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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 Miracles

Description: The divine enablement to authenticate the ministry and message of God through supernatural interventions which glorify Him.

Scripture References: *1st Corinthians 12:8-10, 28-29; Luke 5:1-11; John 2:1-11*

Distinctives: People with this gift:

- Speak God's truth and have it authenticated by an accompanying miracle.
- Express confidence in God's faithfulness and ability to manifest His presence.
- Bring the ministry and message of Jesus Christ with power.
- Claim God to be the source of the miracle and glorify Him.
- Represent Christ and through the miracle, point people to a relationship with Christ.

Traits: Bold, authoritative, God-fearing, convincing, prayerful, and responsive.

Cautions: People with this gift:

- Need to remember that miracles are not necessarily caused by faith.
- Should avoid viewing this gift as a personal ability, instead of being determined by God.
- Need to guard against the temptation to call on the Lord's presence and power for selfish purposes.

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

Gift of Discernment

Description: The divine enablement to distinguish between truth and error, good and evil, right and wrong.

Scripture References: *1st Corinthians 12:10; Acts 5:1-4; Matthew 16: 21-23*

Distinctives: People with this gift:

- Distinguish truth from error, right from wrong, pure motives from impure.
- Identify deception in others with accuracy.
- Determine whether a word attributed to God is authentic.
- Recognize inconsistencies in a teaching, prophetic message, or interpretation.
- Able to sense the presence of evil.

Traits: Perceptive, insightful, sensitive, intuitive, decisive, and truthful.

Cautions: People with this gift:

- May struggle with how to express their perceptions, feelings, or insights.
- Could be harsh when confronting others, instead of speaking the truth in love.
- Need to confirm their perceptions before speaking.

Could this be my spiritual gift? _____Yes _____No _____Not Sure