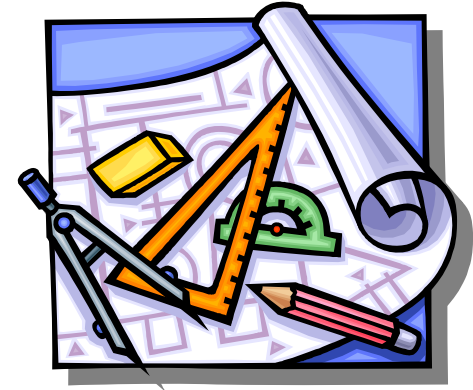




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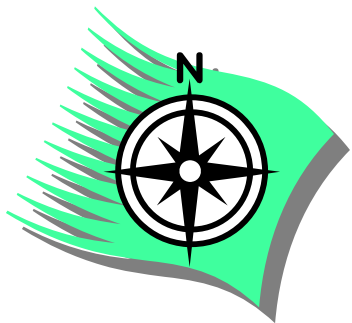
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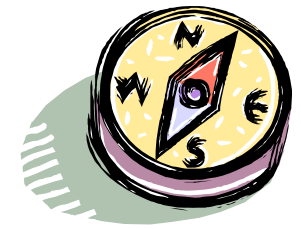
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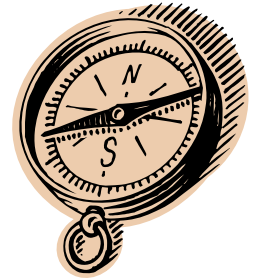


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The Nature of Spiritual Gifts



- The Definition of a Spiritual Gift
- The Source of Spiritual Gifts
- The Distribution of Spiritual Gifts
- The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts

The Definition of a Spiritual Gift

“A God-given gift (spiritual fingerprint or DNA) to Believers to fulfill a need which exists in the local body of Christ and for its edification”

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The Measure of Our Usefulness to God



The Nature of Spiritual Gifts

- The Source of Spiritual Gifts
 - I Corinthians 12:18 – God has “placed” each of the members as “He desires”
 - I Corinthians 12:11 – The Holy Spirit distributes to each one as “He wills”
 - I Corinthians 12:18 – God has “appointed” in “the church”
- The Distribution of Spiritual Gifts
 - I Peter 4:10
 - Each one
 - Has received

The Nature of Spiritual Gifts

- The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts
 - I Corinthians 12:4-7
 - For the common good
 - Variety
 - Unity in diversity
 - God is behind them
 - I Corinthians 14:12 – Edification of the church
 - I Peter 4:10-11
 - Employ it
 - Good steward
 - Manifold grace of God
 - Speaking & serving
 - By the strength that God supplied
 - God would be glorified

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The Provision of Spiritual Gifts

- What are the Spiritual Gifts
 - I Corinthians 12:8-10
 - Wisdom
 - Knowledge
 - Faith
 - Healing
 - Miracles
 - Prophecy
 - Distinguishing of spirits
 - Tongues
 - Interpretation of tongues

The Provision of Spiritual Gifts

- What are the Spiritual Gifts (Continued)
 - I Corinthians 12:28b
 - Miracles
 - Healings
 - Helps
 - Administration
 - Tongues

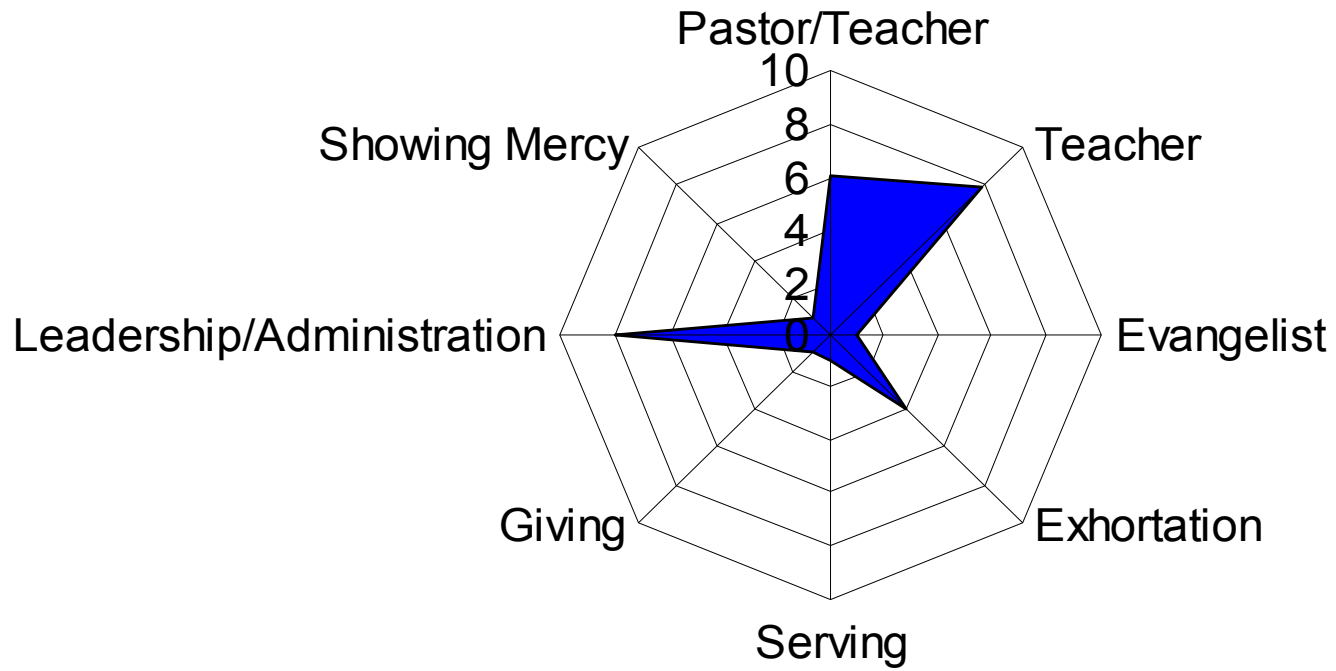
The Provision of Spiritual Gifts

- What are the Spiritual Gifts (Continued)
 - Romans 12:6-8
 - Prophecy
 - Service
 - Teaching
 - Exhortation
 - Giving
 - Leadership
 - Mercy

Classification of the Spiritual Gifts

Temporary (The Foundation)		Permanent (The Building)	
<u>Sign</u> Hebrews 2:4 Healing Miracles Tongues Faith	<u>Speaking</u> I Peter 4:11 Apostleship Prophecy Wisdom Knowledge Discernment of Spirits Interpretation of Tongues	Pastor-Teacher Evangelist Teacher Exhorter	<u>Service</u> I Peter 4:11 Serving Giving Administration Mercy
Confirming Mark 16:16 – 20	Revealing I Corinthians 12:6 - 13	Equipping & Edifying Ephesians 4:11 - 16	Work of Service I Peter 4:10 - 11
I Corinthians 12:8 - 10		Romans 12:6 - 8	

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Classification of the Spiritual Gifts

- Prophecy: “according to the proportion of his faith”
 - The temporary spiritual ability by which God directly revealed truth (primarily foretelling but also included forth-telling)
- Pastor/Teacher
 - The spiritual ability to shepherd, proclaim and make the Word of God relevant to the local church (flock / Body of Christ)
- Service: “in his serving”
 - The spiritual ability to serve and assist the Body of Christ in practical needs and ministry

Classification of the Spiritual Gifts

- Teacher: “in his teaching”
 - The spiritual ability to interpret and systematically present, explain, instruct and apply the truths of the Word of God in an understandable way
- Exhortation: “in his exhortation”
 - The spiritual ability to encourage and motivate people to both decisions and actions
- Giving: “in his liberality”
 - The spiritual ability to be sensitive to and provide for the needs of the Body of Christ with a spirit of both eagerness and generosity

Classification of the Spiritual Gifts

- Leading / Administration: “with diligence”
 - The spiritual ability to direct, guide and navigate the Body of Christ through effective oversight, governance and servant leadership
- Showing Mercy: “with cheerfulness”
 - The spiritual ability to graciously sympathize with and minister to those who are afflicted, sorrowful, suffering, miserable, under duress with comfort, cheer, hope and encouragement
- Evangelism
 - The spiritual ability to proclaim the Gospel effectively so that people respond in saving faith

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The Exercise of Spiritual Gifts

- How should we exercise them?
 - Romans 12:6-8
 - Gifts that differ
 - According to the grace given us
 - Why we are doing what we do (motivation)
 - How we go about doing what we do
 - I Corinthians 13:1-3
 - We can abuse our gift by trying to exercise it “without love”

The Exercise of Spiritual Gifts

- Guidelines to ensure the profitability of gifts
 - I Corinthians 13:4-7
 - Patient
 - Kind
 - Not jealous
 - Doesn't brag
 - Not arrogant
 - Doesn't act unbecomingly
 - Doesn't seek its own
 - Not provoked
 - Doesn't take account of a wrong suffered
 - Doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness
 - Rejoices with the truth
 - Bears all things
 - Believes all things
 - Hopes all things
 - Endures all things

The Exercise of Spiritual Gifts

- Attitudes in the use of our spiritual gifts
 - I Corinthians 12:25
 - No division (unity)
 - Unbiased – same care for one another
- What causes the growth of the Body?
 - Ephesians 4:11-16
 - Lean fully into the power of the Holy Spirit
 - Every joint; part properly working together
 - Building up of itself in love

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Areas We Are All Commanded To Pursue

- Faith (II Corinthians 5:7)
- Wisdom (James 1.5)
- Knowledge (II Timothy 2:15)
- Exhortation (Hebrews 10:25)
- Giving (II Corinthians 9:7)
- Care for one another or helps (I Corinthians 12:25)

How to Determine Your Spiritual Gift

- Present yourself as a “living sacrifice” (fully committed)
- Pray for wisdom
- Examine your heart’s desires
- Start serving where needs exist
- Wholeheartedly serve Him
- Seek Confirmation
- Look for the blessings of God
- Cultivate your gift as it becomes obvious
- Remember...
 - ALL Believers, including you, have been gifted
 - This is God’s will and a command for us
 - To not exercise my gift is a sin and negatively impacting this Body
 - This is NOT about you or how you feel
 - It is all about pleasing God; It is all about His glory

Observations Surrounding Spiritual Gifts

- Maybe impossible to fully analyze and specifically identify all aspects of your spiritual gift
- Put more focus more on . . .
 - Being useful
 - Filling needs you see needing to be filled
 - Having the right motive and pleasing to God in your service
- Don't over simplify and over-define things
- Won't be neatly packaged and labeled
- God mixes things up as an artist or painter from primary (basic) colors
- It is ONE gift versus many gifts
- The fact that God uses us at all is the REAL miracle and is what should bring praise to our hearts and makes Him worthy of all of our worship