

UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. WHAT ARE SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

Drives, opportunities, and results given by the Holy Spirit to achieve God's supernatural goals. (1 Cor. 12-14)

2. WHO IS GIVEN A SPIRITUAL GIFT?

Every Christian. It is activated at salvation when the Holy Spirit unites with our spirit. (Rom. 8:16-17)

3. HOW MANY GIFTS DOES EACH CHRISTIAN HAVE?

There are three types of gifts mentioned (1 Cor. 12:4-6): Motivation, Ministry, and Manifestation. We each have one motivational gift (1 Pet. 4:10), listed in Rom. 12:6-8, and the possibility of many ministry and manifestation gifts.

Gift (*charismaton*) comes from root *charisma*, which comes from the word *char* meaning "joy". *Charis* means "grace", which is God giving us the desire and power to do His will (Phil. 2:13).

Each Christian may have several ministry (*diakanion*) gifts recognized by the local church, which are listed in 1 Cor. 12:28-30. These ministries are compared to the functioning of the various parts of the human body (1 Cor. 12:12-27).

The Greek work from which operations comes is *energeia* (from which we get *energy*). As God gives power through our motivational gift, the effects produced by it are the manifestations of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:7-11).

4. WHY DO WE RECEIVE ONLY ONE MOTIVATIONAL GIFT?

So we can concentrate on it (Rom. 12:6-8). So we can see our need for each other (Rom. 12:3-5).

5. HOW DE WE DISCOVER OUR MOTIVATIONAL GIFT?

- Accept Christ for salvation (Rom. 10:9-13)
- Enter into Christ's victory over sin (Rom. 6-8)
- Concentrate on the needs of others (Eph. 4:12-13)
- Discern your real motive in helping others (Rom. 12:4)
- Identify what Christian do to irritate you (1 Jn. 3:16)
- Understand the categories of gifts (1 Cor. 12:4-7)
- Distinguish the characteristic and misuses of each gift.

6. WHAT ARE THE THREE CATEGORIES OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

<p>Diversities of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GIFTS</p> <p>Verse: 1 Cor. 12:4</p> <p>Greek word:</p> <p>Charismaton - gift</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charis - grace • Char - joy <p>Category:</p> <p>1. MOTIVATION</p> <p>Gifts listed in:</p> <p>Rom. 12:6-8</p> <p>Basis of classification:</p> <p>This passage not only emphasizes grace, but it explains the function of faith in recognizing and Using our spiritual gifts.</p> <p>The term motivation is simply a definition of the work of God’s grace: “the desire and power which He puts within us to accomplish His will.”</p> <p>Rom. 12:9-15 provide keys to unlock the meaning of the seven motivational gifts.</p>	<p>Diversities of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADMINISTRATIONS (MINISTRIES, NKJV) (SERVICE, NIV)</p> <p>Verse: 1 Cor. 12:5</p> <p>Greek word:</p> <p>Diakonion (origin of servant)</p> <p>Category:</p> <p>2. MINISTRY</p> <p>Gifts listed in:</p> <p>1 Cor. 12:28-31</p> <p>Basis of classification:</p> <p>Since ministry gifts are to function within the local church, it is obvious that this list should be classified as ministry gifts.</p> <p>Ministry gifts are confirmed by ordination, as when Paul said to Timothy, “Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.”</p>	<p>Diversities of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OPERATIONS (ACTIVITIES, NKJV) (WORKINGS, NIV)</p> <p>Verse: 1 Cor. 12:6</p> <p>Greek word:</p> <p>Energema - effect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phanerosis - to show <p>Category:</p> <p>3. MANIFESTATION</p> <p>Gifts listed in:</p> <p>1 Cor. 12:7-11</p> <p>Basis of classification:</p> <p>Verse 7 continues the thoughts of verse 6, speaking of the result of the Holy Spirit’s work.</p> <p>It is our responsibility to develop our motivational gifts. It is the church’s responsibility to confirm ministry gifts, and it is the the Holy Spirit’s function to reward the use of the gifts for the profit of all.</p>
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Spiritual Gifts— Where Do I Belong In The Church?

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1 Corinthians 12:12-31

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¹² For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. ¹⁴ For in fact the body is not one member but many.

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¹⁵ If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body?

¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *would be* the smelling? ¹⁸ But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where *would be* the body *be*?

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²⁰ But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. ²³ And those *members* of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable *parts* have greater modesty,

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²⁴ but our presentable *parts* have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it, ²⁵ that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another. ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*.

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²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. ²⁸ And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. ²⁹ *Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?* ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

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Introduction:

- 2nd lesson in the church series.
- Who or what is the church?
- Body of Christ
- Birth of the church (“ecclesia”)
- Goal: promote fellowship with God and each other by glorifying God, nurturing believers, and attracting others
- Non-denominational
- Seek to follow the NT pattern for the local church
- His enablement to each one of us with a spiritual gift
- **1 Peter 4:10**

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Body of Lesson:

- There are only 4 places where the subject of spiritual gifts is mentioned in the NT: 1 Peter 4, Ephesians 4, Romans 12, and our text today in 1 Corinthians 12.
- Actually before getting to our text today, we need to look at the verses preceding the text in **1 Cor. 12:4-6** where 3 categories of spiritual gifts of mentioned. They are: motivational gifts, ministry gifts, and manifestation gifts.

1. Motivational gifts (1 Cor. 12:4; Rom. 12:6-8) (Not part of our text today.)

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1. **Motivational gifts** (1 Cor. 12:4; Rom. 12:6-8)

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Romans 12:6-8

⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it* in *our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

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- 1. Motivational gifts** (1 Cor. 12:4; Rom. 12:6-8) (Not text)
 - **Prophecy (Prophet)** (Rom. 12:6; key in Rom. 12:9)
 - **Ministry (Server)** (Rom. 12:7a; key in Rom. 12:10)
 - **Teaching (Teacher)** (Rom. 12:7b; key in Rom. 12:11)
 - **Exhorting (Encourager)** (Rom. 12:8a; key in Rom. 12:12)
 - **Giving (Giver)** (Rom. 12:8b; key in Rom. 12:13)
 - **Leading (Leader)** (Rom. 12:8c; key in Rom. 12:14)
 - **Showing Mercy (Mercy Person)** (Rom. 12:8d; key in Rom. 12:15)
 - Same Spirit distributes these gifts (1 Cor. 12:4).

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2. **Ministry gifts** (1 Cor. 12:5; **1 Cor. 12:28-31**) (Part of text)

- Appointed by God; confirmed (recognized by the church); how? are all still needed today?
- Apostles, prophets, teachers, miracles, gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues (and interpreters of the tongues) (**1 Cor. 12:28-31**).
- All do not have these gifts; the use of them must be regulated by love (see **1 Cor. 13**).
- Same Lord regulates these gifts (**1 Cor. 12:5**).
- These are potential avenues of service to use our motivational gift.

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3. **Manifestation gifts** (1 Cor. 12:6-11) (Not part of text)

- Word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, different kinds of tongues, and interpretation of tongues (1 Cor. 12:6-11).
- Is this list exhaustive?
- Same God who works all in all for the profit of all according to His will (1 Cor. 12:6,7,11).
- Some potential expressions or results of the service rendered using our motivational gift.

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4. Gifted members (Eph. 4:7-16; 1 Cor. 12:12-27) (Text)

- “He Himself (Christ) gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...no longer children...grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” (from Eph. 4:7-16)

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4. Gifted members (Eph. 4:7-16; 1 Cor. 12:12-27) (cont.)

- Is this an exhaustive list of all the gifts distributed by Christ to the members of His body?
- Paul explains more fully the analogy of the body of Christ (the local church) and how the various members function together using their spiritual gifts just like our human body.
- Key to all this is the gifts that the members all have are not for their personal edification, but for the building up, nurturing, helping and benefiting of others in the body!
- Just as God created our human bodies with various members (parts), so He created His spiritual body, the church with various members that all work together without schism (v.25).

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4. Gifted members (Eph. 4:7-16; 1 Cor. 12:12-27) (cont.)

- Back to our text (1 Cor. 12:12-27), Paul develops the analogy of the body & local church along 4 lines of thought:
- First of all, **unity**.
- Look at v. 12-13 where the word “one” is used six times. **Ephesians 4:3**, says, “endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”
- “He is the Head of the church and in Him all things hold together.” (**Col. 1:17**).
- We have unity but not uniformity!
- Let's go to the second thought, and that is **diversity**.
- “For the body is not one member, but many.” (**v.14**)
- You are absolutely essential. You have great worth!

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4. Gifted members (Eph. 4:7-16; 1 Cor. 12:12-27) (cont.)

- **Unity**
- **Diversity**
- The third thought is **sovereignty**.
- "But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased." (v.18) Divine appointment.
- "God composed the body." (v.24) (tempered, forged)
- "God has appointed those in the church..." (v.28)
- The fourth and final thought from our text is **Harmony**.
- Why did God sovereignly compose the body (His church) the way He did?
- God's design for the church: no schism (v. 25-27)

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4. Gifted members (Eph. 4:7-16; 1 Cor. 12:12-27) (cont.)

- **Unity**
- **Diversity**
- **Sovereignty**
- **Harmony**
- Note the use of the word “schism” in **v.25** compared to “composed” in **v.24** (tempered, mixed together for greater strength, forged). Division in the body leads to weakness, but harmony gives strength and purpose.
- When each person in the church is using his or her spiritual gift for the purpose of building up the other members, then schisms will not happen (or are quickly and permanently resolved to maintain harmony). This is a powerful witness!

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Application:

Four questions:

1. **Do you have a spiritual gift?** Are you a member of the body of Christ? Are you a follower of Christ? It all begins there.
2. **Do you know what your spiritual gift is?** You have been given a unique gift as part of the salvation package. Often not what you would choose or what you are naturally gifted to do!
3. **Have you used your spiritual gift?** Try out the gifts! Ask a respected spiritual advisor to help you find an area of ministry. The motivation comes from the Spirit not flesh.
4. **Have you seen evidence of your spiritual gift?** Look for evidences of the Spirit's working in the lives of those you are ministering to, manifesting that you are using your spiritual gift!