

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

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The Bible is very clear that we are all given gifts from the Spirit, but you can not find anywhere in scripture how we are to identify or discover them. This seems to be the one puzzling question many have around the gifts of the Spirit. Here are some helpful steps for you as you discover your gifts.

1. **Read about the Spiritual Gifts and understand their purpose.** It is important to see the spiritual gifts and to read what the Bible says about them. Before you read others explanations. Go to God's Word and read for yourself about the gifts and God's intention for them. Here are a few passages: [1 Corinthians 12-14](#), [Ephesians 4:1-16](#), [Romans 12:4-7](#), [1 Peter 4:7-11](#). Most importantly understand the purpose of the gifts. It is not for personal gain or greater prominence. They are meant to glorify God and help others. They are given to equip the church to carry out God's ministry until Christ returns.
2. **Examine your interests and desires.** Scripture is clear that it is God who gives each of us gifts as "He determines" (1 Corinthians 12:11, 18), so it is safe to assume He will also give us the desire to exercise those gifts. With the right motive and understanding here is a great question to answer. What interests and desires do you have to serve in the body?
3. **Examine the evidence.** Take a look at your past experiences. Have you experienced blessing in the past in ministering in a particular service? This can point you to the gifts you have been given. Also be honest with yourself. If you believe you have the gift of teaching but realize there is no one listening than this is a good indication that there is no giftedness. Scripture is clear that gifts do vary in strength and they can be strengthened with our use, but if the evidence does not support giftedness than you can confidently move on to another one.
4. **Identify the opportunities.** This is the most important and effective step. See what opportunities are before you. See where there is a need in the church and meet it. Teach a small group; serve behind the scenes; pray with others; give above your tithe (10%); create some gatherings and events in your home. Isn't it interesting that the Bible's focus around gifts are, you have a spiritual gift and you need to use it to serve and edify the body? It does not focus on how to identify and discover them. Since this is the case, we should focus on the question, "Where can I best serve?" instead of "What is my spiritual gift?" The focus of spiritual gifts are service so get out there and serve. Your gifts will become evident by your exercise of them.

What spiritual gifts do you believe you have? What steps are you going to take to discover them? Where will you step out and serve?