



DISCOVERING YOUR GIFTS

Saved by Grace, not by gift | Ephesians 2:8–9

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

Saved by mercy, not by earning | Titus 3:4–6

4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

We Operate by the Power of the Holy Spirit | Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Want to make an eternal impact? Remain dependent on Him | John 15:5

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

It’s His Spirit that does the work | Zechariah 4:6

So he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty.

Gifts Must Flow with the Fruit of the Spirit | 1 Corinthians 13:1–3

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

LET'S OBSERVE THE TEXT...

Observe Ephesians 2:8-9 and Titus 3:4-6

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- **Titus 3:4-6** - 4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, _____ because of righteous things we had _____, but because of his _____. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us _____ through Jesus Christ our Savior,
 - What did we do to receive such kindness from God?
 - If we earned it, what do we have to do to keep it?
 - If we didn't earn it, how is it sustained?

Observe Acts 1:8, John 15:5 and Zechariah 4:6

- Acts 1:8 - But you will _____ when the Holy Spirit comes on _____; and _____ will be my _____ in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
- John 15:5 -apart from me you can do _____.
- Zechariah 4:6 - ...‘Not by _____ nor by _____, but by my _____,’ says the Lord Almighty.
 - Who gives us power, and what is the purpose in us having it?
 - Recognizing the source of that power keeps us humble. Without Him, we are nothing.

Observe 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 - If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have _____, I am only a resounding _____ or a clanging _____. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have _____, I am _____. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have _____, I gain _____.

- **Read Galatians 5:16-23**

LET'S READ THE AFTER-SUMMARY TOGETHER

Every spiritual gift we have begins with grace. Ephesians 2:8-9 reminds us that salvation itself is not something we could ever earn. It is a gift from God, given freely out of His love. Titus 3:4-6 builds on that truth by showing that we are saved not because of the good things we have done, but because of His mercy. These two passages anchor us in humility. Before we even begin talking about spiritual gifts, we must remember that everything flows from the kindness of a God who saved us long before we could prove ourselves worthy. Grace is not just the starting point. It is the foundation that sustains us.

When Jesus told His followers in Acts 1:8 that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them, He made it clear that this power was not for show. It was for witness. The Spirit empowers us to be living testimonies of Jesus in our communities and beyond. John 15:5 ties this power directly to our dependence on Christ. He is the vine, and we are the branches. Cut off from Him, our gifts lose their source and purpose. Zechariah 4:6 echoes the same idea...it is not by might or by our own effort, but by His Spirit that anything of eternal value is accomplished.

The gifts of the Spirit are powerful, but they must always move through the heart of God. Paul makes this plain in 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. Without love, even the most impressive spiritual gifts are empty noise. Prophecy without love is pride. Generosity without love is performance. Faith without love is self promotion. The fruit of the Spirit, especially love, is what gives meaning and maturity to the gifts of the Spirit. When the two work together, people see Jesus, not us.

So, discovering your spiritual gifts is not about finding what makes you special. It is about discovering how the Spirit wants to serve others through you. Every gift reflects God's grace, every act of power reveals His Spirit, and every moment of love points back to Christ. When the gifts and fruit operate together, the Church becomes a living example of what heaven looks like on earth. That is the true purpose of spiritual gifts, to glorify Jesus and to draw hearts back to the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Spiritual Gifts Questions

Fill in your answers on following page

1. I like organizing services and events.
2. I enjoy starting new churches.
3. Working with my hands is fun for me.
4. I can tell when someone is insincere.
5. I pray for the lost daily.
6. Encouraging others is a high priority in my life.
7. Believing God for our daily needs is important to me.
8. Influencing others for the Kingdom of God through finances is extremely important to me.
9. I look for opportunities to pray for the sick.
10. I enjoy doing the little things that others do not.
11. Having people over to my house is something I do often.
12. Spending hours in prayer for other people is very enjoyable to me.
13. Education is very important to me.
14. I tend to motivate others to get involved.
15. My heart hurts when I see others hurting.
16. I believe God will use me to enact His miracles.
17. I enjoy sharing the gospel with other people groups and nationalities.
18. I've devoted considerable time to mastering my voice and or instrument.
19. Caring for the hurting is paramount in my eyes.
20. The willful sin of others really aggravates me.
21. I enjoy serving behind the scenes.
22. I like creating outlines of the Bible.
23. God has used me to interpret a heavenly language.
24. I enjoy the book of Proverbs more than any other book in the Bible.
25. I am passionate about managing details.
26. I prefer to pioneer new ministry projects.
27. I consider myself a craftsman or craftswoman.
28. I sense when situations are spiritually unhealthy.
29. I am greatly concerned about seeing the lost saved.
30. I try to come across loving and caring.
31. Asking God for a list of big things is exciting to me.
32. I find ways to give offerings above my tithe.
33. I believe miraculous healing is for this day and age.
34. Helping others is one of my highest achievements.
35. Creating a warm and welcoming home is important to me.
36. I am burdened to pray for situations in the world.
37. People seek me out to learn more about the Kingdom of God.

38. I prefer to take the lead whenever necessary.
39. I'm very sensitive to sad stories.
40. Miracles often happen when I'm nearby.
41. Living in another country to benefit the gospel is exciting to me.
42. I desire to serve the church through worship.
43. I enjoy connecting, caring for, and coaching others.
44. Confronting someone with sin in their life is not hard.
45. It bothers me when people sit around and do nothing.
46. I share Biblical truth with others in hopes of their personal growth.
47. I pray in tongues daily.
48. When I study scripture God gives me unique insights.
49. Creating a task list is easy and enjoyable for me.
50. I am attracted to ministries that start new churches.
51. Building something with my hands is very rewarding to me.
52. I can pinpoint issues or problems before others.
53. I enjoy sharing the gospel with a total stranger.
54. I look for ways to be an encouragement to other people.
55. I trust that God has my back in every situation.
56. Making more money means that I can give more.
57. God has used me to bring healing to those who are sick.
58. Being a part of the process is fulfilling to me.
59. I tend to make total strangers feel at home.
60. People often describe me as a prayer warrior.
61. I enjoy knowing biblical details and helping others to understand.
62. I delegate responsibilities to accomplish tasks.
63. I am motivated to help those who are less fortunate.
64. I have a constant hunger to see God's miraculous power.
65. I focus a lot on reaching the world for Christ.
66. I gain my deepest satisfaction through leading others in vocal or instrumental worship.
67. I enjoy walking with someone in times of difficulty.
68. I enjoy hearing passionate and clear preaching of the truth.
69. I like to do small things that others pass over.
70. I prefer to teach the Bible topically rather than verse by verse.
71. Praying in the Spirit is encouraging and important to me.
72. When faced with difficulty I tend to make wise decisions and choices.

Spiritual Gifts Results

	Total	Gifts
1. _____	25. _____	49. _____
2. _____	26. _____	50. _____
3. _____	27. _____	51. _____
4. _____	28. _____	52. _____
5. _____	29. _____	53. _____
6. _____	30. _____	54. _____
7. _____	31. _____	55. _____
8. _____	32. _____	56. _____
9. _____	33. _____	57. _____
10. _____	34. _____	58. _____
11. _____	35. _____	59. _____
12. _____	36. _____	60. _____
13. _____	37. _____	61. _____
14. _____	38. _____	62. _____
15. _____	39. _____	63. _____
16. _____	40. _____	64. _____
17. _____	41. _____	65. _____
18. _____	42. _____	66. _____
19. _____	43. _____	67. _____
20. _____	44. _____	68. _____
21. _____	45. _____	69. _____
22. _____	46. _____	70. _____
23. _____	47. _____	71. _____
24. _____	48. _____	72. _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- **Applying Ephesians 2:8–9** - How does remembering that your salvation is a gift of grace, not something earned, shape the way you view your spiritual gift results? Do your gifts make you feel prideful, or do they make you more grateful for God's grace working through you?
- **Applying Titus 3:4–6** - Since we are saved by mercy and not by our own good works, how can you use your spiritual gifts to show that same mercy and kindness to others, rather than trying to prove your worth or value through performance?
- **Applying Acts 1:8** - Your spiritual gifts were given for a purpose—to be a witness of Jesus to the world. In what ways can the gifts you discovered today help you represent Jesus better in your church, workplace, or community?
- **Applying John 15:5** - Jesus said we can do nothing apart from Him. How can you stay connected to the vine this week so that your gifts produce lasting fruit rather than temporary results?
- **Applying Zechariah 4:6** - Since it is not by your might or power but by God's Spirit that true ministry happens, how can you allow the Holy Spirit to take the lead in how you use your gifts, instead of relying on your own confidence or ability?
- **Applying 1 Corinthians 13:1–3** - Love gives meaning to every gift. As you share and discuss your results, how can you make sure that your motivation for using your gifts always flows from love for God and others, not from comparison or competition?

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, we thank You for the grace that saved us and the mercy that keeps us. You have called us not because of what we've done, but because of who You are. Thank You for revealing to us the gifts of Your Spirit and reminding us that they are not rewards to boast about, but tools to serve and love others. Help us to stay rooted in You, the true Vine, so that everything we do flows from Your life within us. Let Your Spirit guide us, strengthen us, and teach us to depend on You daily.



As we go forward, help us to walk in love and humility, using every gift You've given to bring glory to Your name. Let Your power work through us...not by our might or ability, but by Your Spirit alone. May our words, actions, and service point people to Jesus, the giver of all gifts. Fill us with compassion for others and boldness to be witnesses of Your truth in every place You send us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

WHAT'S AHEAD...

Next Session

Manifestation Gifts - Part 1

Homework

Read 1 Corinthians 12:7–10