

## 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 #6: *Uniquely You and Designed for a Purpose* PART 6

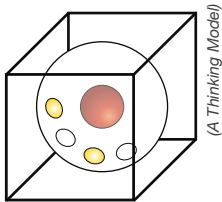
**Ministry Moments:** Have you had any ministry moments this week where you experienced a Holy Spirit gift at work? Either working through you to others, or others to you? (*What caught your attention in class last week?*)

**Follow Up:** If you could be highly effective, what area of ministry catches your imagination? Where would you like to make a big difference for God?

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

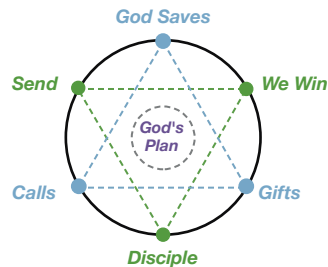
**Prayer:** Lord, help us understand the importance of spiritual gifts and how you've designed them to help us accomplish the purpose and plan you have for our lives.

**QUICK REVIEW:** Putting it all together.



- We are spiritual beings, designed for a godly purpose. (Psalm 139:13-16, Jeremiah 1:5)
- We're also physical beings with a three-fold nature: we have a spirit, soul, and body. (1 Thes. 5:23)
- God made our soul with: Reasoning Abilities, to understand our world. Emotional Abilities, to relate to others. Spiritual and Creative Abilities, to relate to God.

• We're shaped by God's design, and we can be shaped by life's circumstances (good or bad).  
 • We've been designed to partner with God.  
 • To spiritually empower us, God gave gifts to his people...to equip the saints for the work of ministry...for building up the body of Christ...which promotes the body's growth in building itself up in agape Love. (Eph. 4:8b, 12a, 12b, and 16b, paraphrased)



- Spiritual gifts are powerful, supernatural enablements given so we may serve God more effectively in the world and in the church. When we exercise our spiritual gifts properly, growth is the result.
- Evidence you may be operating in a spiritual gift: you may experience great joy, deep satisfaction, increased energy, and a bit of excitement.
- Others may see your spiritual gifts before you do and they can be surprising.

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## GOD'S KINGDOM COMES IN POWER

"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power." – 1 Corinthians 4:20

Do you realize your true value in the kingdom of God?

**READ Mark 12:13-17**



### Roman Denarius

The front inscription reads: "Caesar Augustus Tiberius, son of the Divine Augustus"



The back reads, "Highest Priest"

"And they marveled at him."

**What deeper meaning was in what Jesus said that would cause them to marvel?** (*utterly, greatly amazed*)

*God's gift to you is your life.*

*Your gift to God is how you'll be willing to spend it for Jesus' sake.*



(Kingdom Box)

**Will you allow God to spend your life to further the growth of His kingdom?** *Have you been set free?*

**What is God stirring in your heart?**  
**How do you sense God calling you to serve?**

**What pain or injury might be holding you back?**  
**In what way do you need God's healing touch?**  
**What habits or hangups need to be removed?**  
**Who might you need to forgive?**

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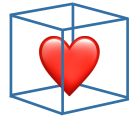
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## MEMORY VERSE

### God's Great Plan

**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."



**Christian Spirituality:** Is the framework from within which we allow God's Holy Spirit to have His creative and transforming action on our soul.

Imagine 12 core values we can step into or "put on." – Eph. 4:22-24 [lines of the framework]

1. Rely on God's Way
2. Be Obedient
3. Be Forgiving
4. Be Truthful
5. Be Faithful, Trustworthy
6. Be Courageous
7. Be Giving, Generous
8. Be Humble, Meek
9. Be Hopeful, Helpful
10. Be Compassionate
11. Be Just, Righteous
12. Be Patient, Kind

Imagine 6 sides of the framework represent the active dimensions of a growing spiritual life.

1. We Worship
2. We Pray
3. We Study
4. We Serve
5. We Witness
6. We Fellowship