



UNWRAPPING OUR GIFTS

I Corinthians 12:12-31

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A SPIRITUAL GIFT Is a Spirit empowered ability, given by the Holy Spirit to every believer and divinely apportioned, to be used to minister God's grace to others and therefore build up the Body of Christ.

10 Truths About Spiritual Gifts:

1. All believers and only believers are gifted by the Holy Spirit (1-3, 7, 13; 1 Pet 4:10)
2. All of us, though gifted differently, form one body in the Spirit (12-13)
3. No gifting is inferior to another (14-16)
4. No single gift is given to everyone (17-20, 29-30)
5. No one receives all the gifts. (17-20, 27-30)
6. The Holy Spirit gives the gifts and arranges them in churches as He chooses (11&18)
7. Each gifted believer is a vital, needed, and depended on part of the body (21-24)
8. Don't be disappointed with your gifts, recognize them and use them orderly in the body!
9. _____ the gifts God gives. (Eph 4:12; 1 Tim 4:14-15)
10. We will give _____ to the Lord for how we use our gifts. (Matt 25:14-30; 1 Pet 4:10; 1 Cor 4:1-2)

CAUTIONS ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. Don't confuse gifts with natural _____.
2. Don't confuse gifts with the _____ of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23)

3. Be aware of gift _____ tendencies (1 Cor 12:17-20)
4. Using your gift is not always _____ (1 Thes 2:9; 2 Tim 4:5-6)
5. Using gifts without _____ is worthless. (1 Cor 13)
6. Don't let your primary gifts stop you from being a _____ in God's church (Mark 10:43-45)

How do I figure out my gifts?

1. Start _____ and try different ministries.
2. _____ the lists of gifts found in the Word.
3. Use an assessment as a beginning idea sheet, not as an absolute answer.
4. See where there is joy (not ease) and fruit.
5. Ask others who _____ with you.

*IT'S EASIER TO DISCOVER YOUR GIFT THROUGH MINISTRY
THAN TO DISCOVER YOUR MINISTRY THROUGH YOUR GIFT.*

What are the different gifts? 1 Cor 12:8-10, 27-28, Rom 12:8-10; Eph 4:11-13; 1 Pet 4:9-11

Equipping - Memorization:

1 Pet 4:10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: