

Spiritual Gifts Definitions

Physical Service Gifts:

A. Serving/Helps

The special ability God gives to some who become moved to action to help or assist people by accomplishing practical tasks, giving attention to details; meeting practical needs or allowing others to be released of physical responsibilities in order to serve spiritually. (Romans 12, Acts 6:2-4)

B. Craftsmanship

The special ability God gives to some to beautify and/or increase function by using hands, tools and creativity through building, making designing, decorating, crafting and art. (Exodus 28:3-5, 31:3-11)

C. Hospitality

The special ability God gives to some to welcome others into their home in order to serve them by feeding, comforting and/or lodging them. Sometimes it is seen as entertaining and making people feel special in their home. (Romans 12)

D. Giving

The special ability God gives to some that enables them to contribute their material resources to the Lord's work, joyfully and liberally. (Romans 12; II Corinthians 8:1-5)

E. Mercy

The special ability God gives to some to be motivated and effective in expressing empathy and love to hurting people which results in hope, encouragement and sometimes alleviation of physical suffering. (Romans 12, Luke 10:30-37)

Verbal Service Gifts:

F. Teaching

The special ability God gives to some to explain the truths of the Bible clearly, which results in understanding and the ability to know how to apply those truths effectively, giving attention to details and placing a great deal of emphasis on accuracy. (Ephesians 4; II Timothy 3:16-17)

G. Exhortation/Encouragement

The special ability God gives to some to speak boldly with empowering words of comfort, courage and counsel which result in change, encouragement and personal growth; is willing to share past personal failures to help motivate others toward greater spiritual maturity with logical, step-by-step instructions which are easy to follow. (Romans 12; Acts 11: 23-24)

H. Intercession

The special ability God gives to some to pray fervently and patiently for extended periods of time until God releases the urgency from that person's heart and mind; prayers are used to bring direct answers to those praying. (Romans 12; James 3:13-17)

I. Wisdom/Knowledge

The special ability God gives to some to receive unique insights to God's Word and make effective application to everyday life situations; continual emphasis of God's Word for direction. (I Corinthians 12; James 3:13-17)

Supernatural Gifts:

J. Discernment

The special ability God gives to some to be able to detect slight shades of untruth and deceit in action and conversation, as well as having a special awareness of evil and good. (I Corinthians 12; Hebrews 5:14)

K. Healing

The special ability God gives to some to bring about a supernatural healing in the physical body; this miraculous occurrence happens through prayer, laying on of hands and God's creative Power. (I Corinthians 12:9, 28; James 5:13-16)

L. Miracles

The special ability God gives to some in order to accomplish supernatural acts and experiences which change the normal course of nature; this special ability validates God's Power and His message. (I Corinthians 12:10; Hebrews 2:4)

M. Faith

The special ability God gives to some to have general or specific insight about what God wants to accomplish in a situation and confidently believes that God will make it happen. (I Corinthians 12:9; Romans 4)

Ministry Gifts:

N. Administration

The special ability God gives to some to organize, manage and plan tasks of ministry-goal-oriented; knows how to do things right; organizes and schedules efforts to accomplish tasks, policies and procedures. (I Corinthians 12; Exodus 18)

O. Leadership

The special ability God gives some to stimulate people to set goals in order to accomplish God's plans; they attract, motivate, mobilize and lead people to reach those goals; they know the right things to do and work with people to do those things; work together to accomplish a vision. (Romans 12)

P. Pastor/Shepherd

The special ability God gives to some to earn and maintain responsibility for a group of believers on an ongoing basis; caring for them, nurturing them and stimulating their sense of vision; inspiring their influence on the world (Ephesians 4; I Peter 5:1-11; Jeremiah 23)

Q. Evangelism

The special ability God gives to some to be able to share the gospel in such a way that people place their faith and trust in Jesus; divine appointments for this happen often in this person's life. (Ephesians 4; Acts 8:26-40)

R. Prophecy

The special ability God gives to some to have spiritual insight into His heart; the ability to communicate this insight with clarity; the results brings strength, encouragement, comfort and direction to the Body of Believers. (Romans 12; I Corinthians 12:10; I Timothy 4:14)

My Primary Gift: _____

My Secondary Gift: _____