

Knowing and Operating in Your Spiritual Gifts



Session #7: Going Deeper to Find Your Place In God's Purpose

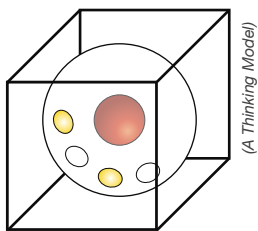
Course Format: Lesson, Discussion, Interaction, Challenge, **Good Questions.**

- **Detailed Investigation** – Studying 3 to 4 individual gifts each week, we'll learn how they operate to build the body of Christ (in love), and how to avoid potentially self-centered misapplication.
- **Hearing From God** – Learn how to improve your hearing, understanding, and responsiveness to God's voice so you can become more fully engaged in your unique spiritual giftedness.
- **Practical Application** – Through true life stories, we'll learn how to recognize what Holy Spirit giftedness looks like in action, both in yourself and in others.
- **Discern God's Calling** – Determine how God is leading you, and what God's calling on your life-and-ministry looks like.
- **Freed To Serve?** – Each week we will seek to engage God's Holy Spirit to find greater "freedom-from" the things that might be holding us back, and "freedom-to" become all we can be in Christ.

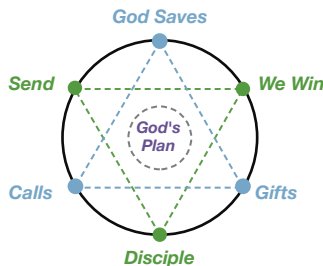
Session Focus: Quick Review of SG 101, Learning to work God's way.

Prayer: Lord, help us understand how You've uniquely designed us for a purpose, and help us learn how to use our giftedness for the furtherance of Your kingdom.

101 Highlights: 1) You're a uniquely designed, 3-fold being: spirit, soul, body. 2) God wants to partner with you in His business of saving souls and building the body of Christ. 3) Made in God's image, and highly valued in the kingdom.



1 Thessalonians 5:23
Hebrews 4:12



John 4:1-42



4) Will you allow God to spend your life for kingdom purposes?

Mark 12:13-17

Ministry Moments: Have you had any ministry moments where you experienced a Holy Spirit gift at work? Either working through you to others, or others to you?

How do you sense God might be calling you to serve? What might be holding you back?

Investigation: Giving, Hospitality, Mercy, and Service

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. **Active Ideal:** Sincere stewardship, without financial manipulation or harassment. **Trap to Avoid:** The power of money. **Some Verses:** Romans 12:6-8; Acts 4:32-35; 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

HOSPITALITY: The special ability to provide a warm, welcoming environment. Often accompanied by food, lodging and fellowship. Bruised individuals will also often find refuge. **Active Ideal:** Highly sociable. Supports fellowship activities without sacrificing personal and family time. **Trap to Avoid:** Taking on too much and becoming exhausted. **Some Verses:** 1 Peter 4:9-10; Acts 16:13-15; Luke 14:12-14

MERCY: 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 compassion. **Active Ideal:** Caring and wise insights without foolish responses. **Trap to Avoid:** Sometimes too sensitive. **Some Verses:** Romans 12:6-8; Matthew 5:7

SERVICE: The special ability to provide timely assistance that supports the release of fellow Christian workers into other needed areas of spiritual giftedness. May include the supernatural energy needed to sustain a prolonged effort. Also known as the gift of Ministry or Helps. **Active Ideal:** Selfless servant's heart, but not to the point of martyr. **Trap to Avoid:** Overextending oneself or underestimating the time demands. **Some Verses:** 1 Corinthians 12:28; Acts 6:1-3; Romans 16:1-2

Why do you think working with others can be so challenging – especially in ministry?

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.

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
Most likely a ministry calling.