



## 1. What Are Spiritual Gifts?

Spiritual gifts are given to build up the church, share Christ's message, and glorify God. Paul shares in Scripture that there are a variety of gifts. These special gifts are given through the Holy Spirit. One person may have the gift of faith, another person may have the gift of healing, while someone else may be gifted with prophecy or one of the other spiritual gifts listed in the Bible.

Have you ever taken a spiritual gift assessment? An easy and quick one is found here: [SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY. \(www.bit.ly/SpiritualGiftsFUMCSG\)](http://www.bit.ly/SpiritualGiftsFUMCSG)

You may learn about an area where you are already excelling, or you may learn of an area God is calling you to focus on. (A list of Spiritual gifts is provided below.)

As you grow in the spirit, you may find times when one area of our spiritual gifts is stronger than other times.

Think of ways you have lived a spiritual life with others. Have you helped a neighbor? Have you served a meal at a homeless shelter? Maybe you have shared the Gospel of God's Heaven on earth with a stranger? Do you serve in your church? Have you donated clothing, food, or funds?

God calls us and equips us. When we have doubt in our ability, that doubt is not from God. When questions arise, go to God and ask for His guidance.

## 2. Why Are Spiritual Gifts Important?

Every gift from God is special and important. We are created by God, and God loves us unconditionally. By acknowledging the spiritual gifts from God, we are glorifying God. Each gift has the ability to help draw others to a relationship with the Lord.

God's people are like a body with many parts, yet those parts work together. Even though there are many people in the world, we can work together to share His love and glory. One body part is not better than another. Every person has a purpose and is gifted by the Holy Spirit.

## 3. List of Spiritual Gifts and some Bible references:

**Service/Helps:** helping those in need of practical assistance ([Romans 12:7](#) NIV)

**Mercy:** The person with this gift shows acts of compassion

**Giving:** People with this gift will give freely and with joy to further His kingdom

**Hospitality:** Making people feel welcome, appreciated, and wanted ([1 Peter 4:9](#) NIV)

**Leadership:** encouraging & helping others build the kingdom of God ([Romans 12:8](#) NIV)

**Discernment:** being able to recognize the truth about a situation

**Exhortation:** being enthusiastic about the Lord and sharing that to enthuse others

**Shepherding:** looking out for the spiritual welfare of others

**Faith:** trusting God to fulfill His plan. People with this gift are encouragers

**Administration:** helping with long term goals and remaining on task ( [1 Cor. 12:28](#) NIV)

**Teaching:** instructing in truths and doctrines of God's Word

**Knowledge:** teaching and discipleship. The ability to learn, know and explain God's Word

**Wisdom:** the ability to discern works of the Holy Spirit and apply teaching and actions

**Prophecy:** proclaiming the Word of God with boldness ([Romans 12:6](#) NIV)

**Evangelism:** the building up of the church so others will be led to Christ

**Apostleship:** motivators, church planters, missionaries: people who look beyond the walls

**4. Do you recognize your gift? (Have you taken [the survey found here?](#))**

Do you see more than one area where you feel gifted?

Are you already a Sunday School teacher, an Elder or Deacon in your church, a volunteer in the church office, or do you serve on the church prayer committee?

Do you pray for others?

These are different ways spiritual gifts are used to show His love and to bring people closer to Him.

Pray about your own spiritual gift.

Ask God to help you recognize the special gift He has given you.

Ask God to help you use your spiritual gifts to lead others to Him.

**5. Covenant Prayer of Rev. John Wesley**

John Wesley, founder of Methodist, often prayed this prayer.

Perhaps it can speak to your heart as well?

**"I am no longer my own, but thine.**

**Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.**

**Put me to doing, put me to suffering.**

**Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.**

**Let me be full, let me be empty.**

**Let me have all things, let me have nothing.**

**I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.**

**And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.**

**And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."**