

**Discovering
MY
SHAPE
FOR
MINISTRY**

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IDENTIFYING MY UNIQUE S.H.A.P.E.

---SPIRITUAL GIFTS---

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS -- An Overview

1 Cor. 12:1 "Now about spiritual gifts I do not want you to be ignorant."

A SPIRITUAL GIFT: Is a special ability, given by the Holy Spirit to every believer at their conversion, to be used to minister to others and therefore build up the Body of Christ

10 TRUTHS ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. Only _____ have spiritual gifts. 1 Cor. 2:14
2. Every Christian has at least _____ gift. 1 Cor. 7:7
3. No one receives _____ the gifts. 1 Cor. 12:27-30
4. No single gift is given to _____. 1 Cor. 12:29-30
5. You can't _____ a spiritual gift. Eph. 4:7
6. The _____ decides what gifts I get. 1 Cor. 12:11
7. The gifts I'm given are _____. Rom. 11:29
8. I am to _____ the gifts God gives me. 1 Tim. 4:14
9. It's a sin to _____ the gifts God gave me. 1 Cor. 4;1-2 Mt. 25:14-30
10. Using my gifts _____ God and _____ me. John 15;8

THE PURPOSE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

A. NOT FOR MY BENEFIT, BUT _____.

1 Peter 4:10 (GN) "Each one of you, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the **good of others**, the spiritual gift he has received from God."

1 Cor. 12:7 (LB) "The Holy Spirit displays God's power through each of us as a means of helping the entire church."

B. TO PRODUCE _____ AND _____ IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

Eph. 4:11, 13-14 (GN) "It was He who gave gifts to men... to build up the Body of Christ so we shall all come together to that oneness in our faith... and become mature... Then we shall no longer be children, carried by the waves and blown about by every shifting wind..."

CAUTIONS ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. Don't confuse gifts with natural talents.
2. Don't confuse gifts with the Fruit of the Spirit. Gal. 5:22-23
 - * "Fruit" shows my Maturity.
 - * "Gifts" show my Ministry.
3. Don't confuse gifts with Christian roles.
4. Be aware of the "gift projection" tendency. (Expecting others to serve the way you do and have similar results)
5. Don't feel my gift makes me superior to others. 1 Cor. 12:21
6. Realize that using my gifts without love is worthless! **1 Cor. 13:1-3 (GN)** "I may be able to speak the languages of men and even of angels... I may have the gift of inspired preaching... I may have all knowledge... and all the faith to move mountains -- but if I have not love, I am nothing... it does no good."
7. Recognize that I have both a *Primary* and a *Secondary* ministry in my church:

* My *PRIMARY MINISTRY* commitment should be in the area where I am _____

* My *SECONDARY MINISTRY* includes serving in any other area of the Body when I am _____

HOW TO DISCOVER YOUR GIFT

Get Started!----**Three Ways God Wants You to Get Started Using Your Gifts**

1. Through an Ongoing Ministry
2. Through Short-Term Projects
3. Through Spontaneous Situations

IT'S EASIER TO DISCOVER YOUR GIFT THROUGH MINISTRY THAN TO DISCOVER YOUR MINISTRY THROUGH YOUR GIFT

UNWRAPPING MY GIFTS

The Bible does not lock us into tight restrictions as to the number of spiritual gifts, or even their definitions. The four major lists of gifts are found in **Romans 12:-8, 1 Cor. 12:1-11, 27-31**, and **Eph. 4:11-12, 1 Peter 4;9-11** but there are other passages that mention or illustrate gifts not included in these lists.

All gifts are given to help the church fulfill its purposes.

Four Purposes of the church.

Worship--- GIFTS THAT CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE

Ministry--- GIFTS THAT DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE

Discipleship--- GIFTS THAT EDUCATE GOD'S PEOPLE

Evangelism---- GIFTS THAT COMMUNICATE GOD'S WORD

(As you read through this list, **check off your initial impression** concerning yourself. **Remember you can have many gifts**).

(EXPLANATIONS OF GIFTS)

GIFTS THAT COMMUNICATE GOD'S WORD--

***PREACHING ("Prophecy")1 Cor. 14:3**

The ability to publicly communicate God's word in an inspired way that convinces unbeliever and both challenges and comforts believers. The ability to persuasively declare God's will.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

***EVANGELISM Acts 8:26-40**

The ability to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ to unbelievers in a positive, non-threatening way. The ability to sense opportunities to share Christ and lead people to respond with faith.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

***MISSIONS 1 Cor. 9:19-23, Acts 13:2-3**

The ability to adapt to a different culture in order to reach unbelievers and help believers from that culture.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

***APOSTLE Rom. 15:20**

The ability to start new churches and oversee their development.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

GIFTS THAT EDUCATE GOD'S PEOPLE

***TEACHING Eph. 4:12-13**

The ability to educate God's people by clearly explaining and applying the Bible in a way that causes them to learn. The ability to equip and train other believers for ministry.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

***ENCOURAGEMENT ("Exhortation") Acts 14:22**

The ability to motivate God's people to apply and **act on** Biblical principles, especially when they are discouraged or wavering in their faith. The ability to bring out the best in others and challenge them to develop their potential.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

***WISDOM 1 Cor. 2:1, 6-16**

The ability to understand God's perspective on life situations and share those insights in a simple, understandable way. The ability to explain what to do and how to do it.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

***DISCERNMENT 1 John 4:1-6**

The ability to distinguish right from wrong, truth from error, and to give an immediate evaluation based on God's Word. The ability to discern whether the source of an experience is Satan, self, or God's Spirit

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

***KNOWLEDGE Daniel 1:17**

The ability to discover, collect, analyze, and organize information that is vital to individual believers or the entire church family. The ability to comprehend a large amount of information and provide it when needed for effective decision-making.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

GIFTS THAT DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE

***SERVICE Acts 6:1-7**

The ability to recognize unmet needs in the church family, and take the initiative to provide practical assistance quickly, cheerfully, and without a need for recognition

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

***MERCY Luke 10:30-37**

The ability to detect hurt and empathize with those who are suffering in the church family. The ability to provide compassionate and cheerful support to those experiencing distress, crisis, or pain.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

***HOSPITALITY 1 Peter 4:9-10**

The ability to make others, especially strangers, feel warmly welcomed, accepted, and comfortable in the church family. The ability to coordinate factors that promote fellowship

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

***PASTORING ("Shepherding") 1 Peter 5:2-4**

The ability to care for the spiritual needs of a group of believers and equip them for ministry. The ability to nurture a small group in spiritual growth and assume responsibility for their welfare.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

***GIVING 2 Cor. 8:1-7**

The ability to generously contribute material resources and/or money beyond the 10% tithe so that the Body may grow and be strengthened. The ability to earn and manage money so it may be given to support the ministry of others.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

GIFTS THAT CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE

(Worship or prayer-related gifts)

***MUSIC Psalm 150**

The ability to celebrate God's presence through music, either vocal or instrumental, and to led the church family in worship.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

***ARTS & CRAFTS Exodus 31:3-11**

The ability to build, maintain, or beautify the place of worship for God's glory. The ability to express worship through a variety of art forms.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

Prayer-related gifts

***INTERCESSION Col. 1:9-12**

The ability to pray for the needs of others in the church family over extended periods of time on a regular basis. The ability to persist in prayer and not be discouraged until the answer arrives.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

**** Most identify these as "sign gifts"— We may or may not see these gifts utilized today In**

the United States. We now have God's entire Word, not so in the early church.

****HEALING James 5:14-16**

The ability to pray in faith specifically for people who need physical, emotional, or spiritual healing and see God answer. The ability to sense when God is prompting you to pray this kind of prayer.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

****MIRACLES Mark 11:23-24**

The ability to pray in faith specifically for God's supernatural intervention into an impossible situation and see God answer. The ability to sense when God is prompting you to pray this kind of prayer.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

****PRAYING WITH MY SPIRIT** ("Tongues/Interpretation") 1 Cor. 14:13-15**

The ability to pray in a language understood only by God or one who is given the gift of interpretation at that time.

***WHY WE DO NOT ALLOW THIS GIFT IN OUR SERVICES**

This gift caused such a problem in the Corinthian church; Paul had to write an entire chapter (**1 Cor 14**) of guidelines.

1. It is for personal edification, not for the whole church.

"He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who preaches edifies the church." 1 Cor. 14:4

2. We are to focus on building up others, not ourselves.

"Unless you speak intelligible words... you will just be speaking into the air... try to excel in the gifts that build up the church." 1 Cor. 14:9 & 12

3. It confuses unbelievers in the service.

"... if some unbelievers come in, will they not say you are out of your mind?" 1 Cor. 14:23

4. Ideally, it is not meant to be used in the worship service.

"In the church, I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousands words in a tongue. Brothers, stop thinking like children!" 1 Cor. 14:19-20

"The gift of speaking God's message should be under the speaker's control, because God does not want us to be in disorder, but in harmony and peace." 1 Cor. 14:32-33

GIFTS THAT SUPPORT ALL FOUR PURPOSES

***LEADERSHIP** -- The ability to clarify and communicate the purpose and direction, the vision, of a ministry in a way that attracts others to get involved. The ability to motivate others by example to work together in accomplishing a ministry goal.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

***ADMINISTRATION** -- Also called the gift of organization. That is the ability to recognize the gifts of others and recruit them to ministry. The ability to organize and manage people, resources, and time for effective ministry. The ability to coordinate many details and execute the plans of leadership.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)

***FAITH** -- The gift of faith is the ability to trust God for what cannot be seen and to act on God's promise, regardless of what the circumstances indicate. The willingness to risk failure in pursuit of a God-given vision, expecting God to handle the obstacles.

1. _____ (I'm pretty sure I have this gift) 2. _____ (I may have this gift) 3. _____ (I don't think I have this gift)