

Individual Gifts for the Profit of All
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I. What aren't the spiritual gifts?

While all men and women are created in the image of God, the **Imago Dei** is NOT a spiritual gift.

As God's creation, we are given _____ & _____ from Him, but these are NOT spiritual gifts.

II. What are the spiritual gifts? What are the purposes and parameters of the spiritual gifts?

I Corinthians 12:1-10

Spiritual gifts are "gifts of grace granted by the Holy Spirit which are designed for the edification of the church" (Thomas Schreiner).

(vs4-6) These grace gifts are completely varied yet divinely _____.

(vs7) They come from the Holy Spirit, for the profit of _____.

(vs8-10) We are each given one gift, but that gift contains **GOD'S** chosen _____ from His treasure store.

All these passages give _____ and _____ to the spiritual gifts.

I Peter 4:11-12	Romans 12:6-8	I Cor. 12:7-10	I Cor. 12:28	Eph. 4:11-16
Purpose vs 10 As good stewards, minister to one another	Purpose vs 3-6 Having different grace gifts, use them	Purpose vs 7 For the profit of all	Purpose 12:7 For the profit of all	Purpose vs 12 & 16 Equipping of the saints for the work of ministry and edification of the body, growth
Speaking gifts	prophecy	wisdom	apostles	apostles
Servings gifts	ministry	knowledge	prophets	prophets
*not so clear cut as speaking is serving	teaching	faith	teachers	evangelists
	exhortation	<i>healing</i>	<i>miracle workers</i>	teachers
	giving	<i>miracles</i>	<i>healers</i>	
	leading	prophecy	helps	
		discerning spirits	administrations	
	mercy	<i>tongues/interpretation of tongues</i>	<i>tongues/interpreters</i>	

The emphasis in these texts isn't on *discovering* your gifts, but _____ them in corporate service. Our spiritual gift is NOT our _____.

How do I know what my gifts are?

Look at your past patterns of service or inclinations of service in your church life and identify them with language.

As a ministry wife, consider:

- My gift does not have to be teaching. Have I taken the time to examine the spiritual gifts and assess what the Spirit has given me?
- Am I exercising those gifts with contentment, faithfulness, and without fearing man?
- Do I _____ the women around me, acknowledging their spiritual gifts with gratitude and praise to God? Fight envy with gratitude! Am I contributing to a church culture where ALL spiritual gifts are exercised and appreciated?
- Expect that the Lord brings _____ out of Spirit-given giftedness.
- Do I recognize the real danger that the flesh and the world want me so focused on self-discovery, self-preservation, and self-identity that I fail to employ the gifts given?

III. To what end are the spiritual gifts working?

The spiritual gifts are working for the mutual _____ and _____ of the saints (*Rom. 1:11-12, Eph 4:12,16*) AND, simultaneously, the gospel _____ of the body (*Matt. 5:16, I Cor. 14:23*) to the unbelieving world.

Titus 3:14

Gal. 6:10

“The spiritual gifts are characteristics of Christ that will be manifest through the body corporate as they were manifest through the body incarnate.” John MacArthur

As all the gifts are perfected and fulfilled in Jesus Christ, so, when we, the body of Christ, employ the grace gifts, we are reflecting Him to one another and to a lost world, and in doing so declaring “Jesus is _____!”

John Owen declares, “Spiritual gifts are that without which the church cannot subsist in the world, nor can believers be useful to *one another* and the *rest of mankind* unto the glory of Christ as they ought to be. They are the powers of the *world to come*, those effectual operators of the power of Christ whereby His Kingdom was erected and preserved” (*emphasis mine*).

Exodus 25:8, 31:1-8

God revealed Himself through the Law and the prophets and dwelt among His people in the tabernacle then the Temple (*Ex. 25:8*), Christ came, the Word made flesh and tabernacled among us (*Jn. 1:14*), the church is now the Temple of God, indwelt by the Spirit (*I Cor. 3:16*). God’s plan is to be with us, and we respond with worship. The spiritual gifts are employed and exercised as an act _____.