

Ephesians

Finding And Using My Spiritual Gift – Part 2

The spiritual gifts are given by grace and are not based on our worthiness or personal abilities; they are given according to God's sovereign choice. The gifts are given by the Spirit of God; thus, the gifts are a part of the new life granted to us in Christ and may be drastically different from our perceived capabilities or desires prior to salvation.

Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-16 - But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.⁸ This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

1 Peter 4:7-11 - The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever.

What Are The Gifts?

Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, 1 Peter 4

Romans 12:3-8 - For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

- **Serving - the ability to provide practical help either physically or spiritually. These people love to help and do not do it for personal affirmation.**
- **Administration - the ability to organize, promote, and lead.**
- **Giving - the ability to release material resources to further the work of the local church and the universal Church.**
- **Faith - the ability to demonstrate great confidence in the power of God. They can encourage with their strength and they have a strong belief in the power of prayer.**
- **Mercy - the ability to identify people in need and comfort them with the love of God.**