

Faith Bible Church | August 16, 2015
“*Ministry Sync: Basics of Spiritual Gifts*” | Pastor Scott
1 Corinthians 12:1-7, Romans 12:1-8, Ephesians 4:11-13

The Big Deal: spiritual gifts are possessed by Christians, with the purpose of building and strengthening fellow Christians and extending the influence of the church to an unbelieving world.

Reasons we bury our gifts:

1. Fear of failure or taking risks.
2. Fear of confronting pain.
3. Fear of commitment

Basic Information (1 Corinthians 12:1-6)

Variety

Source: Spirit (v. 4), Lord/Jesus (v. 5), God/Father (v. 6)

Grace-gift, unique expression

Service (for the common good, v. 7)

Working (energy)

Basic Definition (Romans 12:4)

Function/Practice/Good deeds

Spiritual Gifts are our ministry capacity or abilities given by the Spirit that express our unique motivation for building up the body of Christ

Four prerequisites to finding spiritual gifts:

1. Be a Christian
2. believe in spiritual gifts (that everyone has at least one)
3. willing to work
4. prayer

Basic Gifts

Not exhaustive, don't confuse gift with office, don't envy, different than fruit.

Support (Ephesians 4:11-13): apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor-teacher

Speaking: teaching, encouragement, wisdom, knowledge

Service: service, helps, mercy, giving, hospitality, leadership, administration, discernment

Sign: Miracles, healing, tongues

Faith Bible Church Articles of Faith: “The Holy Spirit distributes spiritual gifts to each believer according to His will. God, in His sovereignty, still works in miraculous ways. However, we understand that the sign gifts have served their purpose and should not be expected in the church today.”

Recommended reading: The Corinthian Catastrophe by George Gardiner

Application

- Explore
- Discern
- Feedback from other believers
- Take an assessment
- Test the options
- Explore critical feelings
- OPERATE

Spiritual gifts in Paul's Letters

Romans 12.6-8	1 Corinthians 12.7-10	1 Corinthians 12.28	Ephesians 4.11
Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us.	To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good	God has appointed in the church	And he gave
		Apostles	The apostles
Prophecy	Prophecy	Prophets	The prophets
			The evangelists
	Ability to distinguish between spirits		
	Utterance of wisdom		
Teaching	Utterance of knowledge	Teachers	The shepherds and teachers
Exhorting			
	Working of miracles	Miracles	
	Gifts of healing	Gifts of healing	
Service		Helping	
Leading		Administration	
	Various kinds of tongues	Various kinds of tongues	
	Interpretation of tongues		
Giving			
	Faith		
Mercy			