

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DEFINITIONS

Administration (Efficiently organize procedures that accomplish the goals of the ministry, **1 Cor 12:28**)

Apostle (Start and oversee the development of new churches or ministries, **1 Cor 12:28-29**; 2 Cor 12:12 and **Eph 4:11**)

Craftsmanship (Glorify God through physical, artistic or musical expression, Ex 31:3-11; Psalm 57:7-9 and Eph 5:19)

Discernment (Distinguish between truth and error and discern good from evil, **1 Cor 12:10**; Heb 5:14 and 1 John 4:1-6)

Encouragement (Present truth so as to strengthen, comfort or urge to right action, Acts 14:22; **Rom 12:8**; 1 Th 5:11; 1 Tim 4:16 and Heb 10:25)

Evangelism (Effectively communicate the gospel to those not committed to the Christian faith, Acts 21:8; 1 Cor 3:5-6; **Eph 4:11**; 2 Tim 4:5)

Faith (Trust God in all life circumstances with total belief in his ability to fulfill His promises, Acts 11; 22-24; Rom 4:18-21; **1 Cor 12:9** and Heb 11)

Giving (Sacrificially, cheerfully, liberally contribute money and or resources to God's work, Luke 3:11; Luke 21:2-4; **Rom 12:8**; 2 Cor 8:1-5; 2 Cor 9:7 and 1 Th 2:8)

Healing (Be God's means for restoring people to physical, emotional and spiritual wholeness, Luke 9:41-42; Acts 3:1-10; Acts 5:12-16; **1 Cor 12:9** and **1 Cor 12:28, 30**)

Helping (Investing one's time and energy to do practical tasks to free up others to use their gifts, Acts 6:1-7; Rom 16:1-2 and **1 Cor 12:28**)

Hospitality (Care for guests, strangers, needy people by providing an open house, food and a warm welcome, Rom 12:9-13; 1 Tim 3:2, Titus 1:8 and 1 Pet 4:9)

Knowledge (Ability to gain insight into and to share scripture and truth, Matt 9:4, Matt 22:29, Mark 5:30; **1 Cor 12:8**; 2 Cor 11:6 and Col 2:3)

Leadership (Cast visions, motivate and set directions that aid spiritual growth and accomplish God's purposes, Acts 7:9-10; **Rom 12:8**; 1 Th 5:12-13; 1 Tim 3:4-5 and 1 Tim 5:17)

Mercy (Empathically, cheerfully and compassionately help those who are suffering or are in need, Mark 9:41; Luke 10:33-37; Acts 9:36 and **Rom 12:8**)

Miracles (Authentic message of God through supernatural interventions to glorify Him, Mark 9:38-40; Mark 16:17-18; Acts 9:40; **1 Cor 12:10** and **1 Cor 12:28-29**)

Prophecy (Reveal and proclaim truth for understanding, correction, repentance and encouragement, Luke 7:16; **Rom 12:6; 1 Cor 12:10; 1 Cor 12:28-29** and **Eph 4:11-14**)

Service (Serve the physical needs of people in ways that strengthen them spiritually, Matt 4:11; Luke 10:40; John 12:2; **Rom 12:7** and Gal 6:2, 10)

Shepherding (Nurture, care for, guide people toward spiritual maturity and Christ-likeness, Matt 26:31; John 10:1-18; **Eph 4:11**; 1 Pet 2:25)

Teaching (Understand, communicate and apply God's Word to aid greater spiritual growth, Mark 6:2; Luke 11:1; Acts 18:24-28; **Rom 12:7; 1 Cor 12:28; Eph 4:11** and 1 Tim 2:7)

Wisdom (Practical application of God's truth to effectively meet a need in a specific situation, Luke 20:20:22-26; John 8:4-11; Acts 6:3, 10; **1 Cor 12:8**; 2 Pet 3:15)

Bold: Primary Spiritual Gifts Lists (**Rom 12:6-8, 1 Cor 12:8-10, 28-30** and **Eph 4:11**)

Gift 1 _____ Gift 2 _____ Gift 3 _____

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SPIRITUAL GIFTS BACKGROUND

This is an updated listing of the Spiritual Gifts used in association with our Doorways new member classes. When this information is available on new members or current members, it is entered into the church database for each member. Generally, this involves entering the top three results from the Spiritual Gifts Inventory. If necessary, this information can be updated.

In general, these gifts are associated with the Greek word (Strong G5486) transliterated as Charisma in English and normally translated as Spiritual Gift/s. Traditionally, these Gifts have been associated with the lists in Romans 12:6-8, 1Cor 12:8-10, 1 Cor 12: 28-30 and Eph 4:11. It is generally accepted that this consists of a list of 20 Spiritual Gifts. The Doorways booklet typically used 18 of these 20 Spiritual Gifts. The Doorways booklet does not include “Speaking in Tongues” and “Interpretation of Tongues.” These latter Gifts are not normally exercised in Presbyterian Churches, ours being no exception. As a result, these two Gifts (below the bold horizontal line) have not appeared in our inventories or databases.

Despite the acceptance of the Spiritual Gifts listed above, many Spiritual Gift inventories include other Gifts and are able to provide Scriptural evidence for these Gifts. It is not uncommon to encounter lists of as many as 40 Spiritual Gifts. Our updated listing contains two of these Spiritual Gifts, Craftsmanship and Hospitality.

Hospitality has always been on our list. In fact, when we researched the Spiritual Gifts for over 400 of our members, we found that Hospitality was the top listing! For this reason, we have kept Hospitality on our list. You can see the Scriptural references that we have highlighted.

When we have discussed our list in the past, we have found choir members and members of our artists group that did not feel that their gifts were adequately addressed by our inventory. For this reason, Craftsmanship was added to our list. This Spiritual Gift is included on many inventories and we have highlighted some powerful Scriptural references for its use. We have intentionally included questions on our Spiritual Gifts inventory that are attractive to our choir and artistic communities. In fact, we have plans to evaluate the effectiveness of the Craftsmanship inventory questions in the near future.

So, with the deletions and additions listed above, our inventory covers 20 Spiritual Gifts (above the bold horizontal line) that work for our congregation.