



# SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Part 2: How to Discover Your Primary Spiritual Gift(s)

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Last week we started this study by exploring the background and purpose of spiritual gifts. Too often people want to know that how without any consideration of the why and it makes a discussion about spiritual gifts empty and pointless. We discover that God gives spiritual gifts for the purpose of shaping His church into the masterpiece that He is creating, both individually and collectively.

## 1) Your Spiritual Gift Journey...

- There are typically four seasons of Spiritual Gift Awareness:
  - ↳ Ignorance
  - ↳ Confusion
  - ↳ Discovery
  - ↳ Empowerment
- Information of Spiritual gifts come from 4 Key passages of Scripture:
  - ↳ Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4; and 1 Peter 4
- Many people approach spiritual gifts like a row of buffets, people pick and choose a little of this and a little of that and see what feels right. They do things like spiritual gift surveys and questionnaires. What's really important though is to see if Scripture gives us a key to understand rather than confuse.

### 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

- Organizing Spiritual Gifts Scripturally...
  - ↳ Gifts (Drives)
  - ↳ Ministries (Delivery)
  - ↳ Activities (Displays)

## 2) Driving Gifts...

### ROMANS 12:6-8

- Through Scripture we are commanded to display all of these gifts mentioned, but here specifically we are told to focus and grow in our primary gift(s).
  - ↳ Be ready and willing to do all of these things, while growing and discovering your primary gift(s).

## 7 Primary Driving Gifts:

- **PROPHECY**  YES  NO  MAYBE
  - ↳ Spirit-driven ability to speak out God's truth clearly that relates to today's culture for the purpose of correction, repentance, and encouragement. It's the ability to talk about God's Word accurately.
  - ↳ Characteristics include persuasive speaking, reading people, often opinionated (with biblical backing), and likes crowds rather than one on one.
- **SERVICE**  YES  NO  MAYBE
  - ↳ Spirit-driven ability to see and connect spiritual value to doing and

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accomplishing tasks within the Body of Christ (the Church). Ability to demonstrate love by meeting practical needs so that others can do spiritual ministry.

↳ Characteristics include not seeking attention, good to work behind the scenes, likes and enjoys hands on projects, able to see others' needs, doesn't mind going out of the way to meet people's needs.

→ **TEACHING** (  YES    NO    MAYBE )

↳ Spirit-driven ability to understand and explain Biblical truth. Ability to search out and confirm truth that is presented.

↳ Characteristics include loving research, being detailed and biblically focused.

→ **ENCOURAGEMENT** (  YES    NO    MAYBE )

↳ Spirit-driven ability to come along side someone who is down and reassure, strengthen, and speak truth to those who are discouraged or unsure in their faith. It's the ability to help others get back up and get back on track in their faith.

↳ Characteristics include being gifted in counseling with people from the Scriptures, seeing practical application in Scripture, call others to Godly living, not being afraid to get to the heart of someone else's bad day and speak biblical truth into their lives.

→ **GIVING** (  YES    NO    MAYBE )

↳ Spirit-driven ability to earn, save, and manage money well so you can wisely supply for the work of the Lord with cheerfulness and generosity. It is the ability to freely give personal money and goods to others for the growth and continuing of their ministry to Christ.

↳ Characteristics include not liking the spotlight, enjoying to give anonymously, often wanting to know how their giving is making an impact, hating to be pressured to give, doesn't have to be wealthy, but rather enjoys sacrificing for Christ's work.

→ **LEADERSHIP** (  YES    NO    MAYBE )

↳ Spirit-driven ability to see what needs to be done, setting goals and attracting and motivating people to accomplish the work of serving Jesus. It is the ability to put together people to achieve a common goal.

↳ Characteristics include the ability to give vision and direction, get others involved, delegating and taking charge, rising to responsibility, seeing how things fit together, and drawing people to them.

→ **MERCY** (  YES    NO    MAYBE )

↳ Spirit-driven ability to serve people who are suffering from sin so as to spare them from deserved fall out. It is the ability to identify with and comfort those who are in distress from sin.

↳ Characteristics include the ability to detect and figure out people's true feelings, being very sensitive of others to the point of acting in their behalf, looking for direct personal ministry to others rather than crowd or group driven ministry.