

Series: Propelled: The Serving Mindset

Message: Discovery of Serving Gifts

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10-11

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

¹¹ 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.

Guidelines For Discovering Spiritual Gifts

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.

Serving Gifts

1. **Shepherding (pastor)** – The God-given desire and ability to provide leadership, care and nurture for individuals or groups of people in the church over an extended period of time.

2. **Service** – The God-given ability to detect and meet needs through various expressions of love and labor. Some examples are these:
 - 1) *Hospitality* – The God-given desire and ability to provide an environment of inclusion for new and needy people.

 - 2) *Craftsmanship* – The God-given desire and ability to facilitate the ministry by constructing the necessary tools for ministry.

 - 3) *Musical & Creative Communication* – The God-given ability to communicate God's truth through a variety of art forms.

3. **Mercy** – The God-given ability to hurt for those who hurt and to do what is necessary to help relieve them from their distress.

4. **Leadership** – The God-given ability to attract, lead and motivate people to accomplish their work of ministry.

5. **Administration** – The God-given ability to give guidance and direction to the people and affairs of the church.

6. **Giving** – The God-given desire and ability to contribute money and material resources to the work of the Lord, with cheerfulness and liberality.

7. **Faith** – The God-given ability to believe God for the unlikely.

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So spiritual gifts must be defined in terms of Christ as actualized powers of expressing, celebrating, displaying, and thus communicating Christ in one way or another, either by word or deed.