

NEW TESTAMENT LISTS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 Cor. 12: 8-11	1 Cor. 12:28	Rom. 12:6-8	Eph. 4:11	1 Peter 4:11
word of wisdom	apostles	prophecy	apostles	speaking
word of knowledge	prophets	service	prophets	service
faith	teachers	teaching	evangelist	
gifts of healing	workers of miracles	exhortation	pastor-teachers	
working of miracles	helps	giving		
prophecy	administrations	leadership		
distinguishing of spirits	kinds of tongues	showing of mercy		
kinds of tongues				
interpretation of tongues				

Analytical Outline 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

- 1 Now concerning spirituals, brethren,
I do not want you to be unaware.
- 2 You know that when you were pagans,
you were led astray to the dumb idols
however you were led.
Therefore
- 3 I make known to you,
that no one speaking by the Spirit of God
says, "Jesus is accursed;" and
no one can say "Jesus is Lord,"
except by the Holy Spirit.
- 4 Now there are **varieties** of gifts
but the **same Spirit**. And
- 5 there are **varieties** of ministries
but the **same Lord**. And
- 6 there are **varieties** of effects
but the **same God**
who works **all things**
in **all persons**.
- 7 But to each one is given
the manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good.
- 8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and
to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;
9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and
to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and
10 to another the effecting of miracles, and
to another prophecy, and
to another the distinguishing of spirits,
to another various kinds of tongues, and
to another the interpretation of tongues.
- 11 But the one and the same Spirit
works all these things, distributing
to each one individually just as He wills.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

SUPPORT GIFTS

Apostle: One who was an eyewitness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:1-5) and personally sent out by him with authority to preach, write scripture, and formulate doctrine. Their authority was attested by signs, wonders, and miracles.

Prophet: One who speaks the word of God and causes it to shine. In the early church before the New Testament was written down, prophets spoke truths we now have recorded in the new Testament, directly inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Evangelist: One who has a special ability to share his faith and the Word of God effectively with non-Christians; and the ability to teach believers how to share their faith.

Pastor-Teacher: One who has a special ability to: 1) Feed believers by teaching God's Word clearly and accurately, and 2) Shepherd believers by discipling, encouraging, protecting, warning.

SERVICE GIFTS

Wisdom: An ability to see life from God's perspective and apply it to specific situations.

Knowledge: An ability to communicate those truths which one has gained through the investigation and systematizing of God's Word, providing raw material for teachers.

Faith: The ability to see what isn't, believe it to be, and trust God to do it. The gift of vision.

Helps: The ability to help someone in a physical and practical way so that one is blessed and built up.

Administration, Governing: The ability to be a helmsman, directing life and order.

Exhortation: The ability to come alongside someone and motivate, comfort and challenge others to action.

Giving: The ability to minister to the material needs of others with a single desire to glorify God.

Leading: The ability to stand before others and lead them with earnest concern for them.

Mercy: The ability to express compassionate, loving action and lift up one who is hurting.

Discernment: The ability to discriminate from God's Word between truth and error, the spirit of evil and of God, flesh and spirit, before the fruits are evident.

SIGN GIFTS

Tongues: The ability to speak an unknown foreign language, speaking praises to God as a sign to unbelievers (I Cor. 14:27-28).

Interpretation of Tongues: The ability to interpret that unknown foreign language.

Healing: The ability to make one well physically, emotionally, or spiritually.

Miracles: The ability to do natural acts in a supernatural way.

DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. How are you burdened to love people?

Note that every passage on gifts (I Cor. 12; Rom. 12; Eph. 4) is followed by a discourse on love. Our gifts develop as we move on to love. Get involved in the needs of people around you (on campus, at home, here in our group). You might also gain some insight into your gifts by noticing the type of people God burdens you for.

2. Be willing to do anything!

Don't give up if you fail at something -- gifts take a while to develop. Be aggressive to take advantage of the opportunities God opens up to help others. Gifts, like talents, may lie undiscovered for years and then a certain combination of circumstances may bring them to light.

3. Get input from others.

Others in the body can tell best how you minister to them, so ask -- and listen.

4. Look for patterns of fruitfulness.

As skill in the exercise of a gift develops, the spiritual blessing it brings will become increasingly evident.

5. Stay close to the scriptures.

Almost every gift is related on how you delight in imparting truth to others. Therefore, if you are actively learning from the Scriptures and imparting truth to others no matter what your gifts are, they will be exercised and developed.

6. Once you've discovered them, never cease from using them. Your gifts were given to you for a life of service.