

Thinking Biblically About...
Spiritual Gifts

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

1 Corinthians 12:1-31

What is the main point in verses 4-6?

What is the main point in verses 12-13?

Who gives spiritual gifts? (verse 11)

Does everyone get a spiritual gift? What verses did you find this in?

List all of the spiritual gifts mentioned in this passage. (you should find 13)

Paul uses an example of a human body to explain spiritual gifts and how the Church (all believers) should work together. List everything we can learn from this example in verses 12-25?

Why are spiritual gifts given? (verses 7, 25)

Romans 12:1-8

What is our spiritual act of worship according to verse 1?

According to verse 3, how should we think about ourselves?

In verses 4 and 5, what does Paul compare us to? What can we learn from this comparison?
(Think about how a human body works with all it's parts in real life.)

What are we supposed to do with our spiritual gifts? (verse 6)

List all of the spiritual gifts mentioned in this passage. (you should find 7) Also list how each gift should be exercised.

Ephesians 4:1-16

In verses 1-3, Paul calls us to live our lives in a way that is worthy of the seriousness of the calling of Christ on our lives. List the ways he asks us to walk that are listed in verses 2 and 3.

What is the main theme of verses 4-6? Why is it important to know this?

According to verse 7, how many of us were given gifts?

List all the spiritual gifts that are mentioned in this passage. (you should find 5)

What is the purpose of spiritual gifts? (verse 12)

What is the result when we use our spiritual gifts? (verses 14-16)

Who is the head of the body? (verse 15)

1 Peter 4:7-11

In verses 7-9, what does Peter encourage us to do?

List all the spiritual gifts mentioned in this passage. (you should find 2) Also list how they should be used.

How should you use spiritual gifts? (verse 10)

What is the purpose of spiritual gifts? (verse 11)

Spiritual Gifts Overview:

A Spiritual Gift is:

- A unique ability
- Given by the Holy Spirit
- To every believer in Jesus

The purpose of spiritual gifts are:

- _____ in the body of Christ
- To express _____ for one another
- To _____ and display His power

“The spiritual gifts God gives you are neither *for you* nor *about you*. They weren’t given to boost your self-image or to serve as some kind of special reward from God. They were not given to raise you up to some level of worldly greatness or success. They are yours for the express purpose of blessing the body of Christ – the Church. That is why you need to be part of a church family. Discovering your spiritual gifts is not the ultimate goal – using them to bless others is.”

~Erik Rees, S.H.A.P.E.

Spiritual gifts are not:

- Personality traits
- Natural talents
- The fruit of the Spirit