

# Spiritual Gifts in the Church

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Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11,27-30; Ephesian 4:1-16; and 1 Peter 4:8-11

1. Examine the passages above and compile a list of the spiritual gifts identified in them. Who has a spiritual gift and what is its purpose?

2. Discuss the following definition of a spiritual gift. Consider some ways in which spiritual gifts might be evident in a church.

A spiritual gift is any event, word, action, or individual which serves as an instrument of the Spirit or as an expression or means of grace.
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3. What are the differences between 'spiritual gifts', other gifts given by God (list some examples), and natural talents or abilities?

4. The biblical passages seem to indicate that each person has 'a gift' with each person getting a different gift. Discuss whether a person can have more than one gift and whether any gift can be given to everyone.

5. There is a lot of debate about whether some spiritual gifts have ceased or not. Discuss the views of the members on your Life Group.
6. Do you know what your spiritual gift is? If you do, share what it is with the others and describe how you came to find out? If you don't know, talk about how you feel about not knowing.
7. It was suggested in the sermon that the following ways might be used to find out your spiritual gift. Discuss each one. Which ones have you used? Are there some other ways to find out your gift?
  - Pray and ask God to show you what your spiritual gift is.
  - What are you passionate about wanting to do to serve others?
  - What do your Christian brothers and sisters say about your giftings and abilities?
  - Try out several areas of service and see where you seem to be making a difference or helping other people; which areas of service bring you joy?
  - Ask one of the pastors or elders to take you through a questionnaire and then discuss possible areas of service in the church.
8. Are you exercising your spiritual gift? If so, describe how? If not, what are the steps you will take to start doing so?