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## **How to use this curriculum**

 **LOOK UP** these verses in your Bible.

 **KEY VERSES** to the lesson.

God ordained that His work be accomplished through the local church. Just as the human body has several components and each serves a different purpose, God has gifted each Christian with at least one spiritual gift that is to serve a purpose in the church. Discovering and exercising these spiritual gifts enables us to be a valuable part of the body of Christ, His local church.

## What is a spiritual gift?

1. A divine empowerment from God's Spirit which enables me to serve God through the local church in a special and specific way.



*"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." (I Corinthians 12:7)*



I Peter 4:10

2. A spiritual gift, just as salvation, is freely given and cannot be earned.



*"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." (I Corinthians 2:12)*

## Memory Verses (choose two)

I Corinthians 12:7

I Corinthians 12:11

Ephesians 4:11

Ephesians 4:12

4. \_\_\_\_\_ is the gift of emphasizing and proclaiming God's pure truth to people.
5. How does the gift of ministering benefit the church?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. A Biblical example of the gift of ruling would be whom?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. List four of the seven ways we can find and use our spiritual gifts.
- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
Verse \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_  
Verse \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_  
Verse \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_  
Verse \_\_\_\_\_.

## What are the purposes for the spiritual gifts?

To bring glory to God by helping individual people.

- a. By fulfilling my God-given purpose in the church.

*"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." (I Corinthians 12:18)*

- b. By assisting other members of the church.



*"... but that the members should have the same care one for another." (I Corinthians 12:25)*

We cannot understand spiritual gifts without understanding that their purpose is always designed to help the church.

- c. By cooperating with other church members who have different spiritual gifts.



*"And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it." (I Corinthians 12:26)*

Because of different spiritual gifts, at times people can have differing perspectives about the nature of a problem and how to deal with it. The Holy Spirit enables us, if we allow Him, to be able to work together with mutual appreciation.

To bring glory to God by helping guide the church itself.



*“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:”*  
(Ephesians 4:11-12)

With the church in mind, God gave these gifts to the church for:

- a. The perfecting (maturing) of the saints.
- b. The work of the ministry (service).
- c. The edifying (building) of the church.

## Who decides what gifts I get?

### 1. The Father is the source of all gifts.



*“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”* (James 1:17)

### 2. The Spirit of God chooses what spiritual gifts are best for each believer.



*“But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.”*  
(I Corinthians 12:11)

God wisely equips each of us for a special place of service within the church.

## Lesson 7 Quiz

### 1. What is a spiritual gift?

a. A divine \_\_\_\_\_ from God’s spirit which enables me to serve God through the local church in a special and specific way.  
Verse \_\_\_\_\_.

b. A spiritual gift, just as salvation, is \_\_\_\_\_ given and cannot be earned.  
Verse \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. What are the purposes for spiritual gifts?

a. To bring glory to God by helping \_\_\_\_\_ people.

b. To bring glory to God by helping guide the \_\_\_\_\_ itself.  
Verse \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. Who decides what gifts I get?

a. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the source of all gifts.  
Verse \_\_\_\_\_.

b. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God chooses what spiritual gifts are best for each believer.  
Verse \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Involve yourself in opportunities to serve.  
(I Corinthians 15:58)
4. Be thoughtful of and thankful for your fellow Christians. (I Thessalonians 5:12-13)
5. Familiarize yourself with the spiritual gifts.  
Romans 12:6-8  
I Corinthians 12:6-8  
Ephesians 4:11
6. Evaluate the fulfillment you receive by contributing to the body of Christ.  
(I Thessalonians 2:11-12)
7. Consider the confirmation received by others.  
(Proverbs 18:16)

## What are the 7 practical spiritual gifts?



*“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.” (Romans 12:6-8)*

There are seven practical gifts mentioned in this text:

### Prophecy

Description - the gift of emphasizing and proclaiming God's pure truth to people.

Benefit in church - keeps an emphasis on soul winning and purity.

Bible Example - Peter

### Ministering

Description - the gift to identify and practically help others by willing service.

Benefit in the church - encourages a spirit of involvement.

Bible Example - Timothy

## Teaching

Description - the gift to effectively research and/or communicate the truths of the Bible to others.

Benefit in the church - provides meaningful and useful resources.

Bible Example - Luke

## Exhortation

Description - the gift to identify root problems, straighten, and strengthen others to a place of spiritual maturity.

Benefits in the church - helps people through difficult times using Scripture as their guide.

Bible example - Paul

## Giving

Description - the gift to conserve and share resources in order to meet material needs.

Benefits in the church - finding resources and using them for eternal purposes.

Bible example - Matthew

## Ruling

Description - the gift to guide and direct a group of people toward a goal or destination.

Benefits in the church - Growth and completion of projects.

Bible example - Nehemiah

## Mercy

Description - the gift to recognize, identify with, and comfort those who are hurting.

Benefits in the church - unity within the church and a compassionate spirit.

Bible example - John

## How do I find and use my spiritual gifts?

We should involve all of these guiding principles:

1. Seek the filling of the Holy Spirit.  
(Ephesians 5:18)
2. Grow in grace. (II Peter 3:18)