

Spiritual Gifts: A Study

1. What is the source of Spiritual Gifts? (see 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11, 18, 28)
2. What are the purposes of Spiritual Gifts? (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 20-26; 1 Peter 4: 10,11)
3. What are some examples of Spiritual Gifts? (1 Corinthians 12:8-11, 28-30; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Romans 12:4-8; Ephesians 4: 11-13)
4. Describe the ideal inter-relations, and coexistence of those who have various Spiritual Gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:14-27)
5. How are we to esteem those who may be regarded as “less important”? (1 Corinthians 12:20-24)
6. In the middle of this discussion on Spiritual Gifts, Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:31 that he wants to show us a “more excellent way.” What is that more excellent way?
7. Write a short prayer thanking God for spiritually gifting you, even if you don’t know which gift you have. Ask Him for wisdom in its use, and that He would be glorified through it.

How would the faithful use of YOUR Gifts help fulfill CCF’s God-given Mission?

... to Be and Make Disciples of Jesus

Who love God, and others to HIS glory

- ✓ Using our Spirit-given gifts and resources
- ✓ Relying on His strength
- ✓ Serving with His body, family
- ✓ Following Him through His Word

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“AFTER FURTHER REVIEW . . .” OF GOD’S MERCY:

Will you Submit to God, Serve Others?

The video review in sports is loved and hated! It often depends on if the call—“after further review”—goes your team’s way. After reviewing the gospel for 11 chapters, Paul “calls the question,” he asks for a commitment. After we’ve seen what God, in His mercy has done for us, here is what is reasonably expected of us. **What is your call, your response, to reviewing God’s indescribable mercy?**

1 “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.” **(Romans 12:9—ESV)**

“Therefore,” after what God has done for us in Jesus, as recipients of His unmerited, unmatched mercy towards sinners (see Romans 1:1-11:32), we are strongly urged, and it only makes sense that we would:

1. Freely Give ALL of Ourselves to God

Living sacrifices . . . holy and pleasing to God
this is the kind of ultimate worship God wants, deserves
Loving Him with all our heart, soul, mind, strength

2. Stop being Conformed to the World’s Ideas, Ways:

1 John 2:15-17; Psalm 1:1-3; Hebrews 12:1, 2; John 17

3. Be “Metamorphosed” (changed) via Mind Renewal

Then we can know God’s desire and design for us
His will is good, pleasing, perfect. Trust Him! (cf. 8:28)
See Colossians 3:1-17; John 8:30-32; 15:1-4; 17:14-17;
Psalm 1, 19, 119

4. Think of Ourselves in Line with God’s Revealed Truth

Properly, biblically esteem ourselves (study Ephesians 1-3)
Be Goldilocks-minded: not think too highly of ourselves
Made in God’s image, redeemed sinners, damned but loved
See Romans 5:1-11; Psalm 32; 139; John 5:24

5. Use Your Grace-given Gifts to Serve Others, Honor God

Appreciate gift-diversity. Maintain unity
Know and fulfill your needed role in the body
Other-focused. Need-meeting. God-honoring.

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Spiritual Gifts: A Primer

Spiritual Gifts (Gk.: *charisma*): a special empowerment or ability given by God’s Spirit to each believer to do some ministry (service) that builds up Christ’s body, and blesses others to His glory.

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” (1 Peter 4:10-11—ESV)

You’ve Got One! “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1 Corinthians 12:7)

They’re for Serving. Believers are to use their Spiritual Gifts as: **God’s Servants** of Grace to Others (Mark 10:45; John 13:1-10)

Good Stewards of God’s Grace to You (Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27)

They’re for God’s Glory! Everything for God’s glory (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Speaking Gift? As if God’s Words! (see 2 Corinthians 5:20; Acts 7:38; James 3:1)

Serving Gifts? By God’s Strength! (see Matthew 20:28; John 15:1-7; Galatians 2:20)

❖ **Discover, Develop, Deploy your Gift.**

Study the other “gift lists” in Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12

❖ **Serve!** Find, make a place to benefit others, Glorify God
Spiritual Gifts are not *Trophies* to be polished and admired
They are *Tools* to sharpen and use!

❖ **You’ve Got One, so USE IT, to His Glory!**