

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. KJV

The Greek word normally translated “spiritual gifts” is “Charismata” or singular is “Charisma”. These are known as Grace given gifts that Christians receive from the Lord to be used for the building up of the body of Christ.

These gifts of God come in the form of “skills” or “abilities” and “talents”, Common sense tells us that individuals serve most effectively and joyfully when their talents fit their tasks. The happiest and most effective Christian servants are those who are functioning in ministries where they can clearly recognize some sense of calling, some degree of skill, some level of enthusiasm and vision, and feel competent to serve.

Is there a connection between “spiritual gifts” and “natural abilities”? This study has stirred a good bit of controversy in religious circles. Some contend there is no connection, whereas others believe that the two can be, and frequently are, related. It is clear that God has a hand in shaping and molding our lives according to Palms 139:13-16. We must consider the idea that natural talents and abilities are “God Given”, yet not “God devoted” until conversion occurs and one receives the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:4-7.

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old has gone, the new has come.” Abilities and skills that were once, “natural and carnal” are transformed so that they become “spiritual and holy”.

Our next step is to identify our new abilities or skills called (spiritual gifts) that the Lord has given us.

Let us go through a list of spiritual gifts; they are not in any order. Let’s discover the ones that you have.

1. Did you know that you can have more than one or several gifts that can be developed. Rom 12:5-8
2. Hospitality – a willingness to open their homes & offer lodging, food and fellowship cheerfully to other people. Gen 18:1-15
3. Craftsmanship – A gift of the hands & minds through artistic, creative means. Exo 28:3-4
4. Intercession – a gift to pray for extended periods of time with effect on the kingdom of God. 1Tim 2:1-2
5. Faith – a gift that provides confidence in God’s promises. Heb: 11:1
6. Healing – A gift to restore health to the sick. Luk 9:1-2
7. Discernment – a gift to know with assurance wether some behavior is of God or the devil. Act 16:16-18
8. Mercy – a gift to feel exceptional empathy and compassion for those who are suffering and to alleviate it. Luk 10:30-37
9. Giving – a gift to offer material blessings with willingness, cheerfulness and liberality. 2Cor 8:1-5

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| 10. Administration – a gift to understand the goals of a given segment of the Church’s ministry and to direct that area effectively, keeping the church on course. | Act | 15:12-21 |
| 11. Leadership – a gift to motivate, direct and inspire God’s people to work together. | Heb | 13:7 |
| 12. Helps – a gift to willingly bear the burdens of other Christians and help them in such a way that they can do their tasks more effectively. | Act | 6:2-4 |
| 13. Serving – a gift to identify unmet needs of people and to implement plans to meet those needs. | Gal | 6:1-2 |
| 14. Knowledge – a gift to understand the truths of God’s word. | Eph | 3:14-19 |
| 15. Wisdom – a gift with an understanding of God’s will. | Jam | 3:17 |
| 16. Exhortation – a gift to bring comfort, counsel and encouragement. | Act | 11:23-24 |
| 17. Music – a gift to praise the Lord and enhance the worship of the local church. | 1Cor | 14:26 |
| 18. Teacher – a gift to communicate the truth’s of God’s word so that others can learn. | Heb | 5:12-14 |
| 19. Pastor – a gift for the spiritual welfare if a group of believers. | 1Pet | 5:1-11 |
| 20. Evangelist – a gift to share the gospel to unbelievers so that they too become believers of the lord Jesus Christ. | Act | 8:26-40 |
| 21. Prophet – a gift to the body of Christ to interpret and apply God’s revelation. | 1Cor | 14:1-5 |
| 22. apostle – a gift to lead, inspire and develop the church of God. To set up a church. | Act | 14:21-23 |

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