

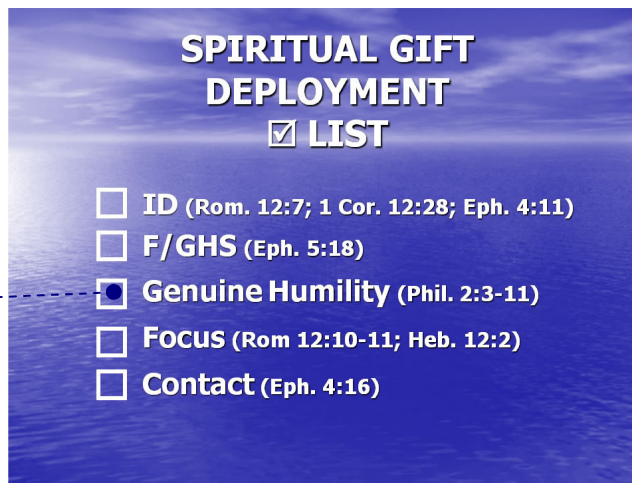
SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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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).

Isaiah 55:11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.



Genuine Humility

- ✚ Genuine Humility ensures the believer continues to walk by the Spirit - because the genuinely humble believer maintains awareness to the fact that he cannot meet the High Standards of Grace he is called to in God's Word apart from the help of Another.
- ✚ The Holy Spirit was sent into his life to enable him to attain the lofty heights of grace.
- ✚ One of the lofty heights is the fullness of Christ.

Fullness of Christ is manifested in the believer by God the Holy Spirit.

A measure or part of that fullness is the love of Christ.

POD: As the Christian matures, the love of Christ will be manifested in his life.

- ✚ To the degree that you mature in your walk, that is the degree to which the love of Christ is experienced in your life.

POD: The love of Christ is the staying power in the Unique Spiritual Life.

- > The love of Christ endures all things (1 Cor. 13:7).
- > Our Savior's love enabled Him to endure the cross while He despised the shame of the cross.
- > Our Savior's love becomes our staying power to endure all things for His sake.
- > "For the love of Christ constraineth us." (2 Cor. 5:14 KJV)

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1 Corinthians 12:31 But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I **show** you a still more excellent way.

Corrected translation - **But now these three are remaining** [continue to remain – continue to be effective] **faith, hope, love, but the greater of these love.**

- **Show – δείκνυμι** – “to explain or to prove”
- **More excellent way - ὑπερβολή – HUPERBOLE** – “Extraordinary”
ὁδός – HODOS – “A way or a road”

The Love of Christ is the extraordinary road of the Spiritual Life.

The Love of Christ is the highest ground that the Spiritual Life is executed upon!

1 Corinthians 13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

The love of Christ enables the believer - -

- To be who God wants him to be.
- To go wherever God leads him.
- To do what God wants him to do.

The Love of Christ is the believer's staying power!

The Love of Christ is required for the believer to be used by God where God wants you to be used - to provide the service YOUR spiritual gift was designed to provide for the benefit of the body.

POD: The love of Christ impels the believer to continue to function with his gift - fulfilling the responsibilities of the believer priesthood - where God has placed him, despite personal desires otherwise, until led.



Galatians 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”

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