

Knowing and Operating in Your Spiritual Gifts

MISSION / PURPOSE: To be of Kingdom Service, we "seek first the kingdom of God" and then strive to make a real difference in other people's lives.

Finding Your Place In God's Purpose for Your Life

Session #2: Uniquely You and Designed for a Purpose PART 2

Ministry Moments: Have you had any ministry moments this week where you experienced a Holy Spirit gift at work? Working either through you to others, or others to you? (*What caught your attention in class last week?*)

Follow Up: What spiritual gift(s) do you think you already operate in? • Are there any spiritual gifts you wish you had? • Are there any gifts you hope you never have? • Do any gifts scare you, or you would like to know more about?

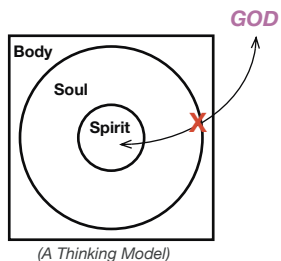
Session Focus: Don't be uniformed about your spiritual gifts! (1 Cor. 12:1)

Prayer: Lord, help us understand the importance of spiritual gifts and how you've designed them to help us accomplish the purpose and plan you have for our lives. (JAH)

Background: Over time, discussions about spiritual gifts have led to terrible church controversies and confusion. It can be a mine field, so be aware! Maturing in our Christian walk requires an understanding of what spiritual gifts are, what they are not, and how to grow in them in a balanced and biblical way.

QUICK REVIEW: of last week's important points...

- Created for a purpose - uniquely designed. (Many ingredients, one recipe.)
- What spiritual gifts **are**. (Supernatural enablements, given for God's purpose.)
- What spiritual gifts **are not**. (Review list from last week's handout.)
- Spiritual maturity. (If gifts do not evidence spiritual maturity, what does?) (JAH)
- How surveys and assessments fit in. (How we may be hardwired.)
- There may be a **SENSE** we get if operating in a spiritual gift. (Great Joy, Deep Satisfaction, Excitement, We can see the world change around us for Good.)
- You are a chosen vessel [instrument], and others may become aware of your spiritual gifts, by observation or inspiration, before you do: **Acts 9:10-16**



BIBLICAL TEACHING

1 Thessalonians 5:23

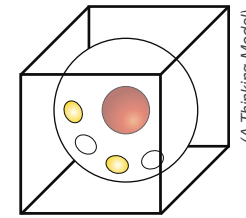
May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole **spirit, soul and body** be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

EXTRA - BIBLICAL

Our Soul is the 'seat' of our: Mind, Will, and Emotions.

- **Reasoning Abilities** to understand.
- **Emotional Abilities** to relate to others.
- **Spiritual Abilities** to communicate with God.

God is spirit. (John 4:24)
We are both physical and spiritual beings.



UNIQUELY YOU

- Shaped by God's design.
- Shaped by life's circumstance.
Trials in life can make you bitter or better

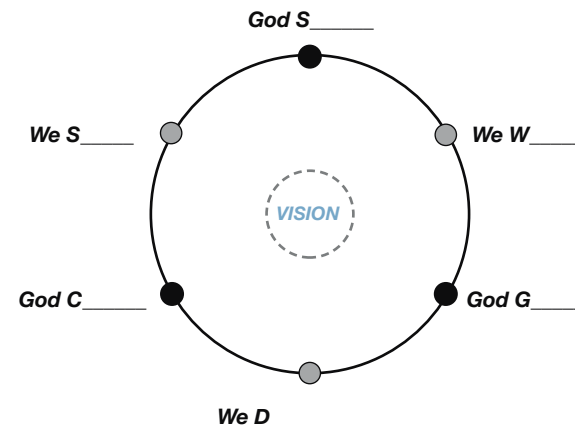
READ Ephesians 4:1-16 Study Points:

Look for Paul's main point about the purpose of spiritual gifts.

- "...He gave gifts to his people." (v.4:8b)
- **WHY?** "to equip the saints for the work of ministry," (v.4:12a)
- **FOR WHAT PURPOSE?** "for building up the body of Christ," (v.4:12b)
- **TO PRODUCE WHAT RESULT?** "...[promote] the body's growth in building itself up in love." (v.4:16b)

Do you believe we're designed to be in relationship with God? What does that mean in practical terms?

1st - **Believe and Receive:** Reconnects us to God.
2nd - **Trust and Obey:** Develops our relationship with Him.
(Obey - from the Latin 'obedire' which means to 'hear'.)



FOR NEXT WEEK: Take the PLACE Assessment online.

MEMORY VERSE

God's Great Plan for Your Life

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)
For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Spiritual Gifts Listed in the Bible

1 Corinthians 12:1-14

- 9 gifts, by verse -
- (v.8) wisdom
- (v.8) knowledge
- (v.9) faith
- (v.9) healing
- (v.10) working of miracles
- (v.10) prophecy
- (v.10) discernment of spirits
- (v.10) various kinds of tongues
- (v.10) interpretation of tongues

Romans 12:6-8, 13

- 9 gifts, by verse -
- (v.6) prophesy
- (v.6) faith
- (v.7) ministry in ministering (gift of serving, helping)
- (v.7) teacher in teaching
- (v.8) exhorter in exhortation (strongly encourage along a godly line of action)
- (v.8) giver in generosity (gift of giving)
- (v.8) leader in leading
- (v.8) compassionate in cheerfulness (gift of showing mercy)
- (v.13) hospitality

Ephesians 4:11

- 5 Fold Ministry -
There are Apostolic*, Prophetic*, Evangelical, Pastoral, and Teaching* Ministries.
*also see, 1 Cor. 12:28-29

Q: Intercession? 1 Timothy 2

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