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**Exalting, Equipping, Evangelizing**

Bible Study

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## **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

**Definition:** Divine enablements for ministry that the Holy Spirit gives to all believers. These gifts are completely under His control and used for the building of the church and for unity within the church.

### **Lesson Objectives:**

1. To make believers aware of the spiritual gifts listed in the Bible. *1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:1*
2. To help believers discover what their spiritual gift or gifts are: *1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:4-6*
3. To encourage believers to use their gift in their local church. *1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:7*

## **Gift of Exhortation or Encouragement**

**Description:** The divine enablement to present truth so as to strengthen, comfort, or urge to action those who are discouraged or wavering in their faith.

**Scripture References:** *Romans 12:8; Acts 11:22-24; 15:30-32*

**Distinctives:** People with this gift:

- Come to the side of those who are discouraged to strengthen and reassure them.
- Challenge, comfort, or confront others to trust and hope in the promises of God.
- Urge others to action by applying biblical truth.
- Motivate others to grow.
- Emphasize God's promises and have confidence in His will.

**Traits:** Positive, motivating, affirming, reassuring, supportive, and trustworthy.

**Cautions:** People with this gift:

- Can sometimes be overly flattering.
- Should first take time to understand where others are and what they really need.
- May want to just say "positive" things to others and avoid being confrontational.

Could this be my spiritual gift? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Not Sure

## Gift of Giving

**Description:** The divine enablement to contribute money and resources to the work of the Lord and others with cheerfulness and liberality. People with this gift do not ask “How much money do I need to give to God?” but “How much money do I need to live on?”

**Scripture References:** *Romans 12: 8; Luke 21: 1-4*

**Distinctives:** People with this gift:

- Manage their finances and limit their lifestyle in order to give as much of their resources as possible.
- Support the work of ministry with sacrificial gifts to advance the kingdom.
- Meet tangible needs that enable spiritual growth to occur.
- Provide resources, generously and cheerfully, trusting God for His provision.
- May have a special ability to make money so that they may use it to further God’s work.

**Traits:** Stewardship-oriented, responsible, resourceful, charitable, trust in God, and disciplined.

**Cautions:** People with this gift:

- Need to remember that giving money and resources is a spiritual contribution to the Body of Christ.
- Need to remember the church’s agenda is determined by leaders, not by the giver’s gift.
- Need to guard against pride.

Could this be my spiritual gift? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Not Sure