

Spiritual Gifts Inventory Handout

Instructions: Important – ***DO NOT*** read through this handout until you’ve completed the Spiritual Gifts Inventory and totaled your scores on the scoresheet. Once you’ve done that, write the Spiritual Gifts listed below, in this order, on each corresponding line on the scoresheet.

Which gifts received the highest score on your inventory? Identify your top three or four scores below:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

What are your impressions? Has the inventory accurately helped you identify your gifts? Listed with each of the following 17 gifts are scriptures where you will find more information about that specific gift. Over the next several weeks, continue to read and meditate and study and be in prayer about your gifts and the ways you can use them. If you have questions, don’t hesitate to speak with someone else about the gifts they see and identify in you and feel free to speak with Pastor Gretchen about your gifts and the ways you can develop and use them.

- 1. Prophecy** -- Equips an individual to proclaim truth in a way people can understand for the purpose of correction, repentance, or nurture. This is not so much fore-telling the future as it is being able to draw implications from the Bible to life's situations. Scriptures: 1 Cor. 12:10, 28; Eph. 4:11-14; Romans 16:6; Luke 7:26; Acts 15:32; Acts 21:9-11.
- 2. Teaching** -- Equips a person to understand and communicate information so that others within the Body learn and grow. Scriptures: 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11-14; Romans 12:7; Acts 18:24-28; Acts 20:20
- 3. Counseling** -- Equips a person to effectively listen to people and assist them in their psychological and relational journeys toward wholeness. Scriptures: Matthew 5
- 4. Exhortation/Encouragement** -- Equips a person to reassure, strengthen, affirm, and offer comfort to those who may be faltering in their faith or who are going through hard times. This is seldom seen as a gift by the person using it. Scriptures: Romans 12:8; I Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:25; Acts 14:22.

- 5. Evangelism** -- Equips the person to effectively communicate the story of Jesus Christ so that the unchurched will respond and move toward discipleship. (This person enjoys sharing his/her faith.)
Scriptures: Eph. 4:11-14; II Timothy 4:5; Acts 8:5-6; Acts 8:26-40; Acts 12:21; Acts 21:8.
- 6. Hospitality** -- Equips a person to enjoy opening his/ her home to guests and to provide food, fellowship, or shelter. Scriptures: I Peter 4:9; Romans 12:13; 16-23; Acts 16:14-15; Hebrews 13:1-2.
- 7. Leadership** -- Equips a person to articulate, cast, and share a vision in such a way that the individual members of the Body discover ways in which they can make the vision a reality. Scriptures: I Cor. 12:8; I Timothy 5:17; Acts 7:10; Acts 15:7-11; Hebrews 13:17; Luke 9:51.
- 8. Mercy** -- Equips a person to respond lovingly and compassionately to both the church and unchurched who are suffering. Scriptures: I Cor. 12:8; Mark 9:41; Acts 16:33-34; Luke 10:33-35; Matt. 20:29-34; Acts 11:28-30.
- 9. Shepherding** -- Equips a person to guide, care for, and nurture individuals or groups in the Body so they can grow in their faith. This person may or may not be an ordained minister; however, this gift assumes a longtime, personal commitment to the spiritual welfare of others. Scriptures: I Peter 4:11; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; John 10:1-8; I Peter 5:1-3.
- 10. Administration** -- Equips a person to bring order to all or part of an organization and to formulate and enact procedures that enhance the function of the organization and support the mission and vision of the Body of Christ. Scriptures: I Cor. 12:28; Acts 6:1-7; Acts 27:11; Luke 14:28-30; Titus 1:5.
- 11. Giving** -- Equips a person to contribute cheerfully and liberally of his/her material resources so the work of God may spread. (This may be the only gift this person has, and it may not be realized as a gift.)
Scriptures: 1 Cor. 12:8; II Cor. 8:1-7; II Cor. 9:2-8; Mark 12:41-44.
- 12. Helps/Service** -- Equips a person to accomplish practical and necessary tasks which support and build up the Body. These people usually work along and behind the scene. Often, this gift has nothing to do with people. Scriptures: 1 Cor. 12:28; Romans 16:1-2; Acts 9:36; Luke 8:2-3.
- 13. Faith** -- Equips a person to have so much confidence in God that they never see an impasse – only detours which they can go around in pursuit of accomplishing God's work. Scriptures: 1 Cor. 12:9; Acts 11:22-24; Acts 27:21-25; Hebrew 11; Romans 4:18-21.
- 14. Wisdom** -- Equips a person to have insight into how certain knowledge should be applied to specific needs. Scriptures: 1 Cor. 12:8; 1 Cor. 12-14; 1 Cor. 2:1-13; Acts 6:3-10; James 1:5-6; II Peter 3:15-16.
- 15. Knowledge** -- Equips a person to discover, analyze, clarify and articulate information and concepts essential to the work of the Body of Christ. Scriptures: 1 Cor. 12:8; I Cor. 2:14; Acts 5:1-11; Col. 2:2-3; II Cor. 11:6.
- 16. Intercession/Prayer** -- Equips a person to pray for an extended period of time on a regular basis for individuals, both the church and the unchurched, and for specific ministries of the Body of Christ. Scriptures: James 5:14-16; I Timothy 2:1-2; Col. 1:9-12; Col. 4:12-13; Acts 12:12; Luke 22:41-44.
- 17. Discernment** -- Equips a person to be able to see through phony individuals and ideas. (People with this gift must take care not to be overly judgmental.) Scriptures: 1 Cor. 12:10; 5:1-11; Acts 16:16-18; I John 4:16-18; Matt. 16:21-23.