

What are Spiritual Gifts?

- 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

“Spiritual Gifts are the special abilities given to every believer at conversion by the Holy Spirit to get the job done that God has for you.” (Charles Stanley in “Ministering Through the Spiritual Gifts”)

Seven Key Biblical Truths About Spiritual Gifts:

1. The Holy Spirit chooses our gifts.
 - 1 Peter 4:10 (NLT), “God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God’s generosity can flow through you.”

Seven Key Biblical Truths About Spiritual Gifts:

2. The Holy Spirit has given you spiritual gifts primarily to fulfill the purpose God has for you.
 - “The purpose of giftedness is stewardship and service, not selfishness.” (Os Guinness in “The Call”)

Seven Key Biblical Truths About Spiritual Gifts:

3. The spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit gives you are neither for you nor about you.

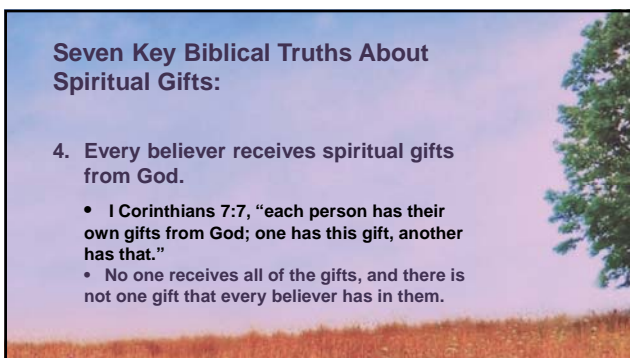
- I Corinthians 12:7 (NLT), "a spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means for helping the entire church."



Seven Key Biblical Truths About Spiritual Gifts:

4. Every believer receives spiritual gifts from God.

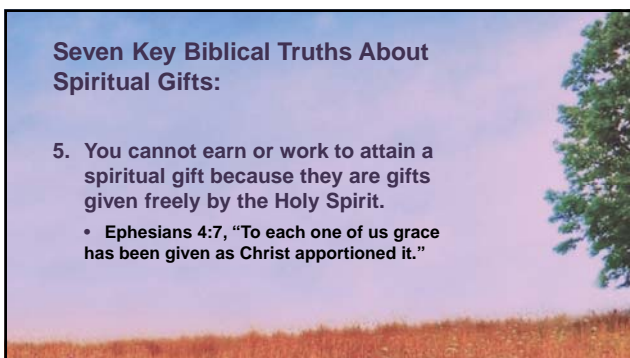
- I Corinthians 7:7, "each person has their own gifts from God; one has this gift, another has that."
- No one receives all of the gifts, and there is not one gift that every believer has in them.



Seven Key Biblical Truths About Spiritual Gifts:

5. You cannot earn or work to attain a spiritual gift because they are gifts given freely by the Holy Spirit.

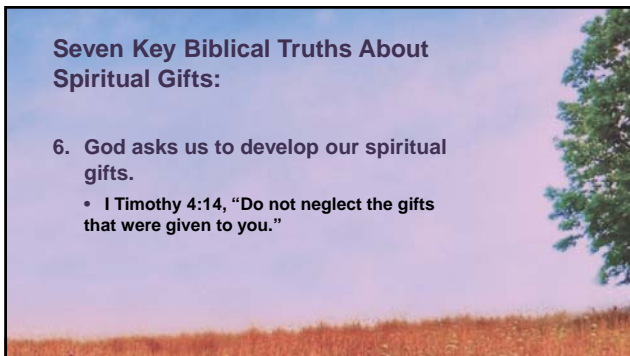
- Ephesians 4:7, "To each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it."



Seven Key Biblical Truths About Spiritual Gifts:

6. God asks us to develop our spiritual gifts.

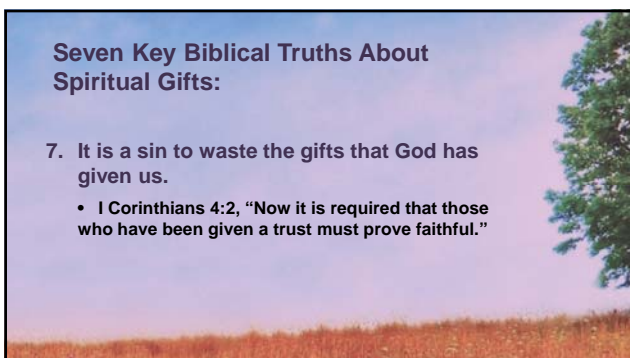
- 1 Timothy 4:14, "Do not neglect the gifts that were given to you."



Seven Key Biblical Truths About Spiritual Gifts:

7. It is a sin to waste the gifts that God has given us.

- 1 Corinthians 4:2, "Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."



GIFTS THAT COMMUNICATE GOD'S WORD:

PREACHING ("Prophecy"): 1 Cor. 14:3
EVANGELISM: Acts 8:26-40
MISSIONS: 1 Cor. 9:19-23, Acts 13:2-3
APOSTLE: Rom. 15:20



GIFTS THAT EDUCATE GOD'S PEOPLE:

TEACHING: Eph. 4:12-13
ENCOURAGEMENT ("Exhortation"): Acts 14:22
WISDOM: 1 Cor. 2:1, 6-16
DISCERNMENT: 1 John 4:1-6
KNOWLEDGE: Daniel 1:17



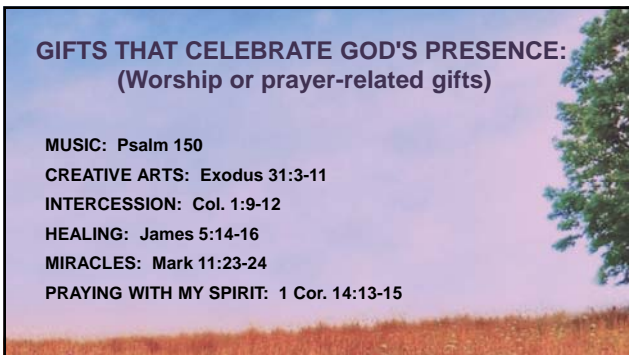
GIFTS THAT PRACTICALLY DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE:

SERVICE: Acts 6:1-7
MERCY: Luke 10:30-37
HOSPITALITY: 1 Peter 4:9-10
PASTORING ("Shepherding"): 1 Peter 5:2-4
GIVING: 2 Cor. 8:1-7



GIFTS THAT CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE:
(Worship or prayer-related gifts)

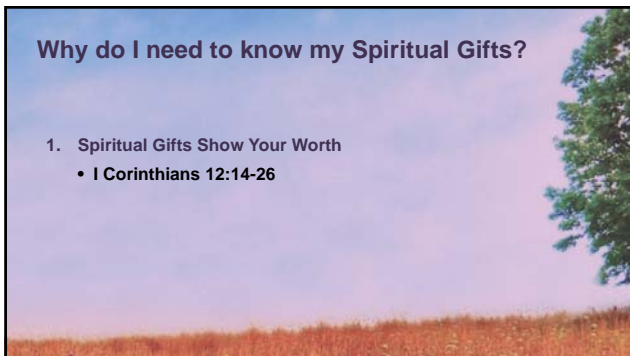
MUSIC: Psalm 150
CREATIVE ARTS: Exodus 31:3-11
INTERCESSION: Col. 1:9-12
HEALING: James 5:14-16
MIRACLES: Mark 11:23-24
PRAYING WITH MY SPIRIT: 1 Cor. 14:13-15



Why do I need to know my Spiritual Gifts?

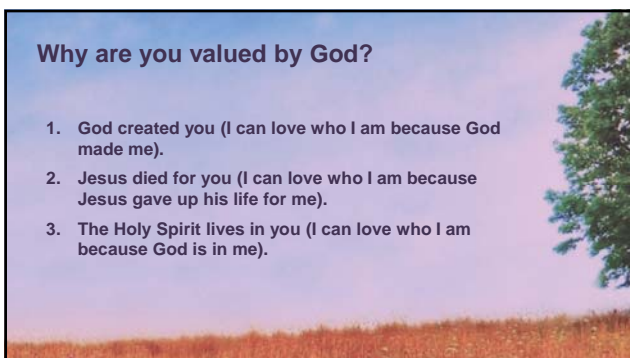
1. Spiritual Gifts Show Your Worth

- I Corinthians 12:14-26

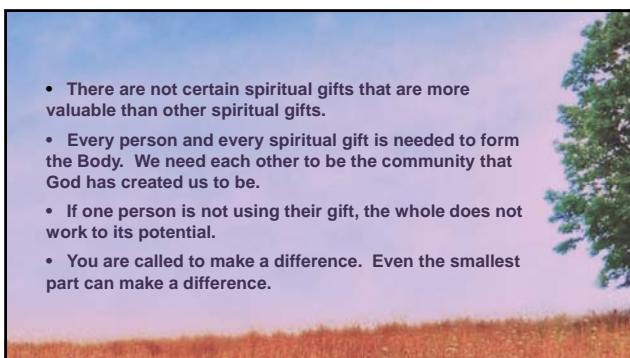


Why are you valued by God?

1. God created you (I can love who I am because God made me).
2. Jesus died for you (I can love who I am because Jesus gave up his life for me).
3. The Holy Spirit lives in you (I can love who I am because God is in me).



- There are not certain spiritual gifts that are more valuable than other spiritual gifts.
- Every person and every spiritual gift is needed to form the Body. We need each other to be the community that God has created us to be.
- If one person is not using their gift, the whole does not work to its potential.
- You are called to make a difference. Even the smallest part can make a difference.



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2. Spiritual Gifts Shape Your Work

- Jesus said, "I must do the work of him who sent me." (John 9:4)
- Paul said, "My life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by Jesus." (Acts 20:24, NLT)

Why do I need to know my Spiritual Gifts?

- The gifts God has given us is the power to help others. We all are called to serve God, but we are called to serve him in different ways.
- I Corinthians 12:4-6, "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all people."

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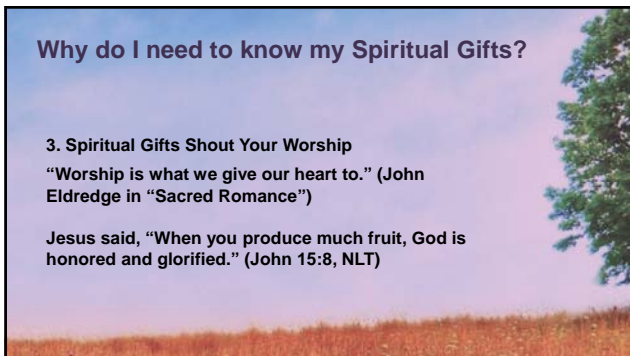
Our spiritual gifts will help us answer:

- What kind of job should I have?
- What should I do with my life?
- What is my mission?

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3. Spiritual Gifts Shout Your Worship
“Worship is what we give our heart to.” (John Eldredge in “Sacred Romance”)

Jesus said, “When you produce much fruit, God is honored and glorified.” (John 15:8, NLT)

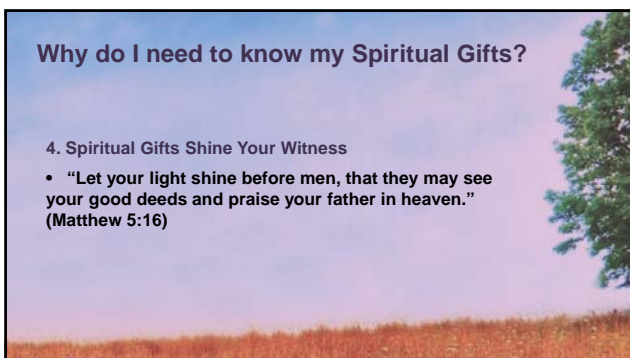




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4. Spiritual Gifts Shine Your Witness

- “Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)



How do I discover my Spiritual Gifts?

1. Examine

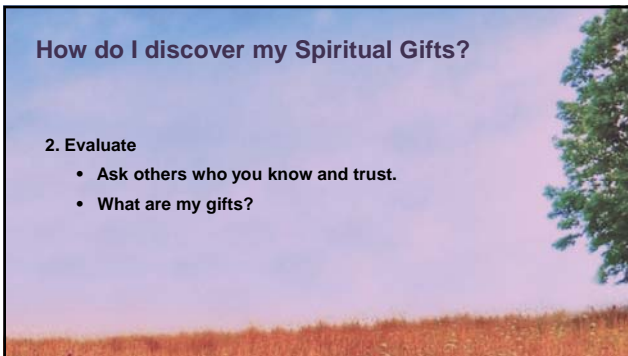
- Study Spiritual Gifts
“SHAPE” (by Eric Rees)
“Ministering Through the Spiritual Gifts”
(by Charles Stanley)
- Join a SHAPE Group
- Take a Spiritual Gifts Test



How do I discover my Spiritual Gifts?

2. Evaluate

- Ask others who you know and trust.
- What are my gifts?



How do I discover my Spiritual Gifts?

3. Experiment

- Try to use different gifts. You may be good at a lot but excellent in only a few.
- There are so many ways to try out your gifts here!
- Others will affirm the gift in you when you use it.

