

Personal Spiritual Gifts

I Corinthians 7:7; 12:1–11

There are two categories of spiritual gifts, personal and practical. These gifts are distributed by the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 12:11). All of these gifts are by grace and can only be used with a humble heart before God (James 4:6). These gifts are for the purpose to build the local church (I Cor. 12:7; 14:12). These gifts have their completeness in Jesus Christ and are distributed throughout His body, the church, so we can minister to one another in the fulness of Christ, glorifying Christ alone (John 1:12, 16; 3:34; Rom. 12:3; Eph 1:23; 3:7, 20; Col. 1:19).

- I. _____—this is God’s gift to those that He desires to remain single. The apostle Paul was gifted with singleness (I Cor. 7:7).
 - A. Serving God as a single is _____ (I Cor. 7:8).
 - B. Singleness allows one to serve God without distraction (I Cor. 7:32–35).

- II. _____—is the God-given ability to perceive and practically _____ the knowledge of the Scriptures in everyday situations (I Cor. 12:1–11; James 3:13–18).
 - A. God will give wisdom to every believer that _____ for it (James 1:5).

B. One endowed with wisdom is _____ and doing God's _____ for his or her life (Col. 1:9).

C. One endowed with wisdom is seeking to live like _____ (Col. 2:2–3).

D. One endowed with wisdom is seeking to _____ like Christ (II Cor. 10:3–6).

III. _____— *“to be taking in knowledge, to come to know, recognize, understand,” or “to understand completely”* (Vine's dictionary)

A. Though we all have _____ knowledge, God gifts some in the church with a unique ability to understand truth for the purpose of preaching and teaching (I Cor. 13:9–12).

B. _____ diligently taught what he knew but was willing to grow in his knowledge of the Lord (Acts 18:24–28).

IV. _____—persuasion, moral conviction

A. Faith is the persuasion of the truth of things that God has said in His Word to the extent that one will step out with full _____ of its outcome (Heb. 11:1).

B. Those gifted with faith will most likely be people of _____, since _____ is the avenue to achieve great things for God by faith (James 5:17, 18).

“Prayer is the _____ of faith.”—Tom Williams

V. _____ —*“a distinguishing, a clear discrimination, discerning, judging”* (I John 4:1–4)

A. Discerning spirits is the God-given ability to perceive and distinguish between that which is and _____ (I Kings 3:9; Heb. 5:14).

B. Jesus Christ discerned what was in the _____ of men (John 1:47; Matt. 16:7–8; 22:15–18; Mark 2:6–8).

C. The apostle Peter became spiritually discerning of the _____ of people after he was empowered by the Holy Spirit (Act 5:1–4; 8:18–23).

D. The _____ for spiritual discernment is based upon the Scriptures (I Cor. 2:15–16; Rom. 3:4).