

## Spiritual Gifts – Part 1

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ... All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills. – 1 Cor. 12:4-7, 11*

### Characteristics

- Varieties of gifts, service, and activities.
- Manifestation of the Spirit.
- For the common good.
- Empowered by the Spirit.
- Apportioned as He wills.

### Purposes

- **Ministry** gifts for building up the body of Christ (Eph 4:11-12).
  - Apostles
  - Prophets
  - Evangelists
  - Pastors
  - Teachers
- **Motivational** gifts for the functions of the body of Christ (Rom 12:4-8)
  - Perceiver / Prophet
  - Server
  - Teacher
  - Exhorter
  - Administrator
  - Compassion
- **Manifestation** gifts of the Spirit for the common good (1 Cor 12:8-10)
  - Wisdom / Knowledge
  - Faith
  - Healing / Miracles
  - Prophecy
  - Discernment
  - Tongues / Interpretation

*Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. – 1 Cor 14:1*

## Spiritual Gifts Descriptions

### Corporate Gifts

Worship: Able to enter into an act of worship through prayer, songs, words, or actions, and lead others into worship.

Prayer / Intercession: Able to seek the will of God and make entreaty on behalf of others.

Discernment: Able to know with assurance whether some behavior (motivation) is of God.

Hospitality: Able to open one's home and life willingly and cheerfully to other people.

### Leadership Gifts

Apostleship: A person who has been set apart, appointed by God, to act as an ambassador of the Gospel and to act as a testimony for the truth.

Administration: The God-given ability to give guidance and direction in the body's life and order by managing the affairs of the Kingdom.

Leadership: Able to motivate, direct, and inspire God's people so they voluntarily and harmoniously work together.

### Speaking Gifts

Evangelist: Able to share the gospel with unbelievers in such a way that the unbeliever becomes a disciple of the Lord Jesus.

Teacher: Able to understand and communicate the truths of God in a way that allows others to learn; to impart knowledge or provide explanation.

Pastor: The shepherd of a flock. Someone who guides, feeds, nurtures, protects, and oversees a group.

### Heart Gifts

Mercy: Able to feel empathy and compassion for those who are suffering and wishing to alleviate it.

Encouragement: Able to stand beside those in need to bring comfort, counsel, correction, and exhortation so they feel helped.

Faith: Able to have extraordinary confidence in God's promises, power, and presence.

### Hands Gifts

Giving: Able to recognize opportunities and to give from their resources to meet the needs of others.

Helps: Able to come alongside others in doing tasks and activities that support them and their ministry (Also called the gift of Service).

### Sign Gifts

Miracles: Being used by God to request and witness when He alters the course of nature for His purposes.

Healing: Being used by God to bring physical, emotional, and spiritual healing to a person.

Tongues: Praying and speaking in the Holy Spirit language that hasn't been learned.

Interpretation: Able to share what the Spirit has said through tongues so others can understand.

Prophecy: Speaking the Word of God to a group or individual.