

“Spiritual Gifts”

Part 3: What are the Spiritual Gifts? (cont'd)

Ephesians 4:11-13; Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 12

LIST OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS (continued)

9. ADMINISTRATION. Gk. κυβέρνησις 1 Corinthians 12:28

- The Greek word means “one who steers a ship.” This person is a ‘captain’ or ‘navigator’ planning a voyage.
- The special ability to articulate short and long-term goals to accomplish a plan. Good at organizing, promoting, and carrying out plans.
- Eg. Organize missions conf., Day 4 Hope, church talent show, project leader, plan a men’s retreat, etc.

10. KNOWLEDGE. 1 Corinthians 12:8

- The special ability to discover, accumulate, analyze, and clarify information and ideas which pertain to the growth and discipleship of God’s people. a ‘walking encyclopedia’
- Examples could be knowledge of the Bible, church history, a local congregation, ministry field etc.

11. WISDOM. 1 Corinthians 12:8

- The special ability which includes insight into how knowledge may best be applied to specific situations and needs arising in the body of Christ. Often, but not always, related to age and life experience.
- Biblical teaching about: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 Biblical example: Solomon & the 2 mothers in 1 Kings 3:16-28

12. FAITH. 1 Corinthians 12:9; Acts 11:22-24; Matthew 17:20; Luke 17:6; John 15:7

- The special ability to discern with extraordinary confidence the will and purposes of God for His work.
- Often includes asking “big” things of the Lord in the face of contrary circumstances. Prayer warriors.

→ James 5:13-18: asking the elders to pray and anoint with oil. (*Elijah was a man with a nature like ours...*)

13. DISCERNMENT. 1 Corinthians 12:10

- The special ability to judge and distinguish between things with assurance whether certain behavior and teaching purported to be from God is, in fact, true or false.
- “testing the spirits to see whether they are from God” (Ref. 1 John 4:1-6). Biblical example: Acts 16:16-18

→ This gift is always in accordance with the Word of God.

14. HOSPITALITY. 1 Peter 4:9; Romans 12:9-13; Acts 28:2; 1 Peter 4:9; Hebrews 13:2

- The special ability to provide a warm welcome and open “home” to those in need of food, lodging & care.
- It is a ministry of relationship (I am present and open) and service (how can I help make you comfortable?).

15. HELPS. 1 Corinthians 12:28; Romans 16:1-2; Acts 9:36

- The special ability to assist with practical, tangible acts of service to others. ‘I’m here to help!’
- E.g., Stacking chairs, making coffee, sweeping, weeding, raking, sewing, painting, fixing things... etc.

→ Wednesday morning work crew at Covenant Life. Every week 8:00-10:30am (followed by coffee & snacks).

16. EVANGELISM. Ephesians 4:11; 2 Timothy 4:5; Acts 21:8

- The special ability to clearly communicate the Gospel with unbelievers and invite them to become a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- NOTE: The person having this gift may be comfortable or *uncomfortable* sharing the gospel.

• **2 Timothy 1:6:** *For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you...*

• Spiritual Gifts Inventory. Website: <https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/gifts-survey/>