



Stewardship of the Spiritual Gifts

1Cor. 12:1-11; Ro.12:6-8

Eph.4:7-16 and 1Pe. 4:7-11



Introduction

God the father, Son and the Holy Spirit distribute Spiritual gifts to the believers at the time of their new birth; according to their sovereign, will for His glory and to build the Church.

We have the responsibility to find out our gift/gifts and use it for the common good.

Definition of the Spiritual gifts.

Ralph Neighbor in his book, This Gift is Mine, has this definition of Spiritual gifts. “Specific capacities produced in us by the entrance of the Holy Spirit. It means that I have received spiritual abilities as a member of Christ’s body.”

Definition of the Spiritual gifts.

“A spiritual gift is a special God-given ability to serve the church in order to build it up to maturity in Jesus Christ.” (BTCP, book 7, page 65).

**The root Greek word is “charis” = grace,
“charismation” = grace-gifts.**

Purpose of the Spiritual Gifts.

- **To build mature body of Jesus Christ. Eph.4:12 -16**
- **To prepare believers for the work of God. Eph. 4:12**
- **To create unity in the body. 1 Cor. 12**
- **To serve the body of Christ. Eph. 4:7-13**

Description of the gifts

The following are the key passages which gives us the description of the spiritual gifts.

Roman 12:3-8

1 Co. 12:1-11 and 27-31

Eph. 4:7-13

1Pe. 4:10-11

List of spiritual gifts

Manifestations of the Spirit for common good according to 1 Co. 12:7-11:

- 1. Message of wisdom**
- 2. Message of knowledge**
- 3. Faith**
- 4. Gifts of healing**

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- 5. Miraculous power**
- 6. Prophecy**
- 7. Distinguishing spirits**
- 8. Speaking in tongues**
- 9. Interpretation of tongues**

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Gifted ministers (Eph.4:11-12 and 1 Cor.12:28)

10. Workers of miracles

11. Helpers

12. Administrators

13. Apostles

14. Prophets

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15. Evangelists

16. Pastors

17. Teachers

Gifts (ministries) Ro. 12:6-8

18. Prophesying

19. serving

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20. Teaching

21. Encouraging

22. Giving

23. Leadership

24. mercy

How to determine your spiritual gift?

Ask God to reveal to you your spiritual gift. 1 Cor. 2:12-13

Evaluate your desires and interests in serving the church since you were saved.

Ask the spiritually mature people what they believe your spiritual gift to be.

How to determine your spiritual gift?

- **Start serving God in obedience to the Word in the local church and your spiritual gift will be evident to all, including you!**
- **Evaluate your effectiveness**
- **Evaluate your attitude**
- **Expect confirmation from the body**

Conclusion

Apostle Peter writes in 1 Pe. 4:10 “ Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

Apostle Paul says in 2 Cor. 4:1-2 “ So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God.

Conclusion

Now it is required that those who have been given trust must prove faithful.”

We are stewards of the spiritual gifts; Let us be faithful, accountable and trustworthy .