

I HAVE BEEN UNIQUELY S.H.A.P.E.D. TO SERVE GOD IN MINISTRY
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Spiritual Gifts * Heart * Ability * Personality * Experiences

Key Series Thought: I'm Designed by God To Make A Difference!

Spiritual Gifts Taught By...

Paul: *To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.* 1 Corinthians 12:7

Peter: *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.* 1 Peter 4:10

Spiritual Gifts Defined:

A spiritual gift is a special ability, given by the Holy Spirit to every BELIEVER at their conversion, to be used to minister to OTHERS.

- **We follow JESUS' Example To Serve Using Our Spiritual Gifts.**
"...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28

- **The Purpose of My Spiritual Gifts Are To SERVE God.**
For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

- **The Body of Christ NEEDS My Spiritual Gifts.**
The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 1 Corinthians 12:21

CAUTION: Spiritual Gifts...

- Are Not Natural **TALENT**.
- Are Not The **FRUIT** of the Spirit.
²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23
- Do Not Make You **BETTER** Than Other Gifts.
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- Should Be **PERFORMED** In Love!
If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:2

How Do I Discover My Spiritual Gifts?

S = Study

T = Trial and Error - Experiment with different areas of service.

A = Analyze - Use a spiritual gift assessment tool.

R = Request responses from others - Ask others what gifts they see in me.

T = Train. Take advantage of leadership and ministry training opportunities.

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Spiritual Gifts:

Administration:

Apostleship:

Craftsmanship:

Discernment:

Encouragement:

Evangelism:

Faith:

Giving:

Healing:

Helping:

Hospitality:

Intercession:

Knowledge:

Leadership:

Mercy:

Miracles:

Prophecy:

Shepherding:

Teaching:

Tongues:

Wisdom:

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ASSESSING MY SPIRITUAL S.H.A.P.E.: The God-Given Special Ability to...

Circle at least three spiritual gifts below that you think you possess:

Administration: ... by effectively organizing resources and people in order to efficiently reach ministry goals. 1 Corinthians 12:28

Apostleship: ... start and oversee the development of new ministries and oversee their development. Taking risks sometimes and a willingness 1 Corinthians 12:28

Craftsmanship: ... creatively design or construct items used for ministry. People with this gift enjoy serving with their hands to meet tangible needs for God's glory. Romans 12:7, 28; Exodus 31:3-11

Discernment: ... by recognizing truth or error within a message, person or event. 1 Cor 12:10

Encouragement: ... by helping others to live God-centered lives through inspiration, encouragement, counseling and empowerment. Rom 12:8

Evangelism: ... passionately lead others to the saving knowledge of Christ. Ephesians 4:11

Faith: ... by stepping out in faith in order to see God's purposes accomplished, trusting Him to handle any and all obstacles along the way. 1 Corinthians 12:9

Giving: ... by joyfully supporting and funding various kingdom initiatives through material contributions beyond the tithe. Romans 12:8

Healing: ... by healing and restoring to health, beyond traditional and natural means, those who are sick, hurting and suffering. 1 Cor 12:9, 28

Helping: ... by offering others assistance in reaching goals that glorify God and strengthen the body of Christ. This aptitude is sometimes referred to as the gift of "helps" or "service." Romans 12:7, 28 (NIV)

Hospitality: ... make others, especially strangers, feel warmly welcomed, accepted, and comfortable in the church family. The ability to coordinate factors that promote fellowship. Romans 12:13

Intercession: ... praying for the needs of others in the church family over extended periods of time on a regular basis. The ability to persist in prayer and not be discouraged until the answer arrives. Col. 1:9

Knowledge: ... communicating God's truth to others in a way that promotes justice, honesty and understanding. 1 Corinthians 12:7-8

Leadership: ... by casting vision, stimulating spiritual growth, applying strategies and achieving success where God's purposes are concerned. Romans 12:8

Mercy: ... by ministering to those who suffer physically, emotionally, spiritually or relationally. Their actions are characterized by love, care, compassion and kindness toward others. Romans 12:8

Miracles: ...through supernatural acts that bring validity to God and His power. 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28

Prophecy: ... offering messages from God that comfort, encourage, guide, warn or reveal sin in a way that leads to repentance and spiritual growth. Greek word is "to speak forth the truth." The gift of prophecy includes both "forth telling" (preaching) and "foretelling" (revelation). 1Cor 12:28

Shepherding: The God-given special ability to overseeing, training, feeding, coaching/leading the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11

Teaching: The God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the body of Christ by teaching sound doctrine in relevant ways, empowering people to gain a sound and mature spiritual education. 1 Corinthians 12:28

Tongues: The God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the body of Christ by communicating God's message in a special language unknown to the speaker. 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28

Wisdom: ... by making wise decisions and counseling others with sound advice, all in accordance with God's will. 1 Corinthians 12:8