

DEFINITIONS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Apostleship – The ability to introduce the gospel of Jesus Christ to new people and then nurture the development of their faith. It could also point an individual toward planting a new community of faith. Matthew 10:1-4; Acts 1:2-5, 15-26; Acts 2:43, 5:12; Acts 6:2-4; Acts 14:12-15; Acts 16:4; Romans 16:7; 1 Corinthians 9:1-5, 12:28-29; 2 Corinthians 11:13-14; Galatians 1:1, 12-19; Ephesians 2:19-22; Ephesians 3:4-5; Ephesians 4:11-13; 1 Thessalonians 1:1, 2:6; Hebrews 2:1-4; Hebrews 3:1; 2 Peter 3:2; Revelation 2:2; Revelation 21:14

Prophecy – The ability to relate biblical truth in a timely and relevant means that offers interpretation of historic or modern messages from God. Deuteronomy 13:1-5; Deuteronomy 18:20-22; Jeremiah 28:9-17; Matthew 7:15-20; Matthew 24:24; Luke 6:26; Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28-29; 1 Corinthians 13:2; 1 Corinthians 13:9-10; Ephesians 4:11-13; 1 John 4:1-3; Revelation 19:10

Evangelism – The ability to communicate the gospel to unchurched persons in ways that move them to become disciples of Jesus Christ. Matthew 4:17, 23; 9:35; 10:5-8; 11:2-5; 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-15; John 16:7-11; Luke 9:6; 24:46-48; Acts 1:8; 5:42; 8:1-4; 21:8; Ephesians 4:11-13; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-8

Shepherding/Pastoring – The ability to nurture, tend, and lead people in the ongoing development of their discipleship. Jeremiah 2:8, 3:15, 17:16; Matthew 18:12-14; John 10:1-16; Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-4

Serving – The ability to provide service or labor to support the ministries of the church. The acts can be ordinary or routine and performed in a way that is often unnoticed. Luke 10:40; John 12:2; Acts 6:1-4, 11:29; Romans 12:7; 1 Corinthians 16:15; 2 Corinthians 8:4-8, 9:1-2, 9:11-15

Exhortation – The ability to offer encouragement to those who are disheartened and may be struggling in their faith. Acts 14:22, 15:31-33, 20:1-2; Romans 12:8; 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12; 1 Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:24-25

Giving – The ability to manage one's personal resources (money, time, skills, and energy) in order to joyfully contribute more than expected to the church and its ministries. Mark 12:41-44; Luke 3:11, 21:1-4; Acts 4:32-37; Romans 12:8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Compassion/Showing Mercy – The ability to sense the pain or suffering of others in ways that compel one to take action to alleviate their condition. Deuteronomy 13:7; Matthew 5:7, 9:36, 18:21-35, 20:29-34; Mark 9:22, 41; Luke 10:30-37; Acts 2:45, 4:34-35; Romans 12:8; Colossians 3:12-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15; Hebrews 2:17-18; James 2:15-16; 1 John 3:17

Healing – The ability to be an agent through whom God restores health and wholeness to people who are ill. Matthew 4:23, 10:1, 8; Luke 5:17, 6:17-19, 9:2, 11; John 9:1-7; Acts 3:1-10, 4:5-10, 22, 4:23-30, 5:12-16, 10:38

Working miracles – The ability to perform supernatural acts that transcend our understanding of nature's laws. John 2:11, 23, 3:2, 6:2, 26, 7:31; Acts 2:2, 4:29-30, 5:12, 6:8, 8:6-8, 13:11; 15:12; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28; Hebrews 2:4

Tongues – The ability to pray, praise, or speak in an unknown language. Acts 2:1-4, 10:44-46, 19:6; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 30, 14:1-27

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Interpretation of tongues – The ability to translate and reveal to the body of believers the message shared by someone speaking in tongues. 1 Corinthians 12:8-11, 14:1-28

Wisdom – The ability to make exact and practical applications of knowledge imparted directly by God. Job 28:28; Psalm 37:30, 51:6; Proverbs 1:7, 2:6-7, 15:33; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Daniel 2:23; Acts 7:9-10; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, 3:18-19, 12:8; Ephesians 1:17; Colossians 1:9-12, 28, 3:16; James 1:21-25, 3:13-18

Knowledge – The ability to understand or comprehend the truth of a situation or belief from God's point of view. Psalm 94:8-11; Proverbs 1:7, 9-10; Isaiah 5:13, 11:2; Jeremiah 3:15; Hosea 4:6, 6:6; Malachi 2:7; Acts 5:1-11; Romans 11:33; Corinthians 12:8; 2 Corinthians 11:6; Colossians 2:1-4; 2 Peter 1:2-4, 5-11

Faith – The ability to depend upon God's promises with steadfast belief and certainty that God will accomplish His purposes. Habakkuk 2:4; Matthew 9:2, 22, 17:19-21; Mark 9:23, 11:22; Acts 14:22, 26:18; Romans 1:17, 4:13-25, 10:17; 1 Corinthians 12:9; Galatians 2:20, 5:22; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Thessalonians 3:10; 2 Thessalonians 1:3; Timothy 2:22, 6:11-12; Hebrews 11:1, 6

Discernment – The ability to distinguish between the things of God and those not of God in order to strengthen the body of Christ. Acts 5:1-11, 8:22-23, 13:4-12, 16:16-18, 17:11; 1 Corinthians 3:1-4, 12:10; 2 Corinthians 11:4, 13-15; 2 Timothy 4:1-3; Hebrews 5:12-14; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 1 John 4:1-6

Helps – The ability to provide assistance to others for a release from their worldly or spiritual burdens. Matthew 20:20-28; Acts 9:36; 20:35; Romans 8:26; 1 Corinthians 3:5; 12:28; Hebrews 1:14; 6:10

Administration – The ability to organize and coordinate people and other resources for the effective implementation of various ministries. Luke 14:28-30; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Titus 1:5

Teaching – The ability to analyze, communicate, and apply biblical truths and other Christian teachings in ways that help people grow in faith. Matthew 4:23, 5:17-20, 13:54; Mark 1:22, 6:34; Luke 4:31, 5:3; John 8:2; Romans 12:6-7; 1 Corinthians 12:28-29; Ephesians 4:11-13; Colossians 1:28; 2:6-8; 1 Timothy 2:7; 6:3-5; 2 Timothy 1:11; 6:3-5; Titus 1:7-11; Hebrews 5:11-14; James 3:1; 1 Peter 4:11; 2 Peter 2:1

Leadership – The ability to share God's vision and will for the church and its people, then to inspire and direct them to accomplish God's will. John 13:12-17; Acts 7:10; Romans 12:8; 1 Corinthians 11:1, 12:28; Philippians 2:17, 3:17-20; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-6, 5:12-13; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-9; 1 Timothy 3:2-7, 5:17-22, 6:11-14; 2 Timothy 2:10, 22, 3:1-6, 13; Titus 1:5; Hebrews 13:7, 17; 1 Peter 5:2; 2 Peter 2:1-3, 12-19; 3 John 1:1