 Corinthians 12:27-28* (Page 877); *Ephesians 4:11-13* (Page 897)

Day 7: Desire Helpful Gifts - *1 Corinthians 12:29-31* (Page 831); *1 Corinthians 14:1* (Page 878). Read the *Daily Reading* once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the Life Transformation Questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

Memory Verse: *1 Corinthians 12:11 "It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have."* *1 Corinthians 12:11*

Life Transformation Questions:

1. As you read the *Daily Reading*, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?