

DAILY READING: SPIRITUAL GIFTS

I will discover and use my spiritual gifts. As a follower of Jesus, the Holy Spirit has given me special strengths and abilities designed to build up and encourage the Church – the Body of Christ. I do not choose my spiritual gifts and cannot take credit for them. God gives them as He sees fit. I am responsible to seek His guidance in discovering and using them for His purpose and plan. When I use them properly they serve the whole Body of Christ. My spiritual gifts bless others and are not about making me a superstar.

The Holy Spirit is the source of all spiritual gifts. They are not a source of pride but a blessing to serve the Body of Christ with humility. I will not be jealous of the gifts of other followers of Jesus because the Holy Spirit gives each person unique gifts. God works in and through believers in different ways using our gifts. He has given me the exact gift or gifts I need to serve Him, His Church, and the Kingdom of God. The gifts God gives are not designed to divide but to unify the Church. 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 use my spiritual gifts to live the purpose God has given me. He did not give me these 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 by working together to advance the Gospel, Jesus' mission in the world. In this way, my spiritual gifts unite the Church and it grows. I will never allow my spiritual gifts to divide the Body of Christ, instead I will remain focused on the one thing uniting us all: Jesus. I will discover and use my spiritual gifts.

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."

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DAILY 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); Psalm 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 878); 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.

ACTIVITY:

Paul lists some spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, but those are not the only gifts given by the Holy Spirit. Ask your pastor or another adult for a spiritual gifts assessment. List three ways you could serve the Body of Christ with your gifts.

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?