

**“Spiritual Gifts”**  
**Part 2: What are the Spiritual Gifts?**  
Romans 12:1-8; Ephesians 4:11-13

**SPIRITUAL WORSHIP. Romans 12:1-8**

1. Presenting yourself to God. Romans 12:1-2            ‘I give myself to You’
2. Belonging to God. Romans 12:3-5                    ‘I am part of the body of Christ’
3. Spiritual gifts...

**1. PROPHECY.** Gk. **προφητεῖαν** Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28; Ephesians 4:11

- The special ability to interpret and express the Word of God in a timely, relevant, and applicable manner.
- NOT an ability to ‘tell the future’ & not speaking directly from God. (The Bible ended with Revelation.)

**2. SERVICE.** Gk. **διακονίαν** Romans 12:7; Ref. Acts 6:1-7

- Same word as “deacon.” (i.e., deacon = servant) The special ability to identify unmet needs in a task related to God’s work, and to make use of available resources to meet those needs.
- 2 Tim 1:16-18: *May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me—may the Lord grant him to find mercy on that Day!—and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.*

**3. TEACHING.** Gk. **ὁ διδάσκων** Romans 12:7 Ephesians 4:11; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ref. Acts 18:24-28; 20:20-21

- The special ability to communicate Biblical, theological, or practical truths in such a way that others learn.  
-things just seem to become clear through their teaching
- To Adults or Children; in large groups (sermon, classroom) or small groups (Bible Studies, 1 on 1)

**4. EXHORTATION.** Gk. **ὁ παρακαλῶν** Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:25; Ref. 2 Thes. 3:13

- The special ability to give words of comfort, consolation, encouragement and counsel in such a way that people feel helped and healed.
- Same word translated as Encourager. The one who rallies the troops.

**5. GIVING.** Gk. **ὁ μεταδιδούς** Romans 12:8

- Lit. ‘the meta-Giver’ or ‘the Big-giver’ (but not limited to ‘the rich’) See 2 Cor 8:1-7; Mk 12:41-44; Lk 8:1-3
- The special ability to contribute their material resources to the work of the Lord with generosity and cheer.

**6. LEADING.** Gk. **ὁ προϊστάμενος** Romans 12:8

- The special ability to see, communicate, and commit to God’s purpose for the future of a group of people.
- Leadership can be for a church, business, school, club, team, mission agency, non-profit, little league, etc.
- This necessarily involves being a visionary—seeing both opportunity and danger ahead.

**7. MERCY.** Gk. **ὁ ἐλεῶν** Romans 12:8; Matthew 10:42; Acts 16:33-34; Luke 10:33-35 (the good Samaritan)

- The special ability to feel sympathy and compassion for people in distress, to move toward them, and to alleviate the suffering through deeds and words which demonstrate the love of Jesus.
- Examples: Greeter, nurse, deacon, Guest services/welcome center volunteer, HOA welcome team, Divorce Care ministry, visiting the elderly and shut-ins, hospital visitation, volunteering at Salvation Army, etc.

**8. SHEPHERD.** Gk. **ποιμένας** Ephesians 4:11; Rf. Jesus: Mt 2:6; Jn 10:11, 14; Rf. people: Acts 20:28; 1 Pet 5:2

- The special ability to oversee, nurture and train a group of God’s people w/ instruction, care, & correction.
- The Greek word is used 17 times in the NT, 16 times it is translated as ‘shepherd’ and once as ‘pastor’ (in Ephesians 4:11). It is used in reference both to people as shepherds and to Jesus as the Shepherd.
- It is the *gift* of shepherding, not the *position* of pastor—therefore both men and women may have this gift.

→ Take an on-line spiritual gifts assessment: <https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/gifts-survey/>