

**EMPOWERED**  
the person & work of the holy spirit

**PART 8**  
*Spiritual Gifts - How The Spirit Ensures  
That Everybody Is Somebody*

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**BOTTOM LINE:**

The Holy Spirit's job is to ensure that **EVERYBODY** is **SOMEBODY** and remind us that Jesus is ALL.

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*"The Holy Spirit is God dwelling IN US – ensuring Divine presence and supplying Divine power for daily living. Yet, incredibly, the modern church has mostly relegated the Spirit to the pages of doctrine rather than embracing his work for daily living. Predictably, both churches and Christians have grown fruitless and powerless..."*

RAY NOAH

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*"The picture we get is of a Church vividly alive. Things happened; in fact astonishing things happened. Life was heightened and intensified. There was nothing dull and ordinary about the early Church. Paul knew that all this vivid, powerful activity was the work of the Spirit who gave to each man his gift to use for all."*

WILLIAM BARCLAY

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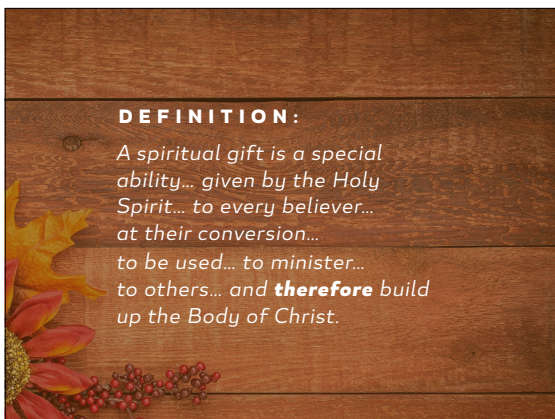
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# THE PURPOSE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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To produce **MATURITY** in me and  
**STABILITY** in our church family.

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# THE PURPOSE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

EPHESIANS 4:11-13

*"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."*

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1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

*"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work."*

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1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

*"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for **the common good.**"*

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**“Manifestation”**  
=  
Greek word **“pneumatika”**

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*implies something like  
“a spiritual experience”*



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**What Do We  
Experience Through  
Spiritual Gifts?**



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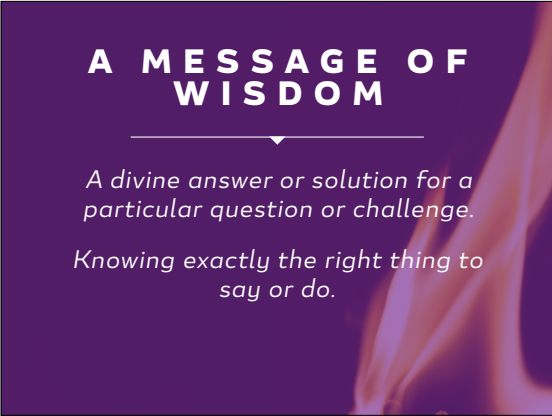
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**A MESSAGE OF  
WISDOM**

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*A divine answer or solution for a  
particular question or challenge.*

*Knowing exactly the right thing to  
say or do.*



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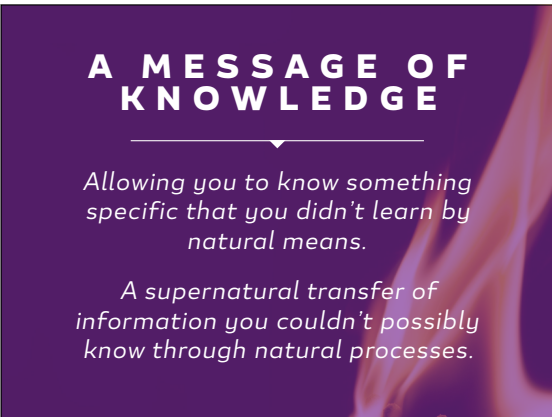
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**A MESSAGE OF  
KNOWLEDGE**

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*Allowing you to know something  
specific that you didn't learn by  
natural means.*

*A supernatural transfer of  
information you couldn't possibly  
know through natural processes.*



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## FAITH

*A supernatural endowment  
of belief and confidence for  
a specific situation.*

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## GIFTS OF HEALING

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## MIRACULOUS POWERS

*Divine intervention that  
alters circumstances.*

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## PROPHECY

*Often thought of as  
predicting future events.*

*Primarily for edification,  
exhortation, comfort.*  
**(1 Corinthians 14:3)**

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## DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN SPIRITS

*The divine enablement to be aware of the presence of demonic spirits.*

*Not simply "discernment" which is related to natural senses.  
**(Hebrews 5:14)***

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## SPEAKING IN DIFFERENT KINDS OF TONGUES

*A message from God to others in a language unknown to the person through whom the message comes.*

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## THE INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES

*Understanding and expressing the **thought or intent** of a message in tongues.*

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### 1 CORINTHIANS 12:11

*"All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines."*

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**1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-14**

*"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many."*



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*In other words:*

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**unity doesn't mean  
uniformity**



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COMMON PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH  
SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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**Gift Ignorance:**

*A lack of knowledge regarding the possession of spiritual gifts and their function.*



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**1 CORINTHIANS 12:15-16**

*"Now if the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body."*



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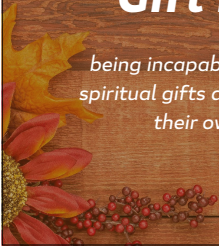
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COMMON PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SPIRITUAL GIFTS

## **Gift Blindness:**

*being incapable of recognizing their own spiritual gifts and the influence of gifts on their own life and ministry.*



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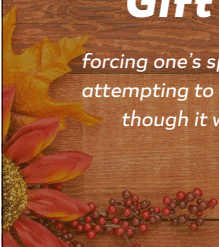
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COMMON PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SPIRITUAL GIFTS

## **Gift Imposing:**

*forcing one's spiritual gift upon another & attempting to compel them to perform as though it were God's gift to them.*



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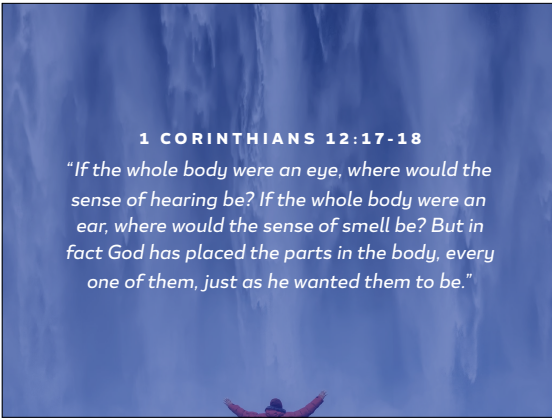
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**1 CORINTHIANS 12:17-18**

*"If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be."*



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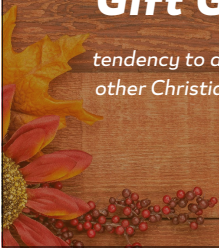
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## **Gift Gravitation:**

*tendency to attract and be attracted to other Christians with like spiritual gifts*



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**Gift Colonization:**

*only recognize/associate with others with the same gift and then attack those who are not the same as we are.*



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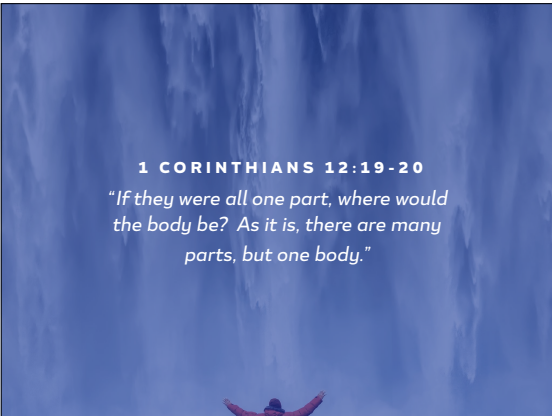
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**1 CORINTHIANS 12:19-20**

*"If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body."*



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COMMON PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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**Gift Autonomy:**

*desiring to do only what I want, when I want, where I want.*



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**1 CORINTHIANS 12:21**

*"The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!'"*



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COMMON PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH  
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## Gift Coveting:

*the activity of desiring a gift other than that which has been given to the individual by the Holy Spirit.*

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**1 CORINTHIANS 12:22-24**

*"On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are un-presentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it,*



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**1 CORINTHIANS 12:25-26**

*"so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it."*



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**1 CORINTHIANS 12:27**

*"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."*



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## How Can We Discover Our Spiritual Gifts?

**PRE-REQUISITE:**

*Don't substitute spiritual gifts for the Spirit-filled life!*

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*Avoid "Gift Dodging:*

*"Don't neglect other responsibilities by hiding behind your spiritual gift." 2 TIMOTHY 4:5*

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*"Having the Holy Spirit's power available to us isn't the same as making ourselves available to the Holy Spirit's life-changing power. We have to yield. Our stubborn, prideful selves have to submit. We have to receive."*

ROBERT MORRIS

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**2 TIMOTHY 1:6**

*"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands."*

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**Recognize that a spiritual gift bestows an unusual effectiveness in a responsibility you've been given.**

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Discover your  
spiritual gifts as you  
*actively pursue* those  
responsibilities.

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A spiritual gift  
usually reveals itself  
*in the confluence of:*

- (a) what you are passionate about,
- (b) what you are good at,
- (c) and the affirmation you receive from others.

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*"Do you want to walk with the  
Spirit? Pursue your spiritual gifts,  
because spiritual gifts are the  
manifestation of the Spirit's power  
and presence in you."*

J. D. GREAR

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