

19. INTERCESSORY

the giftedness of one to pray with frequency, duration, and effectiveness for God's will to be performed in a particular matter.

20. PREACHING

the giftedness of one to communicate spiritual truths by making God, as revealed through Scripture & Christ to be more clearly understood by worshipers.

21. ART

the gift to use the media of art e.g., drama, painting & interpretive movement, to communicate spiritual truths.

V. REVELATORY GIFTS

22. PROPHECY

the gift of uniquely bringing clarity from confusion by understanding & communicating God's will. The person is informed by Scripture, Spirit. and his or her prophecy is to be discerned by the church.

23. EXHORTATION

the gift to stir up people into gospel actions by clarifying for them their God given potential.

24. KNOWLEDGE

the gift to learn biblical truths that reveal profound insights for spiritual living.

25. WISDOM

the giftedness of knowing how to clarify & communicate spiritual truths for the church during times of confusion and/or crisis.

26. FAITH

this gift is clustered with other gifts and is the unique capacity for trusting God to accomplish a Divine promise in a particular matter.

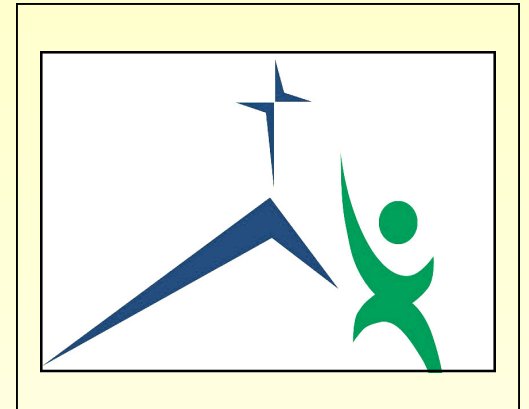
27. DISCERNMENT

the giftedness of one to perceive whether an idea or action originated with Christ-centered motivation.

28. MARTYRDOM

the giftedness of one to sacrifice his or her life and/or reputation in order to fulfill God's will during a time of crisis.

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KNOWING

YOUR

SPIRITUAL

GIFTS

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Knowing Your Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual gifts are God endowed aptitudes & abilities for the uniquely effective purpose of gospel work by Christians. The Greek word for spiritual gift is *charismata*, which means grace gift. Talents are also God endowed, but they may or may not be translatable into the unique focus of Christian ministry. Spiritual gifts are brought alive in people as each person believes in the Lord Jesus Christ. Every Christian possesses at least one spiritual gift but no one possesses all the gifts. All of us, however, are given an aptitude for understanding each spiritual gift, and as needed to use one's secondary gifts. (Most of the spiritual gifts are listed in three primary passages: Romans 12:3 - 8; Ephesians 4:11-13; 1 Corinthians 12 - 14). Following is a brief overview of the major spiritual gifts:

I. RELATIONAL GIFTS

1. ENCOURAGEMENT

the gift of uniquely knowing when & how to "breathe in courage" for another person's spiritual benefit.

2. HOSPITALITY

the gift of consistently & effectively making people feel at home with space to be and food to eat.

3. GIVING

the gift of joyfully contributing beyond a tithe to financially support gospel ministries.

4. VOLUNTARY POVERTY

the gift to live contentedly with only basic physical needs being met, and using one's additional financial resources for Christian ministry.

5. MISSIONARY

the gift to feel comfortable in a culture different from one's own native culture, and to effectively do ministry in the adopted culture.

6. SHEPHERDING

the gift to spiritually guide and provide spiritual care for a group of believers.

7. HELPS

the gift to provide support & assistance so other people may better use their spiritual gifts.

8. CELIBACY

the gift to live contentedly without having sexual relations and to transform that energy into other expressions of spiritual living.

9. MERCY

the gift empowered by a unique capacity to help people who have unusual levels of need, whether the needs be physical, emotional, cognitive, and/or spiritual.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL GIFTS

10. ADMINISTRATION

the gift to organize human & physical resources so the spiritual gifts of the church can be used most effectively

11. APOSTLESHIP

the gift to lead several churches and/or at-large groups in ministry.

12. SERVICE

the gift of gracefully & consistently helping others to fulfill task needs in their life and/or work,

13. LEADERSHIP

the gift of effectively guiding people, by creating a community consensus, to fulfill God's will.

14. HANDIWORK

the gift of using one's hands to make or repair items used for gospel ministry.

III. COMMUNICATION GIFTS

15. TEACHING

the gift of uniquely understanding & communicating biblical truths for spiritual living.

16. EVANGELISM

the gift of effectively knowing with whom, how, and when to share Jesus Christ with seekers.

17. WRITING

the gift to communicate consistently & effectively Christian truths through the medium of writing.

IV. WORSHIP GIFTS

18. MUSIC

the giftedness of one to communicate through the language and instruments of music so people may better worship God.