



## Holy Spirit: Gifts

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*"I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England." - John Wesley*

### God's Gifts (James 1:17-18)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:4-5)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ gifts (1 Corinthians 12:1, 7 NLT, 12; Romans 12:3-8)

### Understanding Spiritual Gifts

#### **Spiritual Gifts Are Not:**

- Natural \_\_\_\_\_.
- Given to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sign of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23 NLT)
- Something to \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Spiritual Gifts Are:**

A special \_\_\_\_\_ ability that God gives to each of His children, so that \_\_\_\_\_ we can advance \_\_\_\_\_ in this world.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the gifts God has for me.  
(Romans 12:6; Ephesians 2:10; Psalm 139:13-16)
  - God's \_\_\_\_\_ in me reveals God's \_\_\_\_\_ for me!

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the gifts God has given me.  
(1 Corinthians 14:1; 2 Timothy 1:6)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the gifts God has given me. (1 Peter 4:10 NLT)

## Midweek Small Group Discussion:

### Romans 12:1-8

What were your key takeaways from Sunday's sermon about Spiritual gifts?

Read Romans 12:1-8.

- Allow for a brief time of silence after the passage is read.
- Pay attention to any word or short phrase that stood out to you during the reading.
- Do you have any questions or insights you want to share with the group?

Take this free Spiritual Gifts assessment at <https://mintools.com/spiritual-gifts-test.htm> (or Google "Spiritual Gifts assessment") to help determine how God has gifted you. Share your results with the group. (Note: the website noted above covers only a limited number of Spiritual Gifts mentioned in the Bible.)

What do you think it means for a gift to be a "grace" given to each of us? (verse 6) How would you describe the difference between a Spiritual gift and a talent?

Although we have different gifts, what is the one thing we have in common? (verse 5)

- Why would it be helpful to remember what we each have in common as you implement your unique gift(s)?
- At the time Paul wrote, there was tension between Jews and Gentiles. How might Paul's words on Spiritual gifts have been a challenge for them to put into practice?

Verse 1 urges you to offer your body as a living sacrifice. How does that change the way you think about using your Spiritual gift?

Earlier in this sermon series, the point was made that the Spirit gives us power for daily living. In what ways does the Holy Spirit's power impact the effectiveness of your Spiritual gift?

How does verse 2 set up or connect with Paul's teaching on Spiritual gifts?

It is no coincidence that Paul follows his writings on Spiritual gifts with words on love. (Romans 12:9; 1 Corinthians 13) What are dangers and consequences of using your gifts for selfish, unloving purposes?

At some point this week, how could you exercise your Spiritual gift for the betterment of the Body of Christ?