

“There are differing kinds of service, but the same Lord.”

1 Corinthians 12: 5

## Romans 12: 4-11 (NLT)

v. 4 *Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function,*

v.5 *so it is with Christ's body. We are **all** parts of His one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others.*

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- v. 9 *Don't just pretend that you love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Stand on the side of the good.*

# Romans 12: 4-11 (NLT)

- v. 10 *Love each other with brotherly love, and take delight in honoring each other.*
- v. 11 *Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically.*

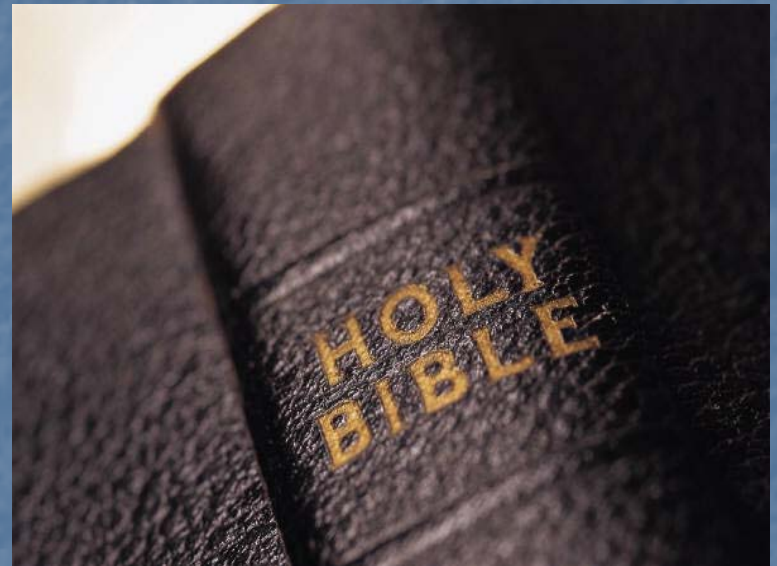
# Understanding Spiritual Gifts

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# Spiritual Gifts

*“Now concerning  
spiritual gifts,  
[sisters], I do not  
want you to be  
ignorant.” (1Corinthians  
12:1)*



# What is a Spiritual Gift?

Definition:

*a God-given, spirit-empowered ability for Christian ministry*

*-or-*

*God-given skills, abilities, and talents through which God's Spirit wishes to channel divine love, mercy, and power into the lives of other people resulting in **growth** for the Body of Christ and **glory** for God!*

# Importance of Spiritual Gifts

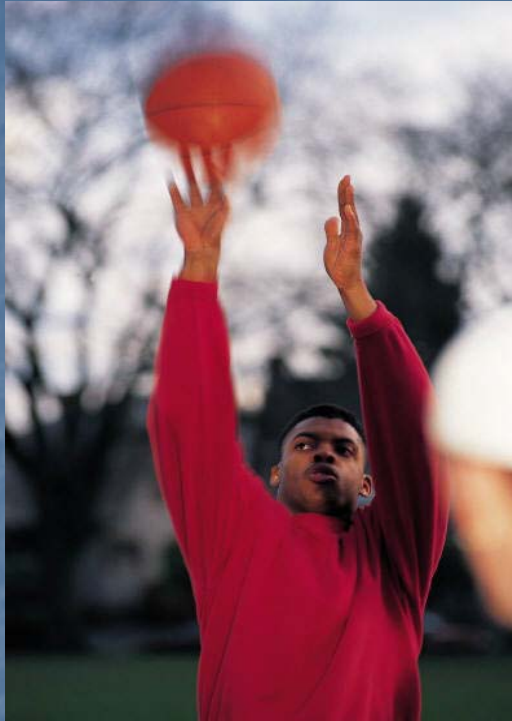
- Accept or reject
- Relevant TODAY
- WE are called to "minister"
- *Ephesians 4:12*  
*"Prepared for works of service  
or ministry"*
- Basketball game scenario



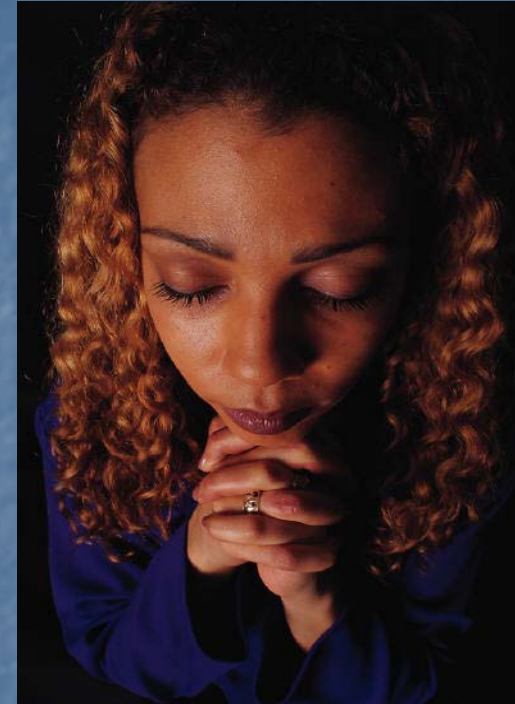
# Service?

My Gift + Opportunity to Serve = God's Will & My Responsibility

# NATURAL TALENTS vs. SPIRITUAL GIFTS



- Natural-born tendencies
- "God-given"
- Before accepted Christ
- Glorifying self
- Focus=Individual



- Spiritual-reborn tendencies
- "God-devoted"
- After accepted Christ
- Glorifying Christ
- Focus=Others

# What is Service?

- Meeting needs (in God's way)

- Needs may be:
  - Spiritual
  - Emotional
  - Physical/Material
  - Mental

## Benefits of Service

- Pleases God
- Spiritual growth
- Sense of purpose
- Accountability
- Church becomes smaller

# A Servant's Mindset

- Service is apart of God's Discipleship plan.
- My service matters to God.
- My service is needed in my church.
- I am not just a volunteer.
- I am willing to try.
- I am committed.

Bottom line: If you love God, you will serve Him!

# Identifying Spiritual Gifts

*Romans 12:6*

*“God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out when you have faith that God is speaking through you.”*

Q: Spiritual Gift(s) is/are mentioned?

A: Prophecy

# Identifying Spiritual Gifts

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*“If your gift is that of serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, do a good job of teaching.”*

Q: Spiritual Gift(s) is/are mentioned?

A: Serving & Teaching

# Identifying Spiritual Gifts

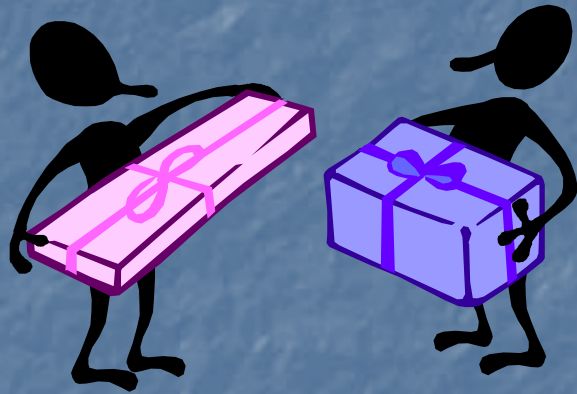
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Q: Spiritual Gift(s) is/are mentioned?

A: Encouragement, Giving, Leadership, Mercy

# 3 Type of Spiritual Gifts



- Motivational Gifts  
(Romans 12)
- Charismatic Gifts  
(1 Corinthians 12)
- Five-Fold Ministry  
(Ephesians 4)

# Motivational Gifts



- Administration

Acts 12:12-21

- Encouragement

Acts 11:23-24; Acts 14:21-22

- Giving

2Corinthians 8:1-5

- Hospitality

Acts 16:14-15

- Missions

1Corinthians 9:19-23

# Motivational Gifts

- Intercession

[1Thess 3:10-13; 1Tim](#)

[2:1-2](#)

- Music

[1Corinthians14:26](#)

- Service/Helps

[Acts 6:2-4](#)

- Showing Mercy

[Luke10:30-37](#)



# Charismatic Gifts

- Gifts of Revelation

(1 Corinthians 12:8&10)

- Word of Wisdom
- Word of Knowledge
- Discerning of Spirits



# Charismatic Gifts



- Gifts of Utterance  
(1Corinthians 12:10)
  - Prophecy
  - Divers Kinds of Tongues
  - Interpretation

# Charismatic Gifts

- Gifts of Power  
(1Corinthians 12:9&10)
  - Gift of Faith
  - Working of Miracles
  - Gifts of Healings



# Five-Fold Ministry

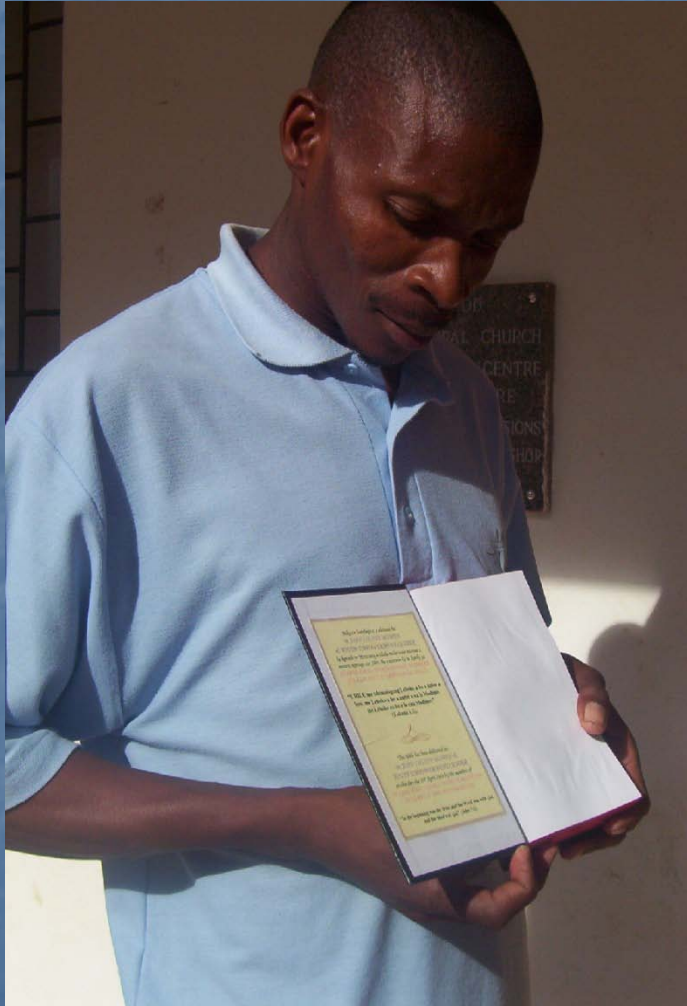
## Apostle

It is the gift whereby the Spirit appoints certain Christians to lead, inspire and develop the churches of God by the proclamation and the teaching of true doctrine.



See [Acts 12:1-5](#) , [Acts 14:21-23](#) .

# Five-Fold Ministry



## Prophet

It is the special gift whereby the Spirit empowers certain Christians to interpret and apply God's revelation in a given situation.

See [1 Corinthians 14:1-5](#) , [1 Corinthians 14:30-33](#) , [1 Corinthians 14:37](#) .

# Five-Fold Ministry

## Evangelist

It is the special gift whereby the Spirit enables particular Christians to share the Gospel to unbelievers in such a way that the unbeliever becomes a disciple of the Lord Jesus.

See [Acts 8:26-40](#) .



# Five-Fold Ministry

## Pastor



It is the special gift whereby the Spirit enables certain Christians to assume responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a group of believers.

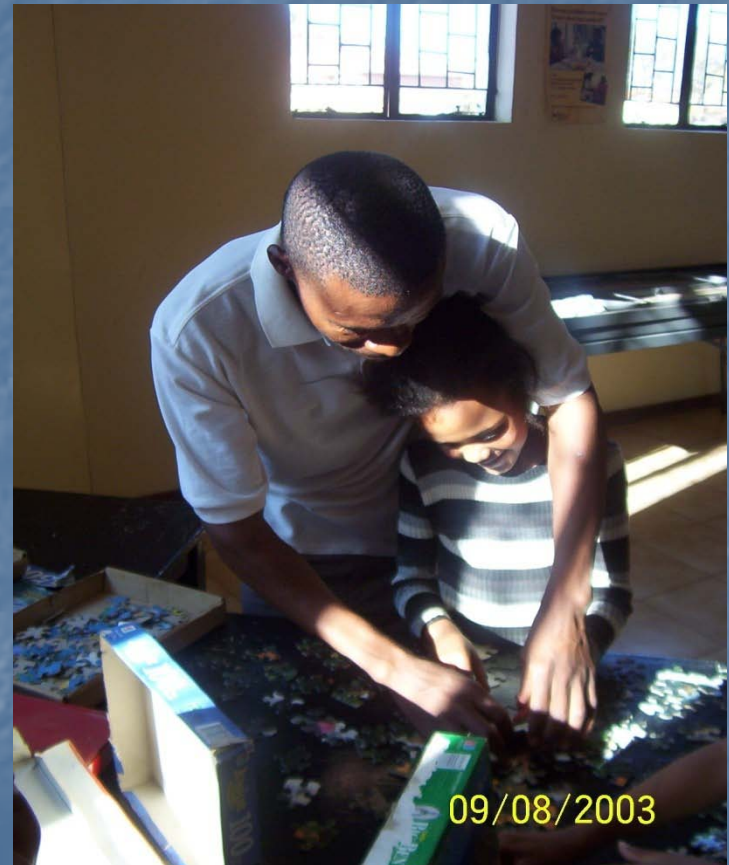
See [1 Peter 5:1-11](#) .

# Five-Fold Ministry

## Teacher

It is the special gift whereby the Spirit enables particular Christians to communicate the truths of God's Word so that others can learn.

See [Hebrews 5:12-14](#) .



# WHY the Five-Fold Gift?

**Apostles**

**Prophets**

**Evangelists**

**Pastors**

**Teachers**

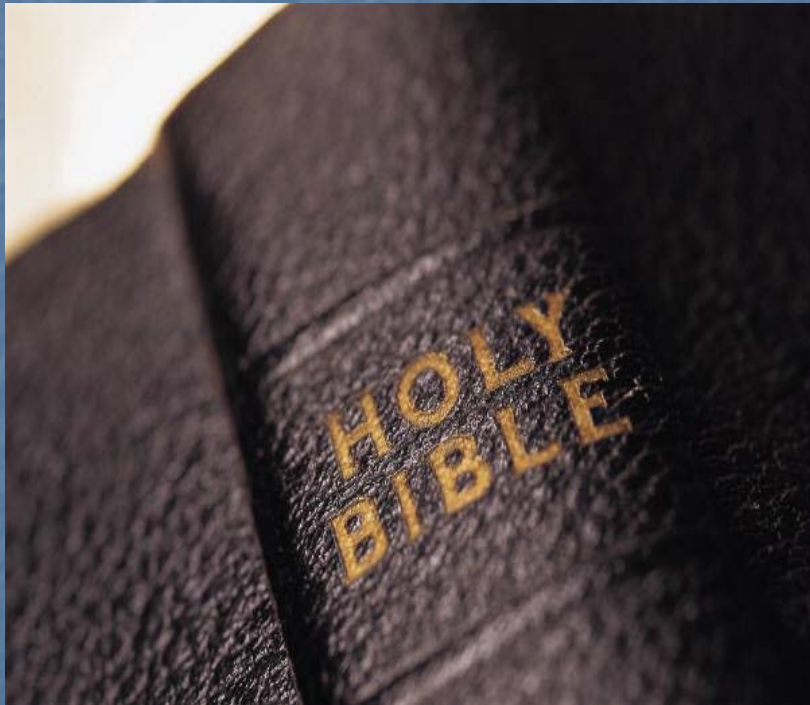


**Prepare God's  
People for Works of  
Service**



**So that the Body  
of Christ may be  
built up!**

# Spiritual Gifts & the Functioning Body



Romans 12:4-5a

*"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one Body..."*

# Spiritual Gifts & the Functioning Body

- DIFFERENT gifts
- ALL important
- Gifts for the BODY not the individual



# Benefits of "Body-Consciousness"

- ✓ The Headship of Jesus will be honored.
- ✓ A sense of mission and purpose on the part of each member of the Body will be experienced.
- ✓ The value and importance of each member of the Body will be understood.
- ✓ The need for unity and cooperation among members of the Body will be keenly felt.
- ✓ A clearer understanding of the fact that all glory and praise belongs to the Lord will be facilitated.

# Steps to Discovery Your Spiritual Gifts

Pray

Study

Seek Training

Trust God with the Results

# Barriers to Serving

- Don't know how or where to serve
- Personality differences and conflicts
- Other priorities
- Personal crises
- Communication breakdowns

# How Do I Overcome the Barriers?

- Pray! Pray! Pray!
- Seek godly counsel.
- Resolve that you must serve.
- Pick a place to start.
- Be clear on your own motives.
  - Who are you really serving?
  - Is this the ministry God has for you?

# Spiritual Gift Test

Let's Begin.....

# Qualifications to Serve

- Saved
- Alive (breathing)
- Available