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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 Wisdom

Description: The divine enablement to effectively apply spiritual truth to meet a need in a specific situation.

Scripture References: *1st Corinthians 12:8, 2:3-14; James 3:13-18; Jeremiah 9:23-24*

Distinctives: People with this gift:

- Receive an understanding of what is necessary to meet the needs of the Body of Christ.
- Provide divinely given solutions in the midst of conflict and confusion.
- Hear the Spirit provide direction for God's best in a given situation.
- Apply spiritual truth in specific and practical ways.

Traits: Sensible, insightful, practical, wise, experienced, and common sense.

Cautions: People with this gift:

- Could fail to share the wisdom that God has given them.
- Need to avoid having others develop a dependence upon them, which may weaken their faith in God.
- Need to be patient with others who do not have this gift.

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

Gift of Knowledge

Description: The divine enablement to bring truth to the body through a revelation or biblical insight.

Scripture References: *1st Corinthians 12:8; Mark 2:1-8; John 1:43-50*

Distinctives: People with this gift:

- Receive truth which enables them to better serve the body.
- Search the Scriptures for insight, understanding, and truth.
- Have an unusual insight or understanding that serves the church.
- Organize information for teaching and practical use.
- Gain knowledge which was not attained by natural observation or means.

Traits: Inquisitive, observant, insightful, truthful, and spiritually sensitive.

Cautions: People with this gift:

- Need to be careful of this gift leading to pride (“knowledge” puffs up)
- Should remember that it’s God’s message, not theirs, when they give a word of knowledge to the church or church members.
- Need to remember with the increasing of knowing comes the increasing of pain (Ecclesiastes 1:18)

Could this be my spiritual gift? _____Yes _____No _____Not Sure