

A RIDE NATURE MINISTRY RESOURCE

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

A wide-angle photograph of a beach at sunset. The sky is a mix of light blue and orange, with soft clouds. The ocean is calm with gentle waves. In the middle ground, two people are walking away from the camera on the sandy beach. One person is carrying a surfboard under their arm, and the other is carrying a white bag. The large white text 'SPIRITUAL GIFTS' is overlaid on the image, with the figures of the people walking through the letters.

UNDERSTANDING THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

The mission of God is to glorify Himself by redeeming a people from sin and restoring creation to its intended purposes.

As Christians, each of us has not only been invited, but truly commanded to participate in this mission. And we can do so with confidence, because the Bible teaches that God has equipped all of His children with particular spiritual gifts for us to use as we carry out our personal missions.

Christ's church is strengthened and His Kingdom is expanded when God's people embrace His mission.

This resource is meant to encourage you to embrace your role in His mission by helping you identify your individual giftedness and discover how you can effectively use it.

ACTION STEP: Take the Spiritual Gifts Questionnaire by C. Peter Wagner. Take your time and be as honest as you can as you take this test,



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- 1 PETER 4:10



WHAT ARE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

Let's review the results of the completed Spiritual Gifts Questionnaire by C. Peter Wagner.

As a disclaimer, though these questionnaires can be helpful, don't hold the results as the final say in your giftings.

According to Wagner's Spiritual Gifts Questionnaire, what are your top 3 spiritual gifts?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

According to Wagner's Spiritual Gifts Questionnaire, what are your 3 subordinate spiritual gifts?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



USING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

PERSONAL REFLECTION

When we realize what our spiritual gifts might be, we then want to look at how we can use them in the mission of God.

Remember, we are all different parts of the body of Christ with different gifts of the spirit. The body as a whole needs each member working in the strengths of their gifts.

Do the results surprise you? Why or why not?

How could you utilize your spiritual gifts in your life?

Are you currently utilizing your gifts? If yes, how?



ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE

What are we to do with our spiritual gifts? And how exactly are they useful for our personal missions? Thankfully God hasn't left us on our own to figure it out—we can turn to the Bible for answers. In addition to giving us lists of possible gifts, He provided insight into the distribution of gifts and their proper purpose. For example, read and consider the following passages.



1 Peter 4:10-11

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The Bible is clear that all of Christ's people have an important role to play in the mission of God. It's not limited to pastors or "super-Christians." There are no "useless gift." To the contrary, God invites all of His children to participate in His mission and equips each one with a gift for them to use for His glory and the good of others.



1 Corinthians 12:1, 14-20

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed...For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

BIBLICAL REFLECTION

1. Are spiritual gifts given or earned? Given by God's grace.
(1 Pet. 4:10; 1 Cor. 12:18)
2. Who has received a gift? Every Christian.
(1 Pet. 4:10; 1 Cor. 12:14, 18-20)
3. Is any gift more or less important than another? No, all have purpose, use, and are equal in value.
(1 Cor. 12:15-17)
4. How should Christians use their gifts? To serve one another and to glorify God.
(1 Pet. 4:11)

FAITHFULLY EXERCISING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

By giving you spiritual gifts, God has equipped you for the mission. But as we see in Scripture, we don't fully begin to participate in the mission until we start exercising our gifts.

So today, as it relates to you, how and where can you begin to use your spiritual gifts?

Answer: By serving the other members of the body of Christ, and those close to you outside of the body of Christ.

Imagine what the world would look like if all believers would lean into their spiritual gifts? I believe that the church would begin to function in healthy way that utilizes each person's God given gifting to fulfill the great commission.



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ACTS 1:8