

(Attachment Three)

THE DIFFERENT SPIRITUAL GIFTS

God's purpose for our life as a Christian is revealed in the spiritual gifts that He has given us. Our church believes in the present day operation of the nine supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit, as recorded in **1 Corinthians 12:4-11**. (*The word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, the gift of faith, gifts of healing, the working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, different kinds of tongues and the interpretation of tongues*)

Our church also believes in the five ministry gifts of Christ, as recorded in Ephesians 4:11-13. (Apostles, *Prophets*, Evangelists, *Pastors and Teachers*)

OTHER GIFTS FROM THE FATHER INCLUDE: Prophecy, Exhortation, Giving, Leadership, Mercy, Ministry and the gift of Teaching (Regardless of Public Office) (**Romans 12:3-8**) Helps and Administration are two other gifts. (**1 Corinthians 12:28**)

Spiritual gifts are given to Christians for the building up of the Body of Christ. They are not natural abilities, fruits of the Spirit or acquired skills.

	<u>NATURAL ABILITIES</u>	<u>SPIRITUAL GIFTS</u>
<i>Given</i>	By God	By God
<i>To</i>	Every Person	Christians
<i>When</i>	At birth and as acquired	At the New Birth
<i>For</i>	General Life Activities	Christian Ministry
<i>As a</i>	Natural Ability	Supernatural Ability

TEST OF A SPIRITUAL GIFT

- 1) Are you blessing others
- 2) Is your ministry proving to be fruitful
- 3) Are you meeting a need
- 4) Is it helping you to love others
- 5) Do you get a sense of deep joy

EVERY BELIEVER HAS A MINISTRY

Every Christian has a ministry and mission field. “There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. (1 Corinthians 12:4-6) “But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.” (1 Corinthians 12:18)

KNOWING AND OPERATING IN OUR GIFTS IS THE KEY TO ABUNDANT LIFE

True purpose and meaning in life is only experienced when a Christian finds and fulfils his destiny in God. It is as a believer uses their spiritual gifts that they experience the fullness of joy and the abundant life that Jesus promised to those who love and serve Him.

A Christian with a gift of evangelism will have great purpose when sharing their faith, but most likely less fulfilment, if they find themselves doing an administrative role in their life which limits their ability to use their gift of evangelism.

DISCOVERING AND USING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- 1) Have faith
- 2) Pray
- 3) Understand
- 4) What Stirs You (Motivates you)
- 5) Seek Guidance (Commit your ways to the Lord. Seek counsel from your leaders)
- 6) Get Involved
- 7) Never Fear Failure
- 8) Make Jesus Christ Lord of all that you do
- 9) Develop a Servant Spirit

WE WILL NOW LOOK AT A DESCRIPTION OF A NUMBER OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- A. **SERVICE:** The gift of service is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ, to identify the unmet needs involving a task related to God's work and to make use of available resources to meet those needs and help accomplish the desired goals.
- B. **INTERCESSION:** The gift of intercession is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to pray extended periods of time on a regular basis. Those with this gift see frequent and specific answers to their prayers to a degree much greater than that which is expected of the average Christian.
- C. **TEACHING:** The gift of teaching is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the Body and its members in such a way that others will learn.
- D. **HOSPITALITY:** The gift of hospitality is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to provide an open house and warm welcome for those in need of food and lodging.
- E. **LEADERSHIP:** The gift of leadership is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to set goals in accordance with God's purpose for the future and to communicate these goals to others in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish those goals for the glory of God.
- F. **FAITH:** The gift of faith is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to discern with extraordinary confidence the will and purposes of God for the future of His work. Those who have this gift have the supernatural ability to believe God without doubt and to combat unbelief. They have the supernatural ability to meet adverse circumstances with trust in God's messages and words.
- G. **ADMINISTRATION:** The gift of administration is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to understand clearly the immediate and long-range goals of a particular unit of the Body of Christ and to devise and help execute plans for the accomplishment of those goals.
- H. **EVANGELISM:** The gift of evangelism is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to draw closer to pre-Christians and effectively communicate God's message of love and redemption so that people respond to Jesus and become responsible disciples in a local church.
- I. **MISSIONARY:** The gift of missionary is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to use whatever other spiritual gifts they have in a cross-cultural ministry.

- J. MESSAGE OF WISDOM:** The message of wisdom is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to know the mind of the Holy Spirit in such a way as to receive insight into how given knowledge may best be applied to specific needs. People with this gift have a divinely given power to receive spiritual intuition in problem solving and have a supernatural perspective to ascertain the divine means for accomplishing God's will in given situations.
- K. HELPS:** The gift of helps is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to invest the talents they have in the life and ministry of other members of the Body, thus enabling the person helped to increase the effectiveness of his or her spiritual gifts.
- L. CONTRIBUTING:** The gift of contributing is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to give their material resources to the work of the Lord with generosity and cheerfulness.
- M. DISTINGUISHING SPIRITS:** The gift of distinguishing spirits is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to discern with assurance whether certain behaviour purportedly to be of God is in reality divine, human or satanic.
- N. PASTOR:** The gift of pastor is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to assume a long-term shepherding responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a group of believers.
- O. ENCOURAGEMENT:** The gift of encouragement is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body to minister words of comfort, consolation, exhortation and counsel to other members of the Body in such a way that they feel helped.
- P. MESSAGE OF KNOWLEDGE:** The message of knowledge is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to obtain information from the Holy Spirit about someone or something that could not be know from any other source. Those who have this gift have supernatural insight or understanding of circumstances or a body of facts by divine revelation.
- Q. MERCY:** The gift of mercy is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to feel genuine empathy and compassion for individuals, both Christian and non-Christian, who suffer distressing physical, mental or emotional problems, and to translate that compassion into cheerfully done deeds that reflect Christ's love and alleviate the suffering.
- R. PROPHECY:** The gift of prophecy is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to receive and communicate an immediate message of God to His people through a divinely-anointed utterance.

- S. TONGUES:** The gift of tongues is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to pray to God in a language they have never learned.
- T. APOSTLE:** The gift of apostle is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to assume and exercise general leadership over a number of churches with an extraordinary authority in spiritual matters that is spontaneously recognized and appreciated by those churches.
- U. MIRACULOUS POWERS:** The special ability that God gives certain members of the Body of Christ to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to perform powerful acts that are perceived by observers to have altered the ordinary course of nature.
- V. HEALING:** The gifts of healing are special abilities that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to cure illness and restore health apart from the use of natural means. Those who have these gifts of Healing are use by God to supernaturally heal others without human aid.
- W. INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES:** The gift of interpretation of tongues is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to translate the message of one who speaks in tongues.