

GIFTED TO SERVE



Gifted To Serve | A Great Sandwich | 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; 13:1-13; 14:1-5

1. If someone were to ask you, “What do you believe about ‘the gifts of the Spirit’...?”, how would you respond? Does this type of conversation bring up a response of ‘yay!’, ‘what?’ or ‘urgh!’..?
2. What is the purpose of the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

READ: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; 13:1-13; 14:1-5

3. How would you now answer question 2 in the light of the Scripture verses you’ve just read? Which Scripture verses agree or disagree with the answers shared?
4. Discuss the significance of 1 Corinthians 13 becoming between 1 Corinthians 12 and 1 Corinthians 14. Have you ever been the recipient of an authentic spiritual gift? What about a counterfeit gift?
5. What are the gifts listed in these Scripture verses and how would you define them? What other spiritual gifts are there? Check your answers with the suggestions overleaf.
6. Of the gifts listed, are there some which you are more comfortable with? Do any of them make you feel uneasy? Why? Why not? Do you know what the function of each gift is?
7. What, if any, is the difference between “spiritual gifts” and “natural talents or learned abilities”?
8. Does everyone have spiritual gifts or are they just for the “elite few”? Is there a difference between “being filled with the Spirit” and “having spiritual gifts”?
9. How relevant are spiritual gifts in the life of CBC? Do you see them being used? If they are used, are they used appropriately/Biblically? Do you find it easy to use your gifts in the life of the church? Why? Why not?
10. Do you know what Spiritual gifts you have? How do you know? What active role might we play in obtaining or developing gifts of the Spirit?
11. What gifts and abilities do you see in other members of this home group? Use the list overleaf to help you. How can they be best expressed/used in and by the group?

Administration

The gift of administration is the divine strength or ability to organize multiple tasks and groups of people to accomplish these tasks.

Biblical References: Luke 14:28-30; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Corinthians 12:28

Craftsmanship

The gift of craftsmanship is the divine strength or ability to plan, build, and work with your hands in construction environments to accomplish multiple ministry applications.

Biblical References: Exodus 30:22, 31:3-11; 2 Chronicles 34:9-13; Acts 18:2-3

Evangelism

The gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to help non-Christians take the necessary steps to becoming a born-again Christian.

Biblical References: Acts 8:5-6, 8:26-40, 14:21, 21:8; Ephesians 4:11-14

Faith

The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe in God for unseen supernatural results in every arena of life.

Biblical References: Acts 11:22-24; Romans 4:18-21; 1 Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 11

Healing

The gift of healing is the divine strength or ability to act as an intermediary in faith, prayer, and by the laying-on of hands for the healing of physical, mental and spiritual sickness.

Biblical References: Acts 3:1-10, 9:32-35, 28:7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28

Hospitality

The gift of hospitality is the divine strength or ability to create warm, welcoming environments for others in places such as your home, office, or church.

Biblical References: Acts 16:14-15; Romans 12:13, 16:23; Hebrews 13:1-2; 1 Peter 4:9

Apostleship

The gift of apostleship is the divine strength or ability to pioneer new churches and ministries through planting, overseeing, and training.

Biblical References: Acts 15:22-35; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Galatians 2:7-10; Ephesians 4:11-14

Discernment

The gift of discernment is the divine strength or ability to spiritually identify falsehood, to distinguish between right and wrong motives and the spiritual forces at work in situations.

Biblical References: Matthew 16:21-23; Acts 5:1-11, 16:16-18; 1 Corinthians 12:10; 1 John 4:1-6

Exhortation

The gift of exhortation is the divine strength or ability to strengthen, comfort or urge others to action through the written or spoken word and Biblical truth.

Biblical References: Acts 14:22; Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:24-25

Giving

The gift of giving is the divine strength or ability to produce wealth and to give by tithes and offerings for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God on earth.

Biblical References: Mark 12:41-44; Romans 12:8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:2-7 65

Helps

The gift of helps is the divine strength or ability to work in a supportive role for the accomplishment of tasks in Christian ministry with the ability to often see the need before others do.

Biblical References: Mark 15:40-41; Acts 9:36; Romans 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 12:28

Intercession

The gift of intercession is the divine strength or ability to stand in the gap in prayer for someone, something, or some place, believing for profound results.

Biblical References: Hebrews 7:25; Colossians 1:9-12, 4:12-13; James 5:14-16

Word of Knowledge

The gift of knowledge is the divine strength or ability to bring truth to a situation by supernatural revelation. This is often accompanied by a word from God.

Biblical References: Acts 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:8; Colossians 2:2-3

Mercy

The gift of mercy is the divine strength or ability to feel empathy and to care for those who are hurting in any way.

Biblical References: Matthew 9:35-36; Mark 9:41; Romans 12:8; 1 Thess. 5:14

Pastor/Shepherd

The gift of pastor/shepherd is the divine strength or ability to care for the personal needs of others by nurturing and mending life issues.

Biblical References: John 10:1-18; Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-3

Service

The gift of serving is the divine strength or ability to do small or great tasks in working for the overall good of the body of Christ.

Biblical References: Acts 6:1-7; Romans 12:7; Galatians 6:10; 1 Timothy 1:16-18; Titus 3:14

Tongues (and Interpretation)

The gift of tongues is the divine strength or ability to pray in a heavenly language to encourage your spirit and to commune with God. The gift of tongues is often accompanied by interpretation and should be used appropriately.

Biblical References: Acts 2:1-13; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 14:1-14

Leadership

The gift of leadership is the divine strength or ability to influence people at their level while directing and focusing them on the big picture, vision, or idea.

Biblical References: Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 3:1-13, 5:17; Hebrews 13:17

Miracles

The gift of miracles is the divine strength or ability to alter the natural outcomes of life in a supernatural way through prayer, faith, and divine direction.

Biblical References: Acts 9:36-42, 19:11-12, 20:7-12; Romans 15:18-19; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28

Prophecy

The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to communicate God's truth and heart in a way that calls people to a right relationship with God.

Biblical References: Acts 2:37-40, 7:51-53, 26:24-29; 1 Corinthians 14:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 1:5

Teaching

The gift of teaching is the divine strength or ability to study and learn from the Scriptures primarily to bring understanding and depth to other Christians.

Biblical References: Acts 18:24-28, 20:20-21; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-14

Word of Wisdom

The gift of wisdom is the divine strength or ability to understand and to bring clarity to situations and circumstances often through applying the truths of Scripture in a practical way.

Biblical References: Acts 6:3,10; 1 Corinthians 2:6-13, 12:8