

Knowing and Operating in Your Spiritual Gifts

APOSTLESHIP	A New Testament office, represented today by the special, Spirit-given ability to plant churches or para-churches (ministries); often exercised cross-culturally.
PROPHECY	The special ability to cause the authoritative word of God's truth to shine (1 Cor. 14:3). It may be expressed in both preaching and extemporary utterances to explain and apply God's revelation for correction and edification.
EVANGELISM	The special ability to act as a productive instrument of God, in the activity of soul-winning. <i>As the people of God, we can "win" in many ways, while only God saves.</i>
SHEPHERDING	The special ability to effectively guide, feed, and protect a flock of followers in Christ – also known as "pastoring" and likely exercised in today's church office of Pastor.
TEACHING	The special ability to give a detailed understanding of biblical truths to those willing to learn. Likely exercised in today's church office of Teacher.
EXHORTATION	The special ability to come alongside another in need of encouragement, challenge, or earnest advice, from a God-given perspective.
word of KNOWLEDGE*	The special ability to master God's revealed truths in Scripture. May also manifest as a Holy Spirit revelation, about people or circumstances, which was previously unknown to the person operating in the gift.
WISDOM*	A special ability to use knowledge effectively for the building up of the body of Christ. The reverential awe and healthy-fear of God is its true foundation.
SERVICE / HELPS	The special ability to provide timely assistance that supports the release of fellow Christian workers into other needed areas of spiritual giftedness.
HOSPITALITY	The special ability to provide a warm, welcoming environment. Often accompanied by food, lodging and fellowship. Bruised individuals will also often find refuge.
GIVING	The special ability to give wisely to support the Lord's work; individually and collectively. Often accompanied by the ability to earn money and manage it well.

ADMINISTRATION	The special ability of working with as well as through fellow believers toward achieving biblical goals and organizational objectives within the body of Christ.
COMPASSION	The special ability to aid the suffering or undeserving, desiring to spare them from penalties or punishment that may be justly deserved. Also known as the gift of mercy.
FAITH*	The special ability to trust deeply in the presence and power of God, and the willingness to act on this trust.
DISCERNMENT*	The special ability to distinguish between truth and error, including the distinction between what is good and what is best. Also includes the ability to distinguish between the Spirit of God and evil, demonic spiritual influences and manifestations.
LEADERSHIP	The special ability to set goals and motivate others toward their unified, harmonious, accomplishment in the Body of Christ.

NOTE: This is a partial, selected list of spiritual gifts. Those gifts marked with an asterisks (*) might be considered less active. However, they can assist greatly when combined with any of the other gifts God may empower you with.

As with all gifts, always ask God how He would have you use them for the benefit of the body of Christ. Never run ahead on your own!