

Spiritual Gifts

Part 1 – Do Not Be Unaware

1 Corinthians 12:1; 1 Peter 4:10,11

Introduction - Paul opens the topic of spiritual gifts with the words: *I do not want you to be unaware*. Today we are going to discover what a spiritual gift is.

What spiritual gifts are not

- A. Spiritual gifts are not the same as the f_____ of the Spirit (see Gal 5:22,23)
 - 1. The fruit of the Spirit are a _____ that we should work at having all the time (Eph 5:18).
 - 2. Displaying the fruit of the Spirit is important in the ex _____ of spiritual gifts.
- B. Spiritual gifts are not the same as a t _____.
 - 1. Every person is b _____ with talent(s), but only believers can have a spiritual gift.
 - 2. Many times talents are u _____ with spiritual gifts (e.g. using artistic abilities to teach biblical truth)

What spiritual gifts are (1 Pet 4:10,11)

As each one has received a gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

A. *As each one*

- 1. Peter wrote this letter to believers who were scattered throughout the Roman Empire because of p _____ (1Pet 1:1).
- 2. Therefore, the words, *each one*, refer only to true b _____ in Christ.

B. *Has received a gift*

- 1. This means that there is not a single believer in Christ who is w _____ a spiritual gift.
- 2. Therefore, God must give a believer a spiritual gift as the moment they r _____ Christ as their Lord and Savior.
 - a. Rom 12:6-8 lists _____ gifts

- b. Eph 4:11 is thought to list 4 gifts, but these are four kinds of people given to the church to e_____ the rest of the church to use their spiritual gifts (Eph 4:12).
- c. I Cor 12:8-10 lists _____ gifts that are spectacular in nature (

C. *Employ it in serving one another...*

- 1. The purpose of spiritual gifts is to b_____ up the church (the people of God)
- 2. Spiritual gifts are to be exercised in a manner that g_____ God (1 Pet 4:12).

Assignment – prayerfully check the appropriate boxes in each column.

	Gifts I Might Have	Gifts I Wish I Had	Gifts I Don't Have
Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leading	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exhorting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Giving	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mercy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Serving – focuses on relieving the leadership from the burden of physical tasks (e.g. cleaning, administrative tasks)

Teaching – focuses on explaining God's word in an understandable way.

Leading - focuses on leading a group in a spiritual direction (e.g. children, youth, those with addictions, a church)

Exhorting - focuses on spiritually encouraging others (e.g. counseling, general encouragement, evangelism)

Giving – focuses on using material things for spiritual purposes (e.g. giving to missions, ministries, the needy).

Mercy – focuses on ministering to the hurting (e.g. the sick, the imprisoned, the needy).