

Spiritual Gifts

Short Definitions

The spiritual gifts listed below are found in three passages: Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 & 12:28-30; and Ephesians 4:11. Note: a few gifts listed in those passages are not listed below because they are more obviously exhibited: healing, miraculous powers, speaking in tongues, interpreting tongues.

Administration

The ability to organize, direct, and implement plans that help lead others effectively toward accomplishing God's purposes.

Apostleship

The ability to pioneer new ministries, plant churches, and lead others in expanding the reach of the Gospel across cultures and regions.

Discernment/Distinguishing Between Spirits

The ability to recognize and distinguish between the influences of God, Satan, the world, and the flesh in a given situation.

Encouragement/Exhortation

The ability to strengthen, comfort, and motivate others in their faith and spiritual growth.

Evangelism

The ability to clearly and effectively communicate the Gospel and lead others to faith in Jesus Christ.

Faith

The ability to trust God completely and act with unwavering confidence in His power, promises, and goodness.

Giving

The willingness to share resources generously, joyfully, and sincerely to meet needs and advance God's work.

Knowledge

The ability to understand and communicate biblical truth and apply it wisely to life's situations.

Leadership

The ability to guide, protect, and care for people while helping them grow spiritually and fulfill God's vision.

Mercy

The compassion to care deeply for those who are suffering and to comfort them with patience and love.

Pastor/Shepherd

The ability to nurture, teach, protect, and guide a community of believers in their walk with Christ.

Prophecy

The ability to receive and communicate messages from God that build up, challenge, or comfort the church in accordance with Scripture.

Serving/Helping

The ability to meet practical needs in love, supporting others and strengthening the body of Christ.

Teaching

The ability to clearly explain and apply God's Word so that others understand and grow in faith.

Wisdom

The ability to apply biblical truth insightfully to life's circumstances, guiding others toward holiness and right living.