

UNWRAPPING MY GIFTS

The Bible does not lock us into tight restrictions as to the number of spiritual gifts, or even their definitions. The four major lists of gifts are found in Romans 12:8, 1 Cor. 12:1-11,27-31, and Eph. 4:11-12, 1 Peter 4:9-11 but there are other passages that mention or illustrate gifts not included in these lists.

All gifts are given to help the church fulfill its purposes. So we've categorized this list of gifts according to Church's Purposes.

As you read through this list check off your initial impression concerning yourself. Remember you can have many gifts.

GIFTS THAT COMMUNICATE GOD'S WORD (to both unbelievers and believers)

PREACHING ("Prophecy") 1 Cor. 14 3

The ability to publicly communicate God's Word in an inspired way that convinces unbelievers and both challenges and comforts believers. The ability to persuasively declare God's will.

- I'm pretty sure I have this gift.
- I may have this gift.
- I don't think I have this one.

EVANGELISM Acts 8:26-40

The ability to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ to unbelievers in a positive, non-threatening way. The ability to sense opportunities to share Christ and lead people to respond with faith.

- I'm pretty sure I have this gift
- I may have this gift
- I don't think I have this one

MISSIONS 1 Cor. 9:19-23, Acts 13 2-3

The ability to adapt to a different culture in order to reach unbelievers and help believers from that culture.

I'm pretty sure I have this gift.

I may have this gift.

I don't think I have this one.

APOSTLE Rom. 15: 20

The ability to start new churches and oversee their development.

I'm pretty sure I have this gift.

I may have this gift.

I don't think I have this one.

GIFTS THAT EDUCATE GOD'S PEOPLE

TEACHING - Eph. 4:12-13

The ability to educate God's people by clearly explaining and applying the Bible in a way that causes them to learn. The ability to equip and train other believers for ministry.

I'm pretty sure I have this gift.

I may have this gift.

I don't think I have this one.

ENCOURAGEMENT ("Exhortation") Acts 14:22

The ability to motivate God's people to apply and **act on** biblical principles, especially when they are discouraged or wavering in their faith. The ability to bring out the best in others and challenge them to develop their potential.

I'm pretty sure I have this gift.

I may have this gift.

I don't think I have this one.

WISDOM 1 Cor. 2:1,6-16

The ability to understand God's perspective on life situations and share those insights in a simple, understandable way. The ability to explain what to do and how-to do it.

- I'm pretty sure I have this gift.
- I may have this gift.
- I don't think I have this one.

DISCERNMENT 1 John 4:1-6

The ability to distinguish right from wrong, truth from error, and to give an immediate evaluation based on God's Word. The ability to discern whether the source of an experience is Satan, self, or God's Spirit.

- I'm pretty sure I have this gift.
- I may have this gift
- I don't think I have this one.

KNOWLEDGE Daniel 1:17

The ability to discover, collect, analyze, and organize information that is vital to individual believers or the entire church family. The ability to comprehend a large amount of information and provide it when needed for effective decision-making.

- I'm pretty sure I have this gift.
- I may have this gift.
- I don't think I have this one.

GIFTS THAT DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE

SERVICE Acts 6:1-7

The ability to recognize unmet needs in the church family, and take the initiative to provide practical assistance quickly, cheerfully, and without a need for recognition.

- I'm pretty sure I have this gift.
- I may have this gift.
- I don't think I have this one.

MERCY Luke 10:3-37

The ability to detect hurt and empathize with those who are suffering in the church family. The ability to provide compassionate and cheerful support to those experiencing distress, crisis, or pain.

- I'm pretty sure I have this gift.
- I may have this gift.
- I don't think I have this one.

HOSPITALITY 1 Peter 4:9-10

The ability to make others, especially strangers, feel warmly welcomed, accepted, and comfortable in the church family. The ability to coordinate factors that promote fellowship.

- I'm pretty sure I have this gift.
- I may have this gift.
- I don't think I have this one.

PASTORING ("Shepherding")

1 Peter 5:2-4

The ability to care for the spiritual needs of a group of believers and equip them for ministry. The ability to nurture a small group in spiritual growth and assume responsibility for their welfare.

- I'm pretty sure I have this gift.
- I may have this gift.
- I don't think I have this one.

GIVING 2 Cor. 8:1-7

The ability to generously contribute material resources and/or money beyond the 10% tithe so that the Body may grow and be strengthened. The ability to earn and manage money so it may be given to support the ministry of others.

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- I don't think I have this one.

GIFTS THAT CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE

(Worship or prayer-related gifts)

MUSIC Psalm 150

The ability to celebrate God's presence through music, either vocal or instrumental, and to lead the church family in worship.

- I'm pretty sure I have this gift.
- I may have this gift.
- I don't think I have this one.

ARTS & CRAFTS Exodus 31:3-11

The ability to build, maintain, or beautify the place of worship for God's glory. The ability to express worship through a variety of art forms.

- I'm pretty sure I have this gift.
- I may have this gift.
- I don't think I have this one.

4 Prayer-related gifts

INTERCESSION . Col. 1:9-12

The ability to pray for the needs of others in the church family over extended periods of time on a regular basis. The ability to persist in prayer and not be discouraged until the answer arrives.

- I'm pretty sure I have this gift.
- I may have this gift.
- I don't think I have this one.

HEALING - James 5:14-16

The ability to pray in faith specifically for people who need physical, emotional, or spiritual healing and see God answer. The ability to sense when God is prompting you to pray this kind of prayer.

- I'm pretty sure I have this gift.
- I may have this gift.
- I don't think I have this one.

MIRACLES Mark 11:2-24

The ability to pray in faith specifically for God's supernatural intervention into an impossible situation and see God answer. The ability to sense when God is prompting you to pray this kind of prayer.

- I'm pretty sure I have this gift
- I may have this gift.
- I don't think I have this one.

LANGUAGE GIFTS 1 Cor.14:1-15

The ability to speak a divinely appointed message in a language one has never learned, but known to the hearers. Its purpose being an evangelistic tool used for the purpose of spreading the Gospel.

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I may not have this gift

I don't think I have this one

GIFTS THAT SUPPORT ALL OUR FIVE PURPOSES

LEADERSHIP Heb. 13:7-17

The ability to clarify and communicate the purpose and direction ("vision") of a ministry in a way that attracts others to get involved. The ability to motivate others by example to work together in accomplishing a ministry goal.

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I may have this gift.

I don't think I have this one.

ADMINISTRATION ("ORGANIZATION") 1 Cor. 14:40

The ability to recognize the gifts of others and recruit them to a ministry. The ability to organize and manage people, resources, and time for effective ministry. The ability to coordinate many details and execute the plans of leadership.

I'm pretty sure I have this gift.

I may have this gift.

I don't think I have this one.

FAITH Rom. 4:1-21

The ability to trust God for what cannot be seen and to act on God's promise, regardless of what the circumstances indicate. The willingness to risk failure in pursuit of a God-given vision, expecting God to handle the obstacles.

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