

Simple Church Series Finding Your Spiritual Gifts

I Corinthians 12 & Romans 12 The Final Message

Total Happiness/Joy as a Believer = Be Right with God + Find & Develop & Use your **Spiritual Gifts**
Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don't want you to misunderstand [be ignorant of] this. I Corinthians 12:1
More confusion here than probably any other subject for the Believer

Finding Your Spiritual Gifts

1. Description of Spiritual Gifts *special abilities the Spirit gives us*

>spiritual gifts *Spirit gives us*

>**supernatural** gifts *special abilities* They are not earned or learned nor are they natural talents

>**service** gifts *different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.* I Corinthians 12:5

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. I Corinthians 12:7

>**sovereign** gifts *It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.* I Corinthians 12:11

>**salvation** gifts *The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.*

Birth = Natural Gifts New Birth = Supernatural Spiritual Gifts

>**support** gifts *¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? ¹⁸But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where He wants it.* I Corinthians 12:17-18

God gave different gifts to make us **ONE** They are to be used in the body not apart from body
You need the church and the church needs you! Don't prostitute your Spiritual Gift in the world!

2. Diversity of the gifts *⁸To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. ⁹The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. ¹⁰He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. 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.* I Corinthians 12:8-10

>**wisdom** not common sense but uncommon sense

>**knowledge** ability to know things thru Holy Spirit

>**faith** all of us have faith but this is special

>**healings** physical mental spiritual

>**miracles** If you believe in the Bible and God you have to believe in miracles

>**prophecy** forth telling not foretelling I Corinthians 14:3 edification exhortation comfort

>**discernment** all sorts of spirits out there I John 4:1

>**tongues** to praise God in a foreign language not a sign to believers but to **unbelievers**

>**interpretation of tongues** so all will know what is being said

That list missed me entirely!! Paul gives a Spiritual Gifts List 2.0 in **Romans 12:4-6**

- >**ministry** acts of service general church work all areas nursery
- >**teaching** ability to present the Word clearly
- >**exhortation** encourager such as music
- >**giving** all are to give but this presupposes gift of making, sacrificially giving
- >**ruling** administration
- >**mercy** showing love of Jesus to others

3. Discovery of your gifts Romans 12:1-5

- >**Lordship** 1-2 Yield to His authority
- >**Stewardship** 3-4 These are His gifts to You to be used in **HIS CHURCH!** Get busy!
- >**Fellowship** 4-5 **Others** will help you find your gift area

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.
Ephesians 2:8