

Spiritual Gifts

Session 1

- Make an overview of spiritual gifts

Session 2

- Examine individual spiritual gifts
- Identify helps in exercising your spiritual gift
- Discuss how gifts work together in the church

Session 3

- Examine false teaching of spiritual gifts

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Words of Knowledge (12:8)

Faith (12:9)

Healing (12:9)

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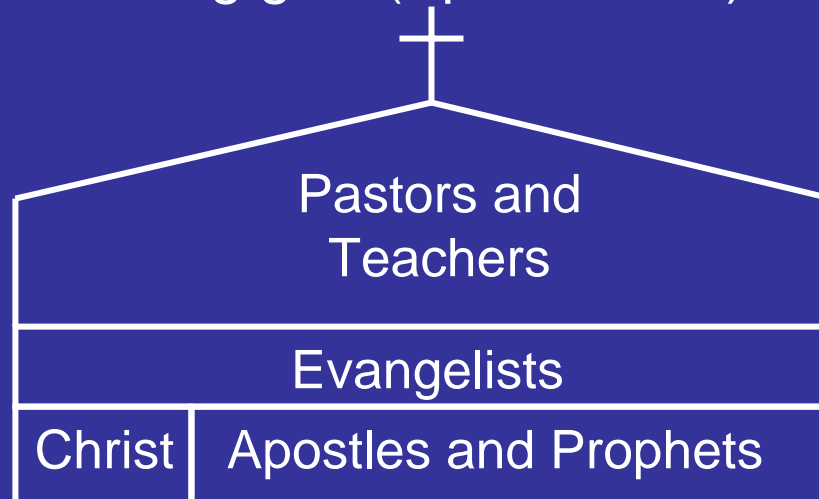
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 - Service Gifts (Romans 12)
 - Prophecy
 - Serving
 - Teaching
 - Exhortation
 - Giving
 - Administration
 - Mercy

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Manifestation Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

Wisdom

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Church Building Gifts

Ephesians 4:7

Apostleship

Prophecy

Evangelism

Pastor/Teacher

Service Gifts

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4. All gifts are needed in the body to mature the church. (1 Corinthians 12:14-20)
5. God wants us to understand and exercise our spiritual gift. (Romans 12:6-8)

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Romans 12:6-8

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PROPHECY

- ❖ **Definition:** A proclaimer of a God's Word
"Thus saith the Lord"
- ❖ **Guide:** Rom 12:6 "according to the portion of his faith."
- ❖ **Characteristics:**
 1. Looks for opportunities to proclaim God's message
 2. A defender of God's truth and holiness
 3. Depends on Scripture to establish his authority
 4. Wants to use Scripture to reveal man's heart
- ❖ **Possible Problems:**
 1. May be harsh or critical
 2. May just judge and expose the offender rather than restoring him

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SERVING

“to wait on tables”

❖ Definition:

Has a desire to demonstrate love by meeting practical needs

❖ Characteristics:

1. Sees practical needs and desires to meet them
2. Uses serving to free others for the work of the ministry

❖ Possible Problems:

1. Can over-extend himself
2. Can over-emphasize physical needs to the neglect of spiritual needs
3. Can interfere with God's discipline by premature help

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TEACHING

❖ Definition (two functions):

1. Desires to search out and validate the truth of Scripture
2. Systematically communicate the truth of Scripture

❖ Characteristics:

1. Places an emphasis on Scripture
2. Effective in the systematic presentation of Biblical truth

❖ Possible Problems:

1. More interest in accuracy of text than practical application
2. May be critical of teaching of others because of technical flaws

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EXHORTATION

PARAKALEO: PARA = beside KALEO = to call

❖ Definition:

Desires to “come beside” another to encourage and motivate

❖ Characteristics:

1. Exhorts others to pursue spiritual goals
2. Likes to deal on a personal level

❖ Possible Problems:

1. His proposed steps may seem pushy or insensitive
2. He may neglect proper Bible doctrine

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GIVING

META DEDOMI: DEDOMI = to give META = with

- ❖ **Guide:** “with simplicity” (vs 8), singleness
Means “with liberality”, give freely
- ❖ **Characteristics:**
 1. Likes to give quietly, without “fanfare”
 2. Enjoys meeting a need voluntarily
 3. Wants to be part of what he is giving to
- ❖ **Possible Problems:**
 1. Needs to be sensitive to God’s work through situations

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LEADERSHIP / ADMINISTRATION

PROISTEMI: HISTEMI = to stand PRO = before

“One who stands before, in front of”

- ❖ **Guide:** “with diligence” (vs 8)
“Make haste or put forth effort”
- ❖ **Characteristics:**
 1. Can see the overall picture and set long term goals
 2. Knows how to plan and delegate to others
- ❖ **Possible Problems:**
 1. May appear to use people
 2. May appear to be made of red tape

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MERCY

ELEEO = showing outward manifestation of mercy

❖ **Guide:** “with cheerfulness” (vs 8)

HILAROTES: “readiness of mind”, “hilarious”

❖ **Characteristics:**

1. Senses and identifies with joys and inner struggles
2. Uses acts of love to bring healing to those who hurt
3. More concern over joy and distress than physical needs

❖ **Possible Problems:**

1. May fail to be firm when necessary
2. May be guided by emotions rather than logic
3. May take up the offense of those who hurt

Potential Pitfalls in the Use of Spiritual Gifts

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1 Corinthians 12:24-25

But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to the member that lacked, so that there may be no division in the body.

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- ❖ Failing to realize how God works through the spiritual gifts of others in the church

Acts 15:36-40

Exercising Your Spiritual Gift

- ❖ Know the gifts
Romans 12:6-8
- ❖ Be willing to do anything that the Holy Spirit reveals to you
John 7:17, Romans 12:1
- ❖ Be satisfied with the gift that you have
1 Corinthians 12:15-18
- ❖ Be active in service for the Lord now. God calls busy men
Romans 12:11
- ❖ Develop a desire for God's best
Matthew 6:33, Psalms 37:4
- ❖ Enlist the counsel of those who know you
Proverbs 11:14, Proverbs 15:22
- ❖ Look for God's blessing as you use your gift
1 Peter 4:10