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Introduction

Tonight we are going to begin a study of spiritual gifts. There is a lot of misunderstanding and false doctrine in this area in the day in which we live. Most of the problems surrounding spiritual gifts has to do with the same problem that existed in Paul's day—ignorance! (Vs 1)

So, it is very important that we understand what the Bible has to say about this subject. Because the Bible is our Absolute Authority on every subject!

Also, it is important that every believer, should be mindful of their spiritual gift or gifts. We should know what gifts in the Scriptures are operative and how they are to operate to be in harmony with the Bible.

In the course of our study we will deal as thoroughly as possible with the subject and will be giving you Bible to back up what we are saying!

With this message tonight we will acquaint ourselves with some basic things that will help us to understand more fully as we progress in our study.

By Definition Spiritual Gifts Are An Enabling From God's Spirit By Which God's People Perform Ministries For God.

Sometimes the ministry appears to be of an **ordinary nature**.

Sometimes the ministry is obviously of an **extra-ordinary nature**.

But, always it is from a **super-natural enabling** of the Spirit!

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I. OLD TESTAMENT SPIRITUAL GIFTS PRIOR TO CHRIST'S MINISTRY.

In the Old Testament times before Christ's ministry, there were special manifestation of spiritual gifts.

Let's look at 4 specific examples from the Old Testament:

**A. Moses Was Gifted With Signs And Wonders.
(Exodus 4:1-9, 29-31)**

Moses exhibited these special gifts in his dealings with Pharaoh and Israel!

These were done **to validate to Israel** that God had indeed sent Moses! **(Exodus 4:1-9, 29-31)**

These were also done **as a witness to Pharaoh, to Egypt and against the gods of Egypt!** **(Exodus 7:1-5)**

**B. The Children Of Israel Were Gifted.
(Exodus 35:21-35; 36:1-7)**

These gifts were for the building of the tabernacle and its furnishings.

In this respect, we can see that these gifts are a type of the gifts given to New Testament believers.