



**YOU'VE GOT THEM . . . How  
WILL YOU USE THEM?  
1 Pet 4:10-11  
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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.

**Who are we to be as we use our gifts?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_: We use our gifts to serve others

- Servants avoid things that kill ministry
  - Avoid c\_\_\_\_\_ (Num 11:1; Phil 2:14)
  - Avoid a c\_\_\_\_\_ spirit (Jam 5:9)
  - Avoid c\_\_\_\_\_ (Gal 5:25-26)
  - Avoid a c\_\_\_\_\_ spirit (1 Cor 3:2-9)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ of God's varied grace, depending on God in our ministry

Speaking Gifts:

Serving Gifts:

- Things that kill ministry as stewards
  - Avoid thinking the gift is mine and I should control the use of it
  - Avoid ministering in my own strength and thinking I can do it on my own

**What are the different gifts? (see gifts page)**

**Are all the gifts still given to the church?**

- No (Cessationism) – Certain miraculous sign gifts were only given for the foundation of the first church as an authentication of the Apostle's message and their usage ceased in the church when the Apostles died and Scripture was complete.

<http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/why-i-am-a-cessationist/>

- Yes (Continuationism) – God still gives any of the gifts mentioned in the Bible as needed to build up His church.

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Handling this discussion well:

- Open, but cautious.
  - While God can and does give all gifts, many of the sign gifts such as tongues or healings are human induced or contrived. We must be careful to test their **purpose** and **practice** with scripture.

**Where Do I Go From Here?**

1. Study the lists of gifts found in the Word.
2. Try - Start serving and try different ministries - See where there is joy (not ease) and fruit.
3. Assess (Analyze) - Use an assessment as a beginning idea sheet, not as an absolute answer.
4. Request Responses from Others – Ask others who serve with you
5. Train – either a class, or be disciplined by someone with that gift.

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:*