

Gifts of the Spirit

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What is a spiritual gift?

- Supernatural ability given to all Christians to do God's work on earth.

5 things that spiritual gifts are not:

1. Spiritual gifts are not natural talents.
2. Spiritual gifts are not given to the 'elite few'.
3. Spiritual gifts are not signs of spiritual maturity.
4. Spiritual gifts are also not the fruits of the Spirit.
5. Spiritual gifts are not something to fear.

Romans, Chapter 12:6-8 6 In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to **prophecy**, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. 7 If your gift is **servicing others**, serve them well. If you are a **teacher**, teach well. 8 If your gift is to **encourage others**, be encouraging. If it is **giving**, give generously. If God has given you **leadership ability**, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for **showing kindness** to others, do it gladly.

1 Corinthians Chapter 12:7-11 7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. 8 To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give **wise advice** (Wisdom); to another the same Spirit gives a message of special **knowledge**. 9 The same Spirit gives **great faith** to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of **healing**. 10 He gives one person the power to **perform miracles**, and another the ability to **prophecy**. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to **speak in unknown languages**, while another is given the ability to **interpret what is being said**. 11 It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

- Some of us are waiting to get approved by man before we can be used of God.

2 Things that will develop the gifts that are inside you.

1. Extraordinary Faith
2. Uncompromising Obedience

1 Peter 4:10-11 NLT - God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? **Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you.** Do you have the gift of helping others? **Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies.** Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.