

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY
Spiritual Gifts Introduction
Workshop 3A
April 26, 2021

I. The Spiritual Gift system was instituted by God to insure two things:

- A. That every believer in Jesus Christ might have a significant role in the Body of Christ. (There are no bench warmers or spectators in the Church.)

- B. That believers work together to accomplish God's purpose for His Church.

- C. God's Spiritual Gift system ensures every Christian has an **identity** and the Church has **unity**.

II. The following three truths will serve as a foundation for our workshop:

- A. Spiritual Gifts originate from the Holy Spirit. (Spiritual Gifts are not just what you like to do, want to do, or can do.)

- B. Spiritual Gifts are for the common good of the Church. (If your Spiritual Gift is being used outside the Church, it's being misused.)

- C. Spiritual Gifts are distributed according to God's will. (You don't compete or lobby for Spiritual Gifts...they are part of the undeserved grace of God.)

SPIRITUAL GIFTS CATEGORIES

- I. Manifestation Gifts – 1 Corinthians 12:7-11** (gifts for all believers when needed)
Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith, Healing, Miracles, Prophecy, Distinguishing Spirits, Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues

- II. Ministry Gifts – 1 Corinthians 12:28 and Ephesians 4:11** - (gifts given to those called to full time ministry)
1 Corinthians: Apostles, Prophets, Teachers, Miracles, Healing, Helping, Administration, Tongues
Ephesians: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers

- III. Motivational Gifts – Romans 12:6-8** (basic motivation that drives and defines one's ministry)
Prophecy, Serving (*Helps*), Teaching, Encouraging (*Exhortation*), Giving (*Generosity*), Administration (*Leadership*), Mercy (*Compassion*)

SPIRITUAL GIFTS FAQ

1. What is a Spiritual Gift?

Chuck Swindoll: *"A skill or ability that enables each Christian to perform a function in the body of Christ with ease and effectiveness."*

William McRae: *"An ability to function effectively and significantly in a particular service as a member of Christ's body, the Church."*

Charles Stanley: *"Special abilities given to believers at conversion by the Holy Spirit for building up the body of Christ."*

2. Who has a Spiritual Gift?

Every believer in Jesus Christ (Romans 12:5-6, 1 Corinthians 12:11, Ephesians 4:7)

3. How does a Christian get their Spiritual Gift?

As God determines (1 Corinthians 12:11)

4. What is the purpose of one's Spiritual Gift?

Utility, unity, and maturity for the church (Ephesians 4:11-12)

Serve others and glorify God (1 Peter 4:10-11)

5. What is the difference between: A) the gifts of the Spirit, B) the gift of the Spirit, and C) the fruit of the Spirit?

A. Gifts of the Spirit are given to believers by the Holy Spirit

B. Gift of the Spirit is the Holy Spirit Himself

C. Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23)

6. Can one lose their Spiritual Gift?

No, but it can be rendered useless by the quenching or grieving of the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19, Ephesians 4:30)

7. Is one's Spiritual Gift permanent?

Yes, but it can be rendered useless

8. What is one's responsibility respective of their Spiritual Gift?

A. Identify one's gift(s)

B. Magnify one's gift(s) via development

C. Apply one's gift(s) by using it

9. Why should one identify, magnify and apply their Spiritual Gift?

A. Because no one wants to be a freeloader in the body of Christ

B. Because you will be more satisfied and fulfilled doing what God intended you to do

10. How should one get started?

A. Start asking God to reveal your gift to you.

B. Start serving in a variety of ways in the Church.

C. Ask those closest to you what they observe from you.

D. What church activities give you the greatest soul satisfaction?