

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.

SPIRITUAL GIFT ID
 LIST

- Saved (Acts 16:31; Eph 2:10)
- Growing (2 Pet. 3:18; 1 Cor. 12:4-12)
- Willing (Rom. 12:1)
- Praying (Eph. 6:18; Matt. 7:7)
- Assembling (Heb. 10:25)
 - Observations
 - Announcements
 - Opportunities

SPIRITUAL GIFT DEPLOYMENT
 LIST

- ID (Rom. 12:7; 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11)
- F/GHS (Eph. 5:18)
- Genuine Humility (Phil. 2:3-11)
- FOCUS (Rom 12:10-11; Heb. 12:2)
- Contact (Eph. 4:16)

By way of attempting an accurate definition, it may be said that a gift in the spiritual sense means the Holy Spirit doing a particular service through the believer and using the believer to do it. It is not something the believer is doing by the aid of the Holy Spirit, nor is it a mere augmentation of what is termed a native or natural gift. According to 1 Corinthians 12:7, a gift is a “manifestation of the Spirit.” It is conceivable that the Spirit might use native gifts, but the gift which is wrought by the Spirit is an expression of His own ability rather than the mere use of human qualities in the one through whom He works. As it was seen earlier regarding the fruit of the Spirit that it is a direct product wrought by the Spirit within the believer, in like manner the exercise of a spiritual gift is a direct achievement of the Holy Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is inward, it is standardized, and it is uniform in its outworking; but the gifts which are wrought by the Spirit are outward in the realms of service, and are varied to the point that it may be assumed that no two Christians are appointed to exactly the same responsibility since no two are situated in precisely the same way nor have the same obligations. That this important truth may be understood, certain gifts are named in the Sacred Text. These may serve as a general classification of the Spirit’s activities in the field of the believer’s service.

Chafer, L.S. *Systematic Theology* Vol. VI Pg. 216 (on Spiritual Gifts)

Romans 12:8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans Chapter 12 – about being used by God with our Spiritual Gifts

Romans 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

- A one time, post salvation decision motivated by your [*personal*] love for Jesus Christ in response to His love.
- Contingent on God the Holy Spirit illuminating you to the **doctrine of redemption**.

Galatians 3:13 Christ **redeemed** us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us--for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"--

The Love of Christ motivated Him to go to the cross.

- **Redeemed** - ἐξαγοράζω – EXAGOAZO – “To purchase or buy - to buy something at a market and retain possession of it”
 - > Carries the thought that you are never going to sell it again
 - > That purchase will remain yours; it will always belong to you.

Why would you purchase something? To put it to use.

Titus 2:13-14 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us to **redeem** us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

- **Redeem** – λυτρόω – LUTROO – “To set free by paying a ransom”

POD: In order for God to use you, you must present yourself to Him as a living and holy sacrifice.

1 Peter 1:18 knowing that you were not **redeemed** with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

Exodus 21:2-6 "If you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve for six years; but on the seventh he shall go out as a free man without payment. ³ If he comes alone, he shall go out alone; if he is the husband of a wife, then his wife shall go out with him. ⁴ If his master gives him a wife, and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall belong to her master, and he shall go out alone. ⁵ But if the slave plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife and my children; I will not go out as a free man,' ⁶ then his master shall bring him to God, then he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him permanently."

POD: Christ sets us free to respond to His love.

God does not make us love Him; He loves us and He is glorified when we respond to His love by presenting ourselves to Him.

Romans 3:23-24 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified as a gift by His grace through the **redemption** which is in Christ Jesus;

Colossians 1:14 in whom we have **redemption**, the forgiveness of sins.

Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have **redemption** through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

- **Redemption** - ἀπολύτρωσις – APO LUTROO – “To purchase & liberate or set it free”

Romans 6:12-16 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, ¹³ and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴ For sin

shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be! ¹⁶ Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

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