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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. *1st Corinthians 12:1*
2. To help believers discover what their spiritual gift or gifts are: *1st Corinthians 12:4-6*
3. To encourage believers to use their gift in their local church. *1st Corinthians 12:7*

Gift of Faith

Description: The divine enablement to act on God's promises with confidence and unwavering belief in God's ability to fulfill His purposes.

Scripture References: *1st Corinthians 12:9, 13:2; Romans 4:18-21; Hebrews 11:1-6*

Distinctives: People with this gift:

- Believe the promises of God and inspire others to do the same.
- Act in complete confidence of God's ability to overcome obstacles.
- Demonstrate an attitude of trust in God's will and His promises.
- Advance the cause of Christ because they go forward when others will not.
- Ask God for what is needed and trust Him for His provision.

Traits: Prayerful, trusting, assured, positive, inspiring and hopeful.

Cautions: People with this gift:

- Need to act on their faith.
- Should remember that those who desire to wait and plan do not necessarily lack faith.
- Should listen to and consider the counsel of wise and spirit-filled believers.

Could this be my spiritual gift? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure

Gift of Healing

Description: The divine enablement to be God's means for restoring people to wholeness.

Scripture References: *1st Corinthians 12:9, 28-30; Acts 3:1-10*

Distinctives: People with this gift:

- Demonstrate the power of God.
- Bring restoration to the sick and diseased.
- Validate a message from God through healing.
- Use healing as an opportunity to communicate a biblical truth and to see God glorified.
- Pray, touch, or speak words that miraculously bring healing to one's body.

Traits: Compassionate, trusts in God, prayerful, full of faith, humble and obedient.

Cautions: People with this gift:

- Need to remember that it is not always their faith or the faith of the sick that determines a healing, but God who determines it.
- Need to realize that God does not promise to heal everyone who asks or is prayed for.
- Should remember that Jesus did not heal everyone who was sick while he was on the earth.

Could this be my spiritual gift? _____Yes _____No _____Not Sure