

BIBLE STUDY

Discovering your Spiritual Gifts



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How Much Do You Know?

One of the problems in Corinth focused on spiritual gifts and their relationship to spirituality. Today similar questions surface and similar confusion exists. Please answer the following questions, be ready to give an explanation based on the Bible for your argument!!!

1. T or F The more important the spiritual gift, the more mature and spiritual the person.
2. T or F The major evidence of the Holy Spirit in a person's life is his/her ability to speak in tongues.
3. T or F We can pray and ask God for the spiritual gift we want.
4. T or F A person "under the influence" of the Spirit can't help shouting out.
5. T or F Some Christians have little to contribute to others.
6. T or F In church meetings, only the pastor should teach because he's usually the only one with seminary training.
7. T or F If you don't use your spiritual gift you will lose it for good.
8. T or F The more spiritual you are the more gifts you will get.
9. T or F Spiritual gifts are given to the believer by the Holy Spirit
10. T or F It is possible for one person to have all the gifts of the Spirit.

I. WHAT ARE SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

1. A spiritual gift is a special qualification given by the Holy Spirit to every believer to _____ and _____ them to _____ God.
2. Spiritual gifts are divinely ordained abilities, given by the Holy Spirit to the church to continue the _____.
3. A spiritual gift is a Spirit-given ability for _____.

A. GIFTS VS. TALENTS

1. A talent is a _____ inclination to do something well.
2. Talents are used to _____ or _____ on a natural level and have a _____ effect on our lives
3. Spiritual gifts are _____ charged abilities to impact people lives _____ and _____.

B. GIFTS VS. FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

1. Spiritual gifts deal with our _____ to God, while the Fruit of the Spirit deals with our _____.
2. Fruit of the Spirit is how the Holy Spirit works in the _____ of every believer, while Spiritual gifts are how believers works in the _____.

C. GIFTS VS. OFFICES

- Spiritual gifts are a matter of special _____; offices are a matter of _____ in the Body of Christ.
- The offices are _____ given to the Body of Christ; spiritual gifts are given to _____ in the Body of Christ

II. BASIC PRINCIPLES ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. _____ child of God has a spiritual gift or gifts
1 Corinthians 12:7 (NIV)⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

Ephesians 4:7–8 (ESV)⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

2. The gifts of the Spirit are _____ and _____

1 Corinthians 12:4–6 (ESV) ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

3. The Holy Spirit _____ who gets what gift or gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:11 (NLT) ¹¹ It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

1 Corinthians 12:31 (The Message) ³¹ And yet some of you keep competing for so-called “important” parts. But now I want to lay out a far better way for you.

4. Spiritual gifts are given to individuals to _____

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NASB95) ⁷ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

5. God wants everyone to _____ his or her gift(s)

1 Peter 4:10 (NASB95) ¹⁰ As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

6. Spiritual gifts are to make us _____, not _____

1 Corinthians 12:15–21 (NIV) ¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!”

7. Christians are to use the gifts to _____

1 Corinthians 12:25 (NIV) ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

8. Failure to use your gift _____

1 Corinthians 12:26 (NIV) ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

• **KEY WORDS FOR UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

1. _____

1 Corinthians 12:1 (ESV) ¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.

a) Spiritual means the Holy Spirit is the _____ of the gifts

b) Spiritual means emphasizing the fact that the gift comes from the Holy Spirit for _____ and _____

2. _____

1 Corinthians 12:4 (ESV) ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

a) Spiritual gifts are _____

b) Spiritual gifts are graciously given to us without any _____ on our part. It is freely given as a “grace” or “_____” by the Holy Spirit.

c) Spiritual gifts reflect more about the grace of the _____ than they reveal about the spiritual condition of the _____

3. _____

1 Corinthians 12:4 (ESV) ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

This emphasizes that no Christian is a _____ of another when it comes to spiritual gifts. No matter how many and large the _____ the _____ Spirit of God is the origin.

a) _____

1 Corinthians 12:5 (ESV) ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;

This means that the gifts are for ministries/services intended to benefit _____, not the ones using or demonstrating the gift.

5. _____

1 Corinthians 12:6 (ESV) ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

This means the gifts are miraculous _____ that demonstrate the power of God and show the person of Christ when operated under the control of the Holy Spirit

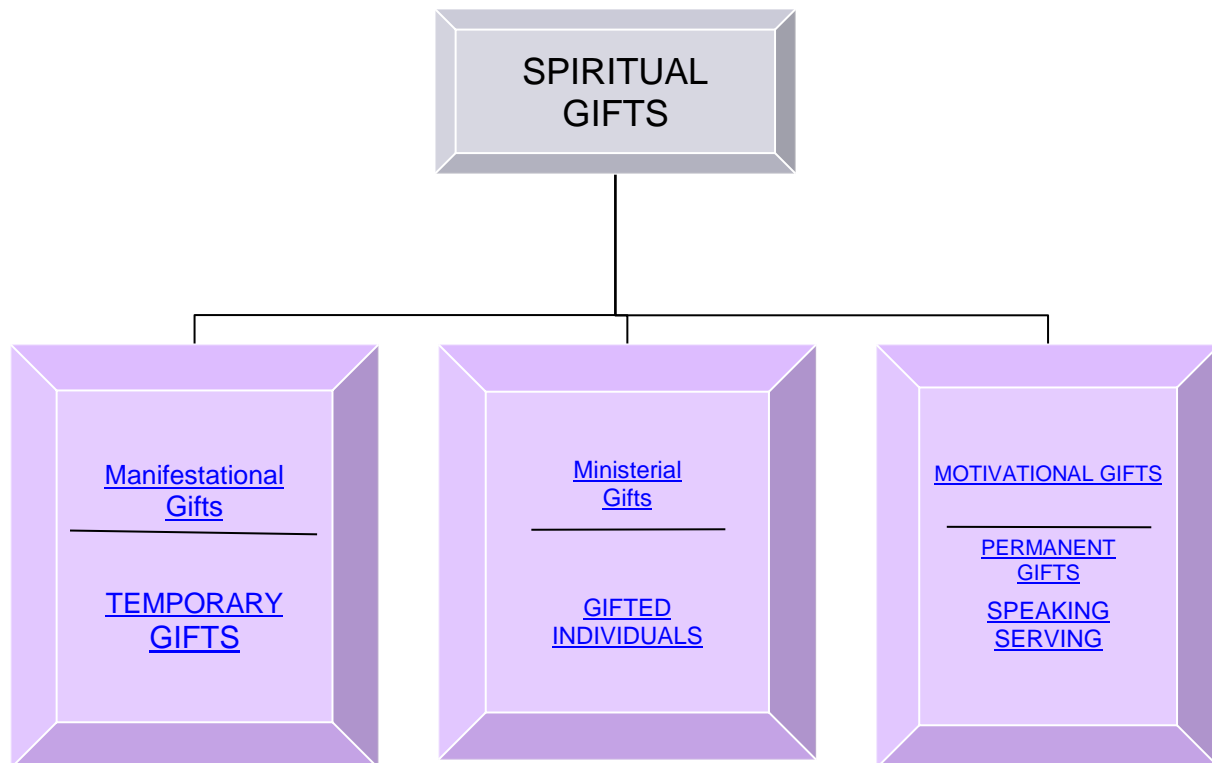
6. _____

1 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV) ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

a) Gifts are to be _____, not hidden

- b) The word manifestation suggests an element of _____ spiritual gifts.
- c) The _____ or _____ of the gift blesses and touches lives not merely possessing the gift.
- d) Spiritual gifts must be _____, _____, or in some manner _____ by at least one person other than the gifted one because the Giver of spiritual gifts never intended any spiritual gift for private purposes.

CATEGORIES OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS



I. MANIFESTATIONAL GIFTS: Temporary Gifts

This is perhaps the most controversial portion of our discussion of spiritual gifts. There are many different ideas and beliefs concerning spiritual gifts in the realm of Christianity. Our intent in this study is to examine the Word of God and allow the Scripture in context to speak truth for our edification and to settle any issue or concern of disagreement that may create division in the Body of Christ. Our position is that through a study of the authoritative and complete Word of God, the Holy Spirit will give illumination as the truth about Spiritual gifts are discovered, explained, and understood so the Body of Christ so that we can come into the unity of the faith.

A. Gift of _____

1. These are _____ intrusions on _____ which can have no other _____ than that God is acting.
2. These are _____ of the presence and power of God; it was God _____ Himself through actions.
3. These are events which unmistakably involve an immediate and powerful action of God designed to reveal His _____

Words used in Scripture to describe the miraculous

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Miracles, Signs and Wonders in the Bible

1. There are three _____ in the Bible in which God used _____ to perform signs miracles and wonders.
2. _____ performed all throughout the Bible, but He only did so through humans during the following eras of Bible history:
 - a) Life of _____
 - b) Life of _____
 - c) Life of _____
3. The purpose of miracles was to reveal God's _____, _____, _____ and _____.

B. Gift of _____

God works through people and ways He chooses to bring health to sick people physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

The Bible not only tells of people’s spiritual status, but it is also concerned about their physical condition.

BIBLICAL HEALING	JESUS	APOSTLES
	Matthew 8:5-8	Acts 9:32-35
	Mark 5:25-34	Acts 28:8
	Mark 5:29	Acts 3:4;6-8
	Luke 4:38-39	Acts 9:34
	Mark 5:35;41-42	Acts 5:12,14-16
	Mark 2	Acts 3
	Mark 5:35	Acts 9:37-39

C. Gift of _____

1. This is the gift of speaking under the inspiration of God’s Spirit and includes _____ of the future; _____ of God’s impending judgment; proclaiming a _____ from God; proclaiming the _____
2. In the Old Testament prophecy is primarily that of the _____ of futuristic events. In the New Testament emphasis is on _____, proclaim divine truths without error.

D. Gift of _____

The New Testament records the miraculous gift of speaking in *tongues*, indicating the Holy Spirit enabling believers to _____ the gospel in languages they had never learned.

Mark 16:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

Acts 2:3-4 (NKJV) ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 10:46 (NKJV) ⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered,

Acts 19:6 (NKJV) ⁶ And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

1 Corinthians 12:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

1 Corinthians 13:1, 8 (NKJV) ¹ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ⁸ Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away.

Interpretation of Tongues

This was the ability to interpret _____ and was used in conjunction with the gift of languages. The two gifts had to exist together although no one individual possessed both.

1 Corinthians 14:6-18

1 Corinthians 12:9 (NLT) ⁹ The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing.

II. MINISTERIAL GIFTS: Gifted Individuals

This category is the men that Christ Gave to Minister to the Body of Believers we call the church. Their purpose was to build the foundation of the church through their teaching and today there are only two offices that still function: evangelist, and Pastor-teacher.

A. _____

The apostolic office, it seems to have been preeminently that of founding the churches and upholding them by supernatural power specially bestowed for that purpose. It ceased, as a matter of course, with its first holders, all continuation of it, from the very conditions of its existence (cf. 1 Corinthians 9:1), being impossible.

1. Biblical qualification of apostles

a. Taught directly by _____

b. _____ by Jesus

c. Foundation of the _____

d. Performed _____

e. Given _____ in the church

f. Eyewitnesses of the _____ Jesus

g. Foundation in _____ named after them

B. _____ (Gk. *Prophetes*) "one who speaks out"

New Testament prophets were gifts to the church to provide edification, exhortation, and comfort (1 Corinthians 14:3). They probably revealed God's will to the church when the biblical canon was incomplete. Since the apostles and prophets were foundational, they did not exist after the first generation of believers.

- a) Spoke _____ from God
- b) Taught the apostles _____
- c) Gave practical _____ of the word before the Bible was completed
- d) Were around until the close of _____ canon
- e) Disappeared during 400 years of _____
- f) Disappeared after _____ of the Bible

C. _____

In a general sense this applies to anyone who proclaims the mercy and saving grace of God, especially as unfolded in the gospel. Typically, he is a man especially gifted by the Spirit of God to win souls. All believers can be soul-winners, but not all believers can be evangelists.

- a) Evangelists share the _____
- b) Help to _____ an area
- c) Win enough souls to _____
- d) Usually _____ where the Gospel has not been exposed.

D. _____

These are men that Jesus gave to the church in order to equip the saints so they may be able to carry on the work of the ministry. Pastor- teachers are placed over a flock in order to protect them spiritually from false doctrine. Pastors are placed over a body of local believers solely by the Holy Spirit and not a vote (Acts 20:28).

- a) _____ the Saints to do the work of the Ministry
- b) _____ the sheep from false doctrines
- c) _____ the Word of God

d) _____ the sheep

e) _____ the church

III. MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS: Permanent Gifts

This set of spiritual gifts are not only foundational to the church but exist and are active in the Church today. These gifts are in operation today so that each member of the Body of Christ may be edified. For the purpose of this study, we will divide the permanent edifying gifts into two categories: speaking gifts and serving gifts

A. Speaking gifts

1. _____

The gift of wisdom is the special attribute given by God's Spirit to certain members of the Body of Christ to _____ and _____ biblical truths and _____ these truths. Therefore, the word of wisdom is the gift to share the wisdom and truth of God with men—to share the truth in simple and understandable language.

Acts 6:3 (ESV) ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.

1 Corinthians 12:8 (ESV) ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

James 3:13–18 (NLT) ¹³ If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. ¹⁵ For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. ¹⁶ For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. ¹⁸ And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

2. _____

The gift of knowledge is the special attribute given by God's Spirit to certain members of the Body of Christ to acquire _____ into God's Word and bring _____ of these insights that cannot be explained through human reason.

1 Corinthians 2:14 (NLT) ¹⁴ But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.

1 Corinthians 12:8 (NLT) ⁸ To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge.

2 Corinthians 11:6 (ESV) ⁶ Even if I am unskilled in speaking, I am not so in knowledge; indeed, in every way we have made this plain to you in all things.

Colossians 2:2–3 (ESV) ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

3. _____

The gift of exhortation/encouragement is the special attribute given by God’s Spirit to certain members of the Body of Christ to _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____ people. It is the ability to stir people to make a decision for Christ and to grow in Him.

Romans 12:8 (NLT) ⁸ If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

Romans 12:1–2 (NLT) ¹ And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. ² Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Colossians 1:28–29 (NLT) ²⁸ So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. ²⁹ That’s why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ’s mighty power that works within me.

4. _____

The gift of teaching is the special attribute given by God’s Spirit to members of the Body of Christ to _____ people in biblical truth in a manner through which others can _____ these biblical truths. Furthermore, Believers must be _____ in all the truths of the Word day-by-day, week-by-week, and year-by-year.

Romans 12:7 (NIV) ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;

1 Corinthians 12:28 (NIV) ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.

Acts 18:24–28 (NIV) ²⁴ Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. ²⁵ He had been instructed in the way

of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶ He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately. ²⁷ When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers and sisters encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. When he arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed. ²⁸ For he vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah.

Ephesians 4:11–14 (NIV) ¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

5. _____

The gift of is perceiving/foretelling the special attribute given by God’s Spirit to members of the Body of Christ to _____ the Word of God boldly and with confidence.

Romans 12:6 (NIV) ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;

1 Corinthians 12:10 (NIV) ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:3 (NIV) ³ But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.

Acts 15:32 (NIV) ³² Judas and Silas, who themselves were prophets, said much to encourage and strengthen the believers.

6. _____

The gift of discernment is the special attribute given by God’s Spirit to certain members of the Body of Christ to know with confidence if _____, _____, or _____ are from God.

1 Corinthians 12:10 (NLT) ¹⁰ He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said.

Matthew 16:21–23 (NLT) ²¹ From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead. ²² But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. “Heaven forbid, Lord,” he said. “This will never happen to you!” ²³ Jesus turned to Peter and said, “Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point

of view, not from God's."

Acts 16:16–18 (NLT)¹⁶ One day as we were going down to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit that enabled her to tell the future. She earned a lot of money for her masters by telling fortunes.¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, and they have come to tell you how to be saved."¹⁸ This went on day after day until Paul got so exasperated that he turned and said to the demon within her, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And instantly it left her.

7. _____

The gift of leadership is the special attribute given by God's Spirit to members of the Body of Christ to provide _____ to a group and bring together _____ that work together to accomplish those goals.

Romans 12:6–8 (ESV)⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Timothy 5:17 (ESV)¹⁷ Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.

Hebrews 13:17 (ESV)¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

8. _____

The gift of administration is the special attribute given by God's Spirit to members of the Body of Christ to steer God's people into _____ of service by understanding the _____ needed to accomplish goals and plans.

1 Corinthians 12:28 (NLT)²⁸ Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church: first are apostles, second are prophets, third are teachers, then those who do miracles, those who have the gift of healing, those who can help others, those who have the gift of leadership, those who speak in unknown languages.

Acts 6:1–7 (NIV)¹ In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables."³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."⁵ This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.⁶ They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.⁷ So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

Luke 14:28–30 (NIV) ²⁸ “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

Titus 1:5 (NIV) ⁵ The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.

B. Serving gifts

1. _____

The gift of service is the special attribute given by God’s Spirit to certain members of the Body of Christ to _____, _____, and _____ ministries within the Body thereby allowing those ministries to effectively accomplish their desired results.

Romans 12:7 (NLT) ⁷ If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well.

Acts 6:1–7 (NLT) ¹ But as the believers rapidly multiplied, there were rumblings of discontent. The Greek-speaking believers complained about the Hebrew-speaking believers, saying that their widows were being discriminated against in the daily distribution of food. ² So the Twelve called a meeting of all the believers. They said, “We apostles should spend our time teaching the word of God, not running a food program. ³ And so, brothers, select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will give them this responsibility. ⁴ Then we apostles can spend our time in prayer and teaching the word.” ⁵ Everyone liked this idea, and they chose the following: Stephen (a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit), Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas of Antioch (an earlier convert to the Jewish faith). ⁶ These seven were presented to the apostles, who prayed for them as they laid their hands on them. ⁷ So God’s message continued to spread. The number of believers greatly increased in Jerusalem, and many of the Jewish priests were converted, too.

Galatians 6:2 (NLT) ² Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:10 (NLT) ¹⁰ Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

2. _____

The gift of helps is the special attribute given by God’s Spirit to certain members of the Body of Christ to help other members be _____ in using their gift(s) within the Body.

1 Corinthians 12:28 (NLT) ²⁸ Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church: first are apostles, second are prophets, third are teachers, then those who do miracles, those who have the gift of healing, those who can help others, those who have the gift of leadership, those who speak in unknown languages.

Mark 15:40–41 (NLT) ⁴⁰ Some women were there, watching from a distance, including Mary Magdalene, Mary (the mother of James the younger and of Joseph), and Salome. ⁴¹ They had been followers of Jesus and had cared for him while he was in Galilee. Many other women who had come

with him to Jerusalem were also there.

Romans 16:1–2 (NLT) ¹ I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a deacon in the church in Cenchrea. ² Welcome her in the Lord as one who is worthy of honor among God’s people. Help her in whatever she needs, for she has been helpful to many, and especially to me.

Acts 9:36 (ESV) ³⁶ Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity.

3. _____

The gift of giving is the special attribute given by God’s Spirit to members of the Body of Christ to give _____ above a tithe to God’s work with a cheerful and willing spirit.

Romans 12:8 (ESV) ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

2 Corinthians 8:1–7 (NLT) ¹ Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. ² They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. ³ For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. ⁴ They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. ⁵ They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do. ⁶ So we have urged Titus, who encouraged your giving in the first place, to return to you and encourage you to finish this ministry of giving. ⁷ Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.

Mark 12:41–44 (ESV) ⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

4. _____

The gift of mercy is the special attribute given by God’s Spirit to members of the Body of Christ to _____ of others and genuinely express _____ and provide _____ for those people.

Romans 12:8 (ESV) ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Luke 10:33–35 (ESV) ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’

Matthew 20:29–34 (ESV) ²⁹ And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him. ³⁰ And behold, there were two blind men sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing

by, they cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"³¹ The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent, but they cried out all the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"³² And stopping, Jesus called them and said, "What do you want me to do for you?"³³ They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened."³⁴ And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they recovered their sight and followed him.

5. _____

The gift of faith is the special attribute given by God's Spirit to members of the Body of Christ to believe God's promises and act with _____ in carrying out His will.

1 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV)⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

Acts 11:22–24 (ESV)²² The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose,²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

Acts 27:21–25 (ESV)¹ Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss.²² Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.²³ For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship,²⁴ and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.'²⁵ So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told.

Romans 4:18–21 (ESV)¹⁸ In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be."¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.²⁰ No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

6. _____

The gift of nurturing is the special attribute given by God's Spirit to members of the Body of Christ to _____, _____, and _____ a group of believers into growing spiritually.

Acts 18:24–28 (NLT)²⁴ Meanwhile, a Jew named Apollos, an eloquent speaker who knew the Scriptures well, had arrived in Ephesus from Alexandria in Egypt.²⁵ He had been taught the way of the Lord, and he taught others about Jesus with an enthusiastic spirit and with accuracy. However, he knew only about John's baptism.²⁶ When Priscilla and Aquila heard him preaching boldly in the synagogue, they took him aside and explained the way of God even more accurately.²⁷ Apollos had been thinking about going to Achaia, and the brothers and sisters in Ephesus encouraged him to go. They wrote to the believers in Achaia, asking them to welcome him. When he arrived there, he proved to be of great benefit to those who, by God's grace, had believed.²⁸ He refuted the Jews with powerful arguments in public debate. Using the Scriptures, he explained to them that Jesus was the Messiah.

Romans 16:3–4 (NLT)³ Give my greetings to Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in the ministry of

Christ Jesus. ⁴ In fact, they once risked their lives for me. I am thankful to them, and so are all the Gentile churches.

7. _____

The gift of hospitality is the special attribute given by God's Spirit to certain members of the Body of Christ to _____ provide an _____ to those in need of food and lodging.

Romans 12:9–13 (NLT) ⁹ Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. ¹¹ Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. ¹² Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. ¹³ When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

1 Peter 4:9–10 (NLT) ⁹ Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. ¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

Acts 16:14–15 (NLT) ¹⁴ One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth, who worshiped God. As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying. ¹⁵ She and her household were baptized, and she asked us to be her guests. "If you agree that I am a true believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my home." And she urged us until we agreed.

