

“Guardians of God’s Talent, Part 2”

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1 Corinthians 12:1-31

BIG IDEA: Christ-followers are Guardians of Spiritual Gifts.

*“Now concerning spiritual gifts: brothers and sisters,
I do not want you to be unaware.”*

1 Corinthians 12:1 (CSB)



What is a “spiritual gift”?

- Spiritual gifts are special abilities used for spiritual purposes...
- ...given by the Holy Spirit at conversion...
- ...to every believer in the Body of Christ...
- ...according to God’s design and grace...
- ...for use within the context of the Body.



10 Things I Can Know About Spiritual Gifts!

1. Every believer has at least one spiritual gift.
2. Unbelievers do not have spiritual gifts.
3. No Christian has all the gifts.
4. We cannot choose our gifts.
5. There is no spiritual gift which every Christian possesses.

6. Spiritual gifts indicate God’s call and purpose for a believer’s life.

7. Gifts used without love do not accomplish God’s intended purposes.

8. Spiritual gifts are to edify the Body.

9. Spiritual gifts are manifested in three ways.

- As gifts (capacities for service).
- As ministries (opportunities for service).
- As activities (effects of service).

10. Believers will give an account to the Lord for how they use their gift(s).

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- The use of spiritual gifts will be eternally rewarded in proportion to the faithfulness of the one gifted.

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Read: 1 Corinthians 12:1-31.

Think: After considering SPIRITUAL GIFTS, ask these questions: *When it comes to opening presents, do you rip right into the package or do you take your time and savor the packaging as well as the gift itself? Is it easier to identify your own spiritual gift or the spiritual gift that others may possess? To the best of your knowledge, what is/are your spiritual gift(s)? Based on your current understanding of your spiritual gifts, to what ministry purpose would you say the Lord Jesus has called you? When have you seen God impact others through your faithful use of your spiritual gift(s)? What does Paul’s qualifier of “LOVE” in the deployment of spiritual gifts teach you about the nature of ministry and life within the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)?*

DO: If Jesus asked you for an accounting of His investment in your life up to now, what would you say? “I am committed to your design and purpose in my life: 1) “All of the time”, 2) “Most of the time”, 3) “Some of the time”, 4) “Oops”. What one step will you commit to today to identify and deploy your spiritual gift(s)?

GIFTS THAT COMMUNICATE GOD'S WORD:

- Preaching
- Evangelism
- Missions
- Apostle

- Administration
- Faith

GIFTS THAT EDUCATE PEOPLE:

- Teaching
- Encouragement (Exhortation)
- Wisdom
- Discernment
- Knowledge

GIFTS THAT DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE:

- Service
- Mercy
- Hospitality
- Pastoring (Shepherding)
- Giving

GIFTS THAT CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE:

- Music
- Arts & Crafts
- Intercessions
- Healing
- Miracles
- Praying with/in the Spirit (Languages Interpretation)

GIFTS THAT SUPPORT ALL FOUR PURPOSES:

- Leadership