

Spiritual Gifts

Fruit of the Spirit can be defined as the result, product, or consequence of an action. The action being the filling of the Holy Spirit.

The Fruit of the Spirit are as follows:

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Kindness
- Goodness
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self-control

Every Christian should exhibit these qualities.

Natural gifts are independent of our spiritual gifts. Natural gifts are present before we receive Christ, and spiritual gifts come afterwards.

A biblical calling is really nothing more than a combination of a spiritual gift and a passion.

The four components of passion:

1. Personality
2. Background
3. Life Situations
4. Level of maturity in your spiritual walk with Christ.

Spiritual gift is a special ability given to us at our spiritual birth.

- 1 Corinthians 12:7
- 1 Corinthians 14:12
- 1 Peter 4:10

Spiritual Gifts are explicitly addressed in these Scriptures:

- Roman 12
- 1 Corinthians 12-14
- Ephesians 4
- 1 Peter 4

Have you opened your spiritual gifts?

1. Who Gives Spiritual Gifts?

-It is God who has given the gifts.

2. Who receives these gifts?

-All believers are given at least one gift.

3. When are we given these gifts?

-We receive our gift at our conversion when the H.S. enters our bodies.

4. Which gifts does God give us?

-We received the specific gift that God has determined for you.

5. What is the purpose of Spiritual Gifts?

-It is to build up the body.

-“We must continually remember that the work of the ministry is to the world. The church exists as God’s instrument to reach the world.”

-*Body Life* by Ray Stedman

6. What are Spiritual Gifts?

-They are abilities which enable Christians to effectively function in serving and building up the Body of Christ.

7. How many gifts are there?

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8. How do I confirm gifts I may have?

-We should see the Body being built up as a result of us using our gifts.

-Understanding your burden is the combination of your personality, background, life situation, and walk with God.

The Gifts:

1. Administration

-1 Corinthians 12:28

-The ability to develop, articulate, and execute effective and specific plans in the accomplishment of the long and short range goals of the Body of Christ. The word is derived from "Captain" or "pilot". Keeping the ship on a predetermined course. This gift is not necessary for leaders, but they must have someone with this gift close by to execute plans. This gift is often used to continue ministries started by others.

-Enjoy working with details

-Enjoy long hours

-Ability to make an organization run like a "finely – oiled machine."

-Very organized person, flow charts and outlines

-Work from a list

-Logical thinker

-Help others work better together

-Pragmatic

2. Apostleship

-Ephesians 4:11

-The ability and calling of God to be sent as a messenger to bring the Gospel to places where it has previously not been acculturated. Jesus was the ultimate apostle.

-Prayers include requests for others who have little exposure to the Gospel.

-You have an unusual ability to survive difficult situations.

-You adjust well to adversity

-Burden for sharing the gospel

-Ability to learn other languages easily

-Jack-of-all-trades

-You enjoy learning from people who are vastly different from you.

- Being separated from family and friends does not inhibit you.

3. Discernment

-1 Corinthians 12:10

-The ability to perceive the motives of others and the sincerity within relationships concerning the Body of Christ. The ability to know if something is from God, a demonic source, or if it merely reflects human opinion.

- Very observant to what people say.

-Tend to notice "body language"

-Intuition is often correct

-You often gossip about a "feeling" you have concerning a person rather than confront the person involved.

-You have an analytical mind

-Very perceptive person

4. Encouragement

-Romans 12:8

-The ability to counsel, model, and encourage people through your personal testimony, life, and scripture.

-Comfort people experiencing hardship.

- You feel free to counsel others into courses of action
- You enjoy people
- You are able to identify with the feelings and emotions of others.
- People approach you with their problems
- You naturally cheer people up.

5. Evangelism

-*Ephesians 4:11*

- The ability to share the Gospel of Christ publicly or privately with unbelievers in such a way that they respond and become disciples.
- Prayers are for those who do not know Christ.
- You enjoy meeting people and make friends easily
- You are able to articulate your faith easily and people respond positively
- You are not satisfied with superficial commitments
- You have an inner unrest about people going to hell
- People enjoy being trained by you to share their faith
- You have the ability to motivate and train people.

6. Faith

-1 *Corinthians 12:9*

- The ability to envision with clarity and confidence God's future direction and goals for the Body of Christ.
- Much more interested in the future than the past.
- You are a positive thinker and are frustrated with negative people.
- You become irritated by those who lack your vision and criticize you.
- Sometimes people see you as too self-assured.
- You are not afraid to stand alone with God's vision
- You sometimes expect too much of others and cant understand why they don't live by faith.

7. Giving

-*Romans 12:8*

- The ability to give liberally to meet the needs of others and support God's ministry with that which God has entrusted to you.
- The purpose is to meet the needs of believers within you local assembly.
- A sense of joy when you give
- Ability to make wise purchases and investments
- You don't need to be pressured to give.
- Think about others before yourself
- When giving, you don't think about tax advantages.

8. Helps/Service

-1 *Corinthians 12:28; Romans 12:7*

- The ability to unselfishly meet the needs of other people through practical service.
- Ability to see needs
- You work by yourself or in a small group
- A desire to help others
- You don't need to receive public recognition
- You do not enjoy handling major leadership or overseeing responsibilities.
- You enjoy doing things for someone that enable them to use their gifts more fully.

9. Hospitality

-1 *Peter 4:9*

- The ability to reach out to others and welcome them into your home and life in a loving, warm manner while providing food and lodging so that guests feel "at home" in your presence.
- Pray that God will use you to accommodate visitors
- You enjoy meeting new people

- You enjoy preparing meals for guests
- You are relaxed entertaining people
- You are not upset if your home is not perfect
- Many people just stop by
- You enjoy asking neighbors over
- You open your home for Bible studies

10. Knowledge

-1 *Corinthians 12:8*

- The ability to discover, analyze, accumulate, systematize, and articulate ideas that are essential for the growth and edification of the Body of Christ.
- You are able to grasp spiritual truths quickly.
- You enjoy reading books and articles.
- You can absorb and remember vast quantities of information
- When listening to a message, you look for deep truths being communicated.
- People see you as more ideological than practical.

11. Leadership

-*Romans 12:8*

- The ability to set Godly goals, make decisions, and then communicate them to the Body of Christ, so others will voluntarily follow and joyously work to accomplish these goals.
- You often set an example in behavior for others.
- Others readily follow you, and they see you confidently knowing what to do next.
- If a parent, your family also responds well to your leadership.
- You are a well-disciplined person.
- You are relaxed when in leadership positions.
- You delegate well.
- You tend to "take over" in a situation where there is not a designated leader.
- People look to you for leadership and direction.
- You remain calm under pressure.
- You desire to see things move quickly to a conclusion. Then you are ready to move on to a new challenge.
- You can organize and motivate people to accomplish a desired task.

12. Mercy

-*Romans 12:8*

- The ability to empathize with those in need and to manifest this empathy in such a way as to encourage those that are in need.
- You find it easy to identify with the feelings of someone in pain.
- You cry easily or show emotions when you see or hear things that sadden you.
- Your immediate reactions when you see someone in difficulty is to want to reach out and help.
- You can become bitter because of the injustices someone else suffers.
- Your prayer life includes the needs of the many personal struggles you know people are experiencing.
- You enjoy calling on people in the hospital or in their homes.

13. Shepherd

-1 *Peter 5:1-4; Ephesians 4:11*

- The ability to minister to an established group of people by caring for their spiritual welfare holistically on a long-term basis.
- You are a people person and enjoy being around others.
- You tend to build deep relationships.
- Others are attracted to you because they sense that you genuinely care for them.
- People see you as a warm person.
- You are frustrated with tasks that take you away from ministering to those around you.
- You feel inadequate to meet all the needs of those around you.
- You enjoy being able to focus on a few rather than being spread too thin.

14. Shepherd-Teacher

-Ephesians 4:11

- The ability to instruct, guide, and care for a local expression of the Body of Christ such that the members are prepared to reach out in ministry to others.
- People look to you for leadership.
- You are a disciplined person.
- You are goal-oriented but people-focused.
- You are successful in preparing and motivating others to become involved in using their gifts in ministry.
- You train leaders well.
- You articulate your thoughts well.
- You set an example of a godly lifestyle
- You get frustrated when you don't see others growing in maturity.
- You are concerned that all the needs of the body are met.

15. Prophecy

-Romans 2:6, 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28-29; Ephesians 4:11

- The ability to publicly or privately proclaim God's Word such that people are convicted, consoled, encouraged, challenged, and/or strengthened.
- You have an excellent grasp of God's Word, frequently quoting the Bible to others.
- You don't mind someone challenging you.
- You have the courage to confront issues with insights God has given you.
- Sometimes people see you as a negative person.
- You have the ability to see through surface issues to the true spiritual problem.
- You see events which will occur if people do not act now on God's Word.

16. Teaching

-Romans 12:7, 1 Corinthians 12:28

- The ability to communicate information in such a way that members of the Body of Christ understand how to apply spiritual principles to their own lives and ministries.
- You have a great deal of patience for those who are learning from you.
- You have the ability to communicate Scripture in a way others understand.
- You have seen others apply your teaching to their lives and grow as a result.
- You are not easily threatened by criticism when teaching.
- You enjoy spending time in study for your teaching.
- You enjoy people.
- You have a genuine concern for those you are teaching.
- You are always learning and then want to teach others.
- You are a disciplined person.

17. Wisdom

-1 Corinthians 12:8

- The ability to gain insight on how knowledge may best be applied to specific needs in the Body of Christ.
- Involves revelation from God.
- You enjoy the application passages of Scripture rather than the doctrinal.
- Sometimes you see solutions to problems that no one else seems to notice.
- You become frustrated when people do not listen to your solution because you know it will work.
- You have little difficulty communicating your thoughts, and others usually listen you.
- People come to you with their personal problems for insight. They see you as a problem solver.
- You feel uncomfortable with discussions, which remain at the theoretical level for an extended period of time.
- You have an analytical mind, which is always trying to figure out how and why.
- You find it easy to decide on a course of action that needs to be taken.