

Service Gifts

What are Spiritual Gifts?

- God granted ability enabling every Christian to perform a function in the Body of Christ with ease and effectiveness

Why are They Important?

- Given By God Himself
- Design Needs The Parts
- Effective When Employed Together
- Life and Death Issue

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Three Messages

Support Gifts – Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist,
Pastor, Teacher

Service Gifts – Administration, Exhortation, Faith,
Giving, Helps, Mercy, Serving

Sign Gifts – Miracles, Healing, Tongues,
Interpretation, Discernment

Scriptures

- 1 Cor. 12:8-10, 28, 29-30 - Rom. 12:6-8 - Eph. 4:11 - 1

Peter 4:11

Today:

- Romans 12:1-7, 1 Cor. 12:28

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Some Critical Corrections:

- * That visible means vital *
- * That Public means reward *
 - Heb. 6:10, 1Cor. 3:6-8
- * That What is more important than How *
 - 12:1-2 embracing God's plan not mine
 - 12: 3 humility, working with the others
 - 12:4-6 embracing other gifts

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1. Serving / Helping

- serve (diakonia) – wait on someone at a table, support, care for
- help (antilempas) – laying a hold of, taking up another's weakness
- ability to assist and support others in practical ways that cause public ministries to run smoothly and effortlessly
- Paul in 2 Tim.1:16-17
- usually: self starting, avoid limelight, pleasure in doing quietly in the background. See needs and respond!

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2. Exhortation

- 'para' – alongside; 'kaleo' – to call
 - gift of challenging to action, communication of truth that brings response.
 - full of encouragement, helping others get spiritual relevance, offering insightful counsel
 - rebuke – challenge to right living
 - 2 Tim. 4:2 – exhort with great patience & instruction
- * With love & concern calling for action on truth *

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3. Giving

- ability to avail material resources to God's work with generous frequency cheerfully!
- open hearted, open handed giving without obligation or compulsion – but with purpose and compassion – joyful
 - don't keep score
 - don't grumble about opportunities
 - don't want people to know where it came from

* often seen incorrectly as simply having more*

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4. Administration / Leadership

- gk. Nautical term – literally steering the ship
- ‘he who leads’ – to preside, occupy a position of authority and responsibility with care
- Vision to see the goal – view to the end
- Skill to direct people toward the goal – define the steps
- * Give steady leadership in stormy days towards the destination God is calling us towards.

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5. Showing Mercy

- ability to sense the need & embrace people with comfort, warmth and hope
- ability to see and serve those the world often ignores
- perceptive of others pain more than circumstances
- * Paul tags this gift with a 'how to' – cheerfulness
 - not with obligation or burden, not joining in their sorrows but infusing the love & Joy of Christ!
- * 'like a cool cloth to a hot forehead' *

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6 Faith 1 Cor.12:9

- all have faith unto salvation in Christ
- gk. Suggests – (heteros vs allos) additional or different
- ability to discern God's will and pursue it with confidence
- unusual confidence to lay hold of God's promises with remarkable results.
 - in the fog, chaos, improbable circumstances they are unwavering

*assurance of things hoped for – conviction of things not seen *

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So What

1. This is Where the Body Becomes Visible
 - what we understand becomes action – results happen
2. Balance is only Found in All Gifts Functioning
 - no one has all the tools, incapacitated without all
3. Gifts Don't Arrive in a Box
 - not all alone, often two or three working together
4. Discover your Mix - And Get On the Field!