

Belong

What is the best gift you have ever received? What was meaningful or special about it? . . .

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Become

What is a Spiritual Gift?

Did you know we can trust God to give us good, meaningful gifts? When we were created, God gave us each unique gifts so that we can contribute to closing the gap between how the world is and how God wants the world to be. Spiritual Gifts are the ways the Holy Spirit empowers us to serve God and serve others in the world. No two gifts are exactly alike, but all are equally important! Not everyone has the same spiritual gifts, but we all have the same challenge: to use our spiritual gifts to serve God and bring God’s kingdom to earth as it is in heaven.

He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. His purpose was to equip God’s people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God’s Son. God’s goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ. - *Ephesians 4:11-13*

What are my Spiritual Gifts?

1. I enjoy working behind the scenes and supporting the work of others. **G**
2. Relationships are more important to me than other tasks related to a job. I am a “people” person. **I**
3. People usually tell me that I am a good judge of character. **B**
4. I give hope to others by telling them about the promises of God. **D**
5. I live with confidence because I know that God is always at work in my life. **E**
6. I like to organize people, tasks, and events. **A**
7. Education and knowledge are very important to me. **J**
8. It really bothers me when people are in need; I want to do something about it. **F**
9. I have a good understanding of the good news of God’s grace and can share it with others easily. **C**
10. I enjoy bringing hope and joy to people living in difficult situations. **H**
11. I like knowing that things I give to others make a real difference in the lives of God’s people. **F**
12. I enjoy explaining things to people so that they can grow spiritually and personally. **J**
13. I tend to see the potential in people, not their weaknesses. **D**
14. I can see through phoniness or deceit before other people can. **B**
15. I really want others to learn and grow in their faith. **I**
16. I can recruit people to help out and explain what needs to be done so they understand what to do. **A**
17. I find it natural and easy to trust God to answer my prayers. **E**
18. Other people know that I care about them. I always try to have a loving attitude. **H**
19. Sharing my faith with others is very important to me. **C**
20. I like to find small things that need to be done and often do them without being asked. **G**
21. My conversations with others usually lead to me telling them about my faith. **C**
22. I am a very caring person and always sympathize with other people. **H**
23. I am regularly challenging my friends to trust God. **E**
24. I am able to help others when they are upset about something. **D**
25. I am a leader. I can effectively share goals in such a way that others want to carry them out. **A**
26. I can easily tell the difference between right and wrong, what is truth and lie and good and evil. **B**
27. It is important for me to support missions with my efforts and time. **F**
28. I pray a lot for other people. **I**
29. I don’t wish to be the leader or the most popular person. I like being one of the crowd. **G**
30. I pay close attention to the words, phrases, and meanings of those who teach. **J**

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Read Romans 12:4-8 “We have many parts in one body, but the parts don’t all have the same function. In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. We have different gifts that are consistent with God’s grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful.”

What do you think it means to be “one body”? What does it mean to “belong to each other?”

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What inspires you from this passage? Do you recognize any of these gifts in yourself?

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Why does God give us gifts? (Hint: look at Ephesians 4:11-13)

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How does God want us to use our gifts? (Hint: look at Romans 12:4-8).....

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Administration **A**

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit enables certain Christians to organize, administrate, and promote the various affairs of the local church's ministry to direct them effectively.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:28 Romans 12:8, Titus 1:4-5

Discernment **B**

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit enables certain Christians to know without a doubt whether a statement or behavior is of God, Satan, or a human.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:10, Acts 5:3-6, Acts 16:16-18, 1 John 4:1

Evangelism **C**

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit enables particular Christians to share the good news of Jesus with others, and concerns them with the need to share gospel hope. All Christians are called to witness for Christ whether they have this gift or not. **Read Ephesians 4:11, Acts 8:5-12, Acts 21:8, Acts 8:26-40, Matthew 28:18-20**

Encouragement/Counseling **D**

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit enables certain Christians to deliver challenging and encouraging words. **See Romans 12:8, Acts 11:23-24, Acts 14:21-22, Acts 15:32**

Faith **E**

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit provides Christians with great confidence to believe and expect great things from God. **See 1 Corinthians 12:9, Romans 5:1, Romans 12:3, Hebrews 11**

Giving **F**

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit enables certain Christians to share and give freely to the glory of God. **Read Romans 12:8, Acts 4:32-37, Galatians 4:15, Philippians 4:10-18, 2 Corinthians 8:1-5**

Helps/Serving/Ministering **G**

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit empowers certain Christians to help people both physically and spiritually. Serving one another, like evangelism, is a calling of all Christians, but there are some who have a special desire to serve, and receive great blessing from helping others.

Read Romans 12:7, 1 Corinthians 12:28, Galatians 6:1-2

Mercy H

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit enables certain Christians to minister to and have compassion for those who are suffering or afflicted. **Read Romans 12:8, Luke 10:30-37**

Shepherding/Leadership I

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit enables certain Christians to lead, guide, and feed the flock of God, which is the Church. **Read Ephesians 4:11, I Peter 5:1-11**

Teaching J

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit enables particular Christians to communicate and clarify the details and truths of God’s Word for others to learn. **Read Romans 12:7, Ephesians 4:11**

My Top Spiritual Gifts

Gift 1

Words or phrases that connect:

How have you seen this gift show up in your life?

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Gift 2

Words or phrases that connect:

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Gift 3

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Gift 4

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*We don't just have spiritual gifts for our own use.
We have them for a larger purpose, to change the world!*

Bless

What is one way you could use your spiritual gifts to bless others this week?

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How were you blessed?

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