

**Series:** PROPELLED: The Serving Mindset  
**Message:** Discovery of Speaking Gifts  
**Scripture:** I Peter 4:10-11; I Corinthians 14:29  
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"What do you think is a man's greatest need? Someone recently mentioned they would like their tombstone to read, "He made a difference." Whether we speak of achieving our full potential, or only of surviving to the next paycheck, men and women invariably talk about their need to be significant. A person's most innate need is his/her need to be significant – to find purpose and meaning.

"The difference is how we go about satisfying our need to be significant. Some, eager for the spoils of this life, pursue significance by gratifying only their own ambitions. Others, trained by the Scripture, find it by obeying God."  
Pat Morley

### **Definition of Spiritual Gifts**

A God-given ability of Christ which God entrusts to each of His people in order to involve them in the task of bringing healing to an alienated world.

### **Guidelines for Discovering Spiritual Gifts (Adapted from Peter Wagner)**

1. Explore the possibilities.
2. Experiment with as many as you think could possibly be yours.
3. Eliminate the gifts you don't have.
4. Examine your feelings.
5. Evaluate your effectiveness.
6. Expect confirmation from the body of Christ.

I Peter 4:10-11

*<sup>10</sup> As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

*<sup>11</sup> Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

## **Speaking Gifts**

### **1. Prophecy**

#### **1) Static View**

The God-given ability to proclaim God's truth in a timely and culturally sensitive fashion with a view toward edification, correction, and repentance.

#### **2) Dynamic View**

The God-given ability to speak human words to report something God brings to mind.

I Corinthians 14:29

*<sup>29</sup> Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment.*

### **2. Teaching**

The God-given desire and ability to understand, explain, and apply God's Word to the lives of those listening.

### **3. Exhortation**

The God-given ability to arouse others to action, causing them to follow a specific course of action.

### **4. Evangelism**

The God-given desire and ability to effectively communicate the message of the gospel of Christ to unbelievers.

### **5. Pastor-Teacher**

The God-given desire and ability to pastor God's people primarily through the proclaiming and teaching of God's Word.