

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

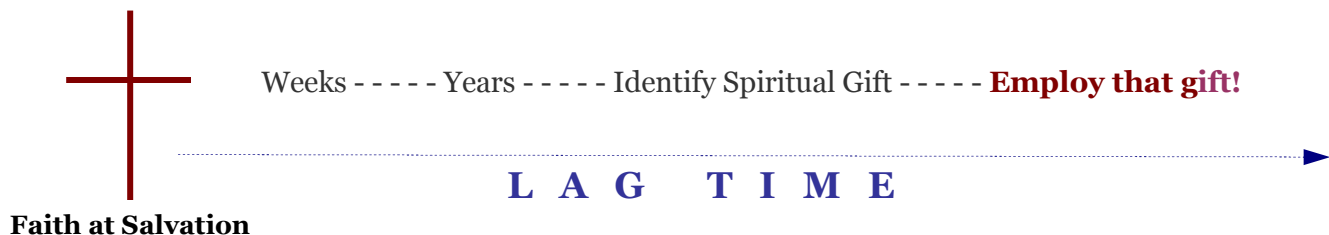
Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of God is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword. . .

POD [review] - To receive the *Well Done Good and Faithful Servant* medal, the believer is required to do what God has designed him to do.

DIVINE WORKS OF GRACE				
E Grace	Imparted EL	Adopted	Drafted	Raised
Sealed	Secured	Guaranteed	Issued	Enslaved
Regenerated	Forgiven	Employed	Qualified	Grafted
Filled	Created		Predestined	Seeded
Gifted	Commissioned		Elected	Called
Baptized	Appointed		Presented	Glorified
Indwelt G/HS	Transferred		Perfected	Healed
Indwelt G/F	Delivered		Rooted	Confirmed
Indwelt G/S	Empowered		Completed	Anointed
Reconciled	Rescinded		Circumcised	Enlightened
Redeemed	Liberated	Provided	Crucified	Blessed
Sanctified	Freed	Placed	Died P	Enriched
Imputed +R	Granted	Nationalized	Died E	Bulwarked
Justified	Related		Buried	Seated

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- In order to do what God has designed us to do, we need to identify our spiritual gift received at salvation.
- There is an amount of **lag time** from the time we are saved to the time God reveals our spiritual gift to us.
- The amount of **lag time** is predicated on our attitude toward God’s plan for our life.



- If you are truly willing to do whatever God wants you to do, then God will reveal what it is He has prepared for you to do.
- If you trust in Christ and move out after salvation with **YOUR agenda**, then the Lord is going to wait.

The key is to ask the Lord - - *What is it that you want me to do?*

- You must be willing to lose your life for His sake!

Matthew 16:24-26 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone **wishes** [θέλω - THELO– “wishes” or “desires”] to come after Me, he must **deny** himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

Deny – [ἀπαρνέομαι] - conveys setting aside the plans you have for your life.

As the cross was God's will for Jesus Christ, taking up our cross means to simply submit to God's will for our life.

²⁵ “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it. . .

- ✚ To retain what you have
- ✚ To hold on to your plan
- ✚ To stay put in your comfort zone

Then you will lose your life - you will forfeit fulfilling God's plan for your life.

. . . but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

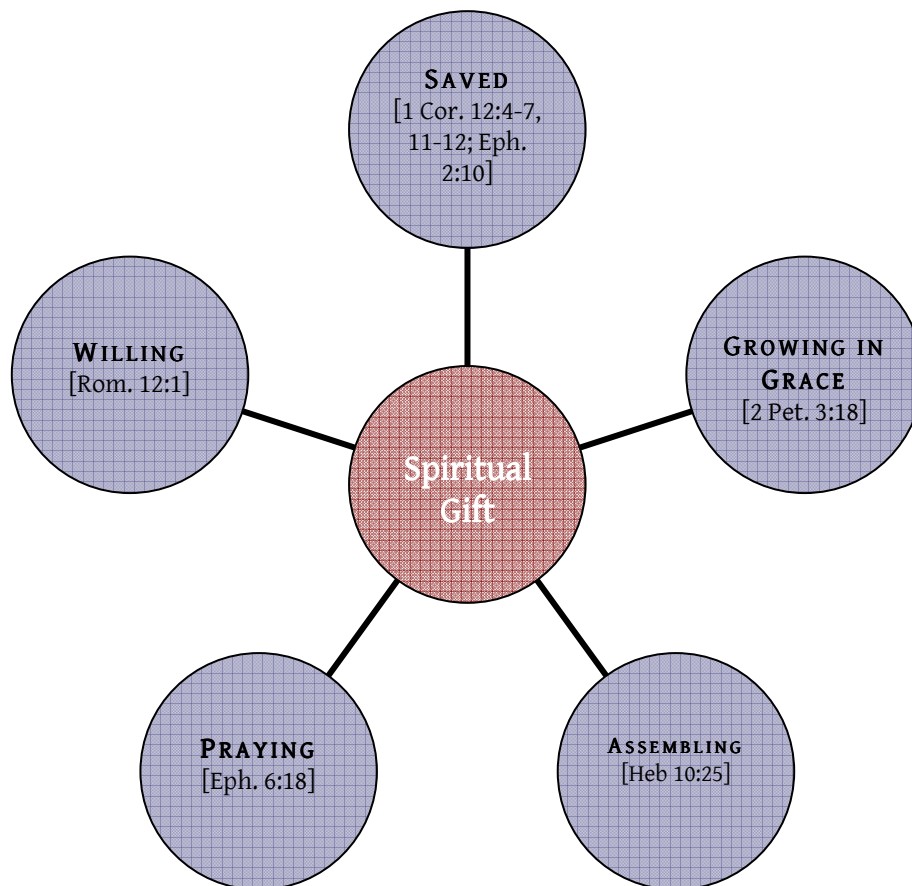
²⁶ “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?

- The believer must have a willingness to do anything before God reveals that thing to you.

What is it that You want me to do, Lord?

- What God wants you to do is predicated on identifying your **spiritual gift**.

IDENTIFICATION OF YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFT



Prerequisites to deployment of your spiritual gift - -

1. Genuine Humility [*A willingness to do whatever the Lord wants you to do*]
2. Filling ministry of God the Holy Spirit [**Eph. 5:18; Gal. 5:16**]
3. Focus on the Lord [**Heb. 12:2-3**]
4. Identification of your gift
5. Contact [**Eph. 4:16**]

Ephesians 4:16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.