

Spiritual Gifts Overview PT 1

Wisdom = Insight and understanding about what to do in a particular situation. 1 Corinthians 12:8. Do people seek you for counsel? Are you frustrated when you see people making foolish choices?

Knowledge = Insight into a particular situation. 1 Corinthians 12:8. Do you find that God gives particular, unusual insight in situations/ people?

Faith = The ability to trust God in difficult circumstances. 1 Corinthians 12:9. Do you find yourself invigorated by the impossible? Are you motivated by new ministries? Have you seen dramatic answers to prayer?

Discernment = The ability to perceive whether something is from God or not. 1 Corinthians 12:10. Do you find yourself keenly aware of error? Do you have strong initial impressions about people that later prove to be true?

Apostleship = Church planting/ Missionary gifting. 1 Corinthians 12:28/ Ephesians 4:11. Are you qualified and called to plant a church or serve on the mission field?

Teaching = The ability to explain God's truth in ways that people can understand. Romans 12:7/ 1 Corinthians 12:28. Do you enjoy biblical study? When you teach do people "get it?" Are you frustrated when you see people confused in their understanding of the Bible?

Helps/ Service = Joyfully work alongside other in their ministry. Romans 12:7/ 1 Corinthians 12:28. Do you enjoy being behind the scenes? When you see a job being done poorly is your first instinct to help rather than criticize?

Administration = The ability to organize people and things so God's work can thrive. 1 Corinthians 12:28. Can you bring order out of chaos? Do you find disorganized situations especially frustrating? Does efficiency and organization make you happy?

Evangelism = The ability to clearly and boldly explain the gospel to non-Christians so that they can become Christians. Ephesians 4:11. Do you enjoy being in situations where you get to express your faith? Do you find overly "churched" social situations frustrating?

Encouragement = The ability to provide encouragement, counsel and support to someone in suffering. Romans 12:8. Do people seek you out for encouragement? Do you enjoy walking with people in their pain?

Giving = The ability to give money and other forms of wealth joyfully, wisely and generously. Romans 12:8. Do you enjoy to give? Do you look for opportunities to give money - even when no one asks?

Leadership = The ability to have and communicate clear vision from God and rally people to pursue that vision. Romans 12:8. Do other express confidence in your ability to lead? Do people look to you for major decisions for a group?

Mercy = The capacity to feel unusual compassion for those in suffering. Romans 12:8. Are you especially drawn to people in need? Do you easily think of ideas to minister to those in suffering? Does doing so bring you joy?

Today's core questions: What are some gifts that I might have? What opportunities has God provided for me to use them?