

# SPIRITUAL GIFT DEFINITIONS

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If any speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever.*

*Amen. | Peter 4:10-11*

## Speaking Gifts

### 1. Prophecy – Two Views

#### *The 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.

#### *The Dynamic View*

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

### 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.



# 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:
  - Hospitality* – The God-given desire and ability to provide an environment of inclusion for new and needy people.
  - Craftsmanship* – The God-given desire and ability to facilitate the ministry by constructing the necessary tools for ministry.
  - 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.



## Sign Gifts

1. Word Of Wisdom – The God-given insight and ability which would only be given by divine intervention enabling one to apply information effectively.
2. Word Of Knowledge – The God-given ability to know something that could only be known by God's intervention.
3. Miracles – The God-given ability to discern and pray effectively for the supernatural.
4. Healing – The ability to discern and pray effectively for healing.
5. Distinguishing Of Spirits – The unnatural ability to distinguish between truth and error.
6. Tongues – The God-given ability to speak a language not learned humanly.
7. Interpretation Of Tongues – The God-given ability to interpret languages not previously learned.

## For Further Study

Romans 12:6-8  
1 Corinthians 12:28  
1 Corinthians 12:7-11  
Ephesians 4:11-13

