

Difference Maker
“Understanding the Function of Spiritual Gifts”
1 Corinthians 12
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SPIRITUAL GIFT DEFINED
(Romans 12, Ephesians 4, 1 Corinthians 12, 1 Peter 4)

**A SPIRITUAL GIFT IS A DIVINE ABILITY GIVEN BY
THE HOLY SPIRIT TO EVERY BELIEVER AT THEIR CONVERSION,
ACCORDING TO GOD’S GRACE AND DESIGN FOR THE COMMON
GOOD IN BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST.**

Spiritual Gifts. . .

1. Are an manifestation

¹ Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 1 Corinthians 12:1

² REMINDERS:

- a) SPIRITUAL GIFT IS NOT A NATURAL TALENT
- b) SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE NOT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

**2. Create diversity in the Body of Christ
without division.**

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

(cp. 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 & 28-30)

3 CATEGORIES OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

◆ **Charismaton (khä’-rē-smä-ton): placed in every believer**

Romans 12:6-8 =

◆ **Diakonion (dē-ä-ko-nē’-on): one who serves; servant; the sphere in which we use the charismaton**

Ephesians 4:11-12 & 1 Corinthians 12:28 =

◆ **Energēmaton (en-e’r-gā-mä-ton): energy; degree of power revealed**

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 =

3. Are for the common good of the Body of Christ.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:7

4. Are sovereignly given by the Holy Spirit, with every believer receiving one primary motivational gift which can be expressed through a variety of ministry gifts.

⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit . . . ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. 1 Corinthians 12:8-11
(see 1 Peter 4:10)

- MY PRIMARY MINISTRY COMMITMENT SHOULD BE IN THE AREA WHERE I AM GIFTED.
- MY SECONDARY MINISTRY INCLUDES SERVING IN ANY OTHER AREA OF THE BODY WHEN I AM NEEDED

5. Empower me to make my unique contribution

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

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...

²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

PERSONAL BENEFITS:

- a) YOU WILL KNOW YOUR SPIRITUAL JOB DESCRIPTION
- b) YOUR MINISTRY WILL BE MORE FRUITFUL & FULELLING

PERSONAL CAUTIONS: BE AWARE OF. . .

- a) PROJECTION
- b) ELEVATION
- c) REJECTION
- d) ARROGANCE
- e) ISOLATION