

Spiritual Gifts Definitions and Scripture References

Helps: The ability to invest the talents one has in the life and ministry of other members of the body, thus enabling those to increase the effectiveness of their own spiritual gifts.

Mark 15:40-41; Acts 9:36; Romans 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 12:28

Leadership: The ability to set goals in accordance with God's purpose for the future and to communicate those goals to others in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish those goals for the glory of God.

Acts 15:7-11; Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 5:17; Hebrews 13:17

Hospitality: The ability to provide an open house and a warm welcome to those in need of food and lodging.

Acts 16:14-15; Romans 12:9-13; Romans 16:23; Hebrews 13:1-2; 1 Peter 4:9

Service: The ability to identify the unmet needs involved in a task related to God's work, and to make use of available resources to meet those needs and help accomplish the desired results.

Acts 6:1-7; Romans 12:7; Galatians 5:2; Titus 3:14

Administration: The ability to understand clearly the immediate and long-range goals of a particular unit in the body of Christ and to devise and execute effective plans for the accomplishment of those plans.

Luke 14:28-30; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Corinthians 12:28

Discernment: The ability to know with assurance whether certain behavior purported to be of God is in reality divine, human or satanic. The purpose of this gift is to prevent confusion and false teaching to infiltrate the church.

Matthew 16:21-23; Acts 5:1-11; Acts 16:16-18; 1 Corinthians 12:10; 1 John 4:1-6

Faith: The ability to discern with extraordinary confidence the will and purpose of God, and to propel the body of believers unto actively claiming the promises of God.

Acts 11:22-24; Romans 4:18-21; 1 Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 11

Music: The ability to use one's voice in the singing of praises to the Lord for the benefit of others, or to play a musical instrument to praise the Lord and for benefits of others.

Deuteronomy 31:22; 1 Samuel 16:16; 1 Chronicles 16:41-42; 11 Chronicles 5:12-13; 11 Chronicles 34:12; Psalms 150

Languages/Tongues: The ability to speak a divinely-anointed message in a language one has never learned, but one that is known to the hearers. Its purpose is an evangelistic tool for spreading the gospel.

Mark 16:17; Acts 2:1-13; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 19:1-7

Miracles: The ability to serve as a human intermediary through whom is pleases God to perform powerful acts that are perceived by observation to have altered the ordinary course of nature.

Acts 9:36-42; Acts 19:11-20; Acts 20:7-12; Romans 15:18-19; 1 Corinthians 12:10,28

Craftsmanship: The ability to use one's hands, thoughts and mind to further the kingdom of God through artistic, creative means. This gift may be used in areas of maintenance, care and upkeep for the benefit and beautification of God's kingdom here on earth.

Exodus 30:22-25; Exodus 31:3-11; II Chronicles 34:9-13; Acts 18:2-3

Healing: The ability to serve as a human intermediary through whom God's healing power is applied to another person's physical or emotional need.

Acts 3:1-10; Acts 5:12-16; Acts 9:32-35; Acts 28:7-10; I Corinthians 12:9, 28

Giving: The ability to contribute material resources to the work of the Lord with liberality and cheerfulness.

Mark 12:41-44; Romans 12:8; II Corinthians 8:1-7; II Corinthians 9:2-8

Mercy: The ability to feel genuine empathy and compassion for individuals who suffer distressing physical, mental or emotional problems, and to translate that compassion into cheerfully-done deeds which reflects Christ's love and alleviate the suffering.

Matthew 9:35-36; Mark 9:41; I Thess. 5:14

Wisdom: The ability to apply spiritual truth to a specific issue in an especially relevant fashion, and to make proper choices in difficult situations, based on sufficient information.

Acts 6:3,10; I Corinthians 2:1-13; I Corinthians 12:8; James 1:5; II Peter 3:15

Knowledge: The ability to discover, accumulate, analyze and clarify information which is pertinent to the growth and well-being on the body.

Acts 5:1-11; I Corinthians 12:8; II Corinthians 11:6; Colossians 2:2-3

Exhortation: The ability to minister words of encouragement, consolation, comfort and motivation from God's word to help others complete their tasks and be all that God wants them to be.

Acts 4:32-37; Acts 14:22; Romans 12:8; I timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:24-25

Teaching: The ability to employ a logical, systematic approach to biblical study and to communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the body and its members in such a way that others will learn.

Acts 18:24-28; Acts 20:20-21; I Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-14

Pastor/Shepherd: The ability to assume a long-term personal responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a group of believers.

John 10:1-18; Ephesians 4:11-14; I Timothy 3:1-7; I Peter 5:1-3

Apostleship: The ability to assume and exercise general leadership over a number of churches, with extraordinary authority in spiritual matters which is spontaneously recognized and appreciated by those churches.

Acts 15:1-2; I Corinthians 12:28; II Corinthians 12:12; Galatians 2:7-10; Ephesians 3:1-9; Ephesians 4:11-14

Missionary: The ability to minister WITH whatever other spiritual gifts one has in a second culture.

Acts 8:4; Acts 13:2-3; Acts 22:21; Romans 10:15; I Corinthians 9:19-23

Prophecy: The ability to proclaim the word of God with divine anointing which brings conviction to the hearers so they recognize that it is truly the word of God and they must do something about it.

Acts 2:37-40; Acts 7:54; Acts 26:24-29; I Corinthians 14:1-3; I Thessalonians 1:5

Evangelism: The ability to share the gospel with unbelievers in such a way that men and women become Jesus' disciples and responsible members of the body of Christ.

Acts 8:5-6; Acts 8:26-40; Acts 14:21; Acts 21:8; Ephesians 4:11-14; II Timothy 4:5

Prayer/Intercession: The ability to pray for extended periods of time on a regular basis and see frequent and specific answers to prayer, to a degree much greater than that which is experienced by most Christians.

Luke 22:41-44; Acts 12:12; Colossians 1:9-12; Colossians 4:12-13; I Timothy 2:1-2; James 5:14-16