

# Knowing and Operating in Your Spiritual Gifts



Finding Your Place In God's Purpose for Your Life

## Session #3: Uniquely You and Designed for a Purpose PART 3

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

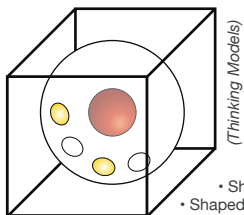
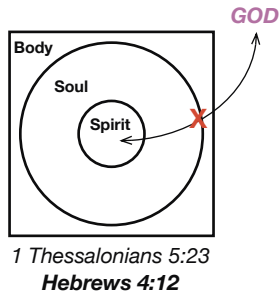
**Follow Up:** Do you believe we're designed to be in relationship with God? What does that mean to you in practical terms?

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

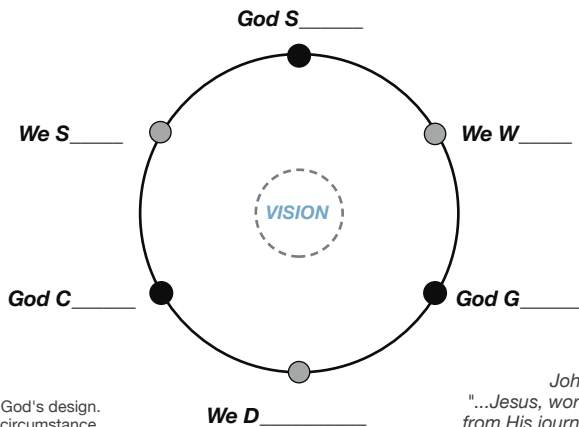
**Prayer:** Lord, help us understand the importance of spiritual gifts and how you've designed them to help us accomplish the purpose and plan you have for our lives.

**QUICK REVIEW:** of last week's important points... • Biblical vs. Extra-Biblical • Created both physically and spiritually, we have a spirit, soul and body. Original sin resulted in death, and disconnected our spiritual nature from the eternal life-giving force of God. (We're like a "dead man walking," so to speak.) • Eph. 4 conceptualized: God gave gifts to His people, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ, which promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love (agape). – vv.4:8b, 12a, 12b, 16b

• God has a vision and He's 'predesigned' you for a unique purpose. One important part of that purpose is to live in close relationship with Him.



• Shaped by God's design.  
• Shaped by life's circumstance.



1st - **Believe and Receive:** This reconnects us to God.  
2nd - **Trust and Obey:** Develops our relationship with Him.

(‘Obey’ - from the Latin root ‘obedire’ which means to ‘hear.’)

3rd - **Doing God's Will:** Nourishes our innermost being. Become Living Water for other people. Don't be a Dead Sea.

**Ministry Point:** If you want to grow in your spiritual giftedness, look around you and **meet a need**, join God in His purpose and let Him empower you for the work of ministry. (Experience has shown these will follow: great joy, deep satisfaction, and often a bit of excitement.)

**Where are you currently serving the body of Christ?**

**1 Corinthians – Tour some key verses:**

- v.1:7 – Paul wants us "not lacking in any spiritual gift"
- v.2:2-5 – Gifts demonstrate the Spirit and His power
- v.3:1-3 – Being ("of the flesh") hinders spiritual growth
- v.4:19-20 – Kingdom consists not in talk, but in power
- v.7:3-7 – Not all spiritual gifts are presented in a list
- v.8:1 – Head "knowledge" can puff up. Love instead...
- v.9:24-27 – Be focused, and not aimless in ministry
- v.12:1 – Be informed, not ignorant, about spiritual gifts
- v.12:7 – Spiritual gifts are for our common good.
- v.12:27-31 – You can earnestly desire spiritual gifts. and some are "higher, better, larger, greater" in value than others. Each gift is a manifestation of God's love.
- v.13:13 – 14:1-3 – Love and prophecy are higher gifts. Prophecy speaks a truth from God that builds up.
- v.14:5 – The gift of tongues should not be avoided.
- v.14:12 – Strive to build the church and gifts will come
- v.14:26 – As you work, gifts are for "building up"
- v.14:39 – Do not forbid speaking in tongues, but their public use should be purposeful in the building up...
- v.15:58 – Abound in the work of the Lord.

**Where do you get the sense that God is calling you?**

**FOR NEXT WEEK:** Finish 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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