

Spiritual Gifts Resources

(See Explanation Below)

RESOURCES RELATED TO SPIRITUAL GIFTS

THOUGHT TO PONDER - Are you a faithful steward of the spiritual gift God has so graciously entrusted to your care to use for His glory? Paul's words apply to all saints when he says "Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager ([oikonomos](#)) must be faithful ([pistos](#))." (1Cor 4:2NLT+) As our Lord Jesus said "I'm talking to any faithful ([pistos](#)), sensible servant ([oikonomos](#)) to whom the master gives the responsibility of managing his household and feeding his family. If the master returns and finds that the servant ([doulos](#)) has done a good job, there will be a reward. I assure you, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns." (Lk 12:42-44NLT+ - original version of NLT) And in Luke 16:10-11NLT+ Jesus said "Unless you are faithful in small matters, you won't be faithful in large ones. If you cheat even a little, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?" And again Jesus said "The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'" (Mt 25:21NLT). Paul made it very clear that we "must (not optional) all appear before the judgment seat ([bema](#)) of Christ, so that each one (individually) may be recompensed ([komizo](#)) for his deeds in the body (AND HOW ONE HAS USED HIS OR HER SPIRITUAL GIFT OR GIFTS), according to what he has done, whether good ([agathos](#) - see [good deeds](#)) or bad ([phaulos](#)- worthless, accomplished in our energy, not in the power of the Spirit and ultimately not for God's glory). (2Cor 5:10+)

May God's Spirit so move in each of our hearts and give us the desire and the power (Php 2:13NLT+) to "have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him," by using the spiritual gift(s) He has given to each of us. (2Cor 5:9+) In Jesus' Name. Amen

In light of the gracious privilege every saint has to store up for themselves treasures in heaven (Mt 6:19-21+) by redeeming the time (Eph 5:16+) and wisely using their spiritual gifts, take a moment to ponder your stewardship of God's gifts as you listen to Robin Mark's powerful (convicting) song...

[When It's All Been Said and Done](#)

When it's all been said and done
There is just one thing that matters
Did I do my best to live for truth
Did I live my life for you

When it's all been said and done
All my treasures will mean nothing
Only what I've done for love's reward
Will stand the test of time

Lord your mercy is so great
That you look beyond our weakness
And find purest gold in miry clay
Making sinners into saints

I will always sing your praise
Here on earth and ever after
For you've shown me Heaven's my true home
When it's all been said and done
You're my life when life is gone

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There is just one thing that matters
Did I do my best to live for truth
Did I live my life for you
Lord I'll live my life for you

- [Summary Chart on Spiritual Gifts](#)
- [ISBE Article on Spiritual Gifts](#)
- [Spiritual Gifts - Holman Bible Dictionary](#)
- [Spiritual Gifts - Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible](#)
- [Bible.org multiple sermons and articles on Spiritual Gifts](#)
- [BORROW Mirror, mirror on the wall : discovering your true self through spiritual gifts \(INDEX\)](#) - Ken Hemphill - Recommended

[Spiritual Gifts - Devotionals, Quotations, Illustrations](#) (Including Multiple Devotionals from Our Daily Bread)

From the preface of [Mirror, mirror on the wall](#)- "When you find your true gifted identity in Christ, you will discover why you are here and how to please your Creator. This discovery brings a lasting and healthy self-image."

COMMENT: I would add it not only will this "discovery" (and the Spirit enabled use of your gift) impact your life during your short stay on earth (Jas 4:14+, Ps 144:4, Job 7:6, 7, Job 9:25, 26 pray Ps 90:12), but it will radically impact and enrich your experience throughout eternity (2Co 5:9,10+, 1Ti 4:7-8+, etc).

Our Daily Bread devotionals

- Multiple Devotionals related to spiritual gifts

From Gotquestions.org:

- [What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives today?](#)
- [Spiritual gifts survey - what are the different spiritual gifts the Bible mentions?](#)
- [How does God distribute spiritual gifts?](#)
- [Is there any value to a spiritual gifts test/inventory/assessment?](#)
- [Is there a biblical spiritual gifts list?](#)
- [What does it mean for salvation to be a gift from God?](#)
- [What are the spiritual gifts of the word of wisdom and the word of knowledge?](#)
- [What is the difference between a talent and a spiritual gift?](#)
- [How do I identify my spiritual gift?](#)
- [What is continuationism? What is a continuationist?](#)
- [What is the spiritual gift of teaching?](#)
- [What is the spiritual gift of healing?](#)
- [What is the spiritual gift of faith?](#)
- [What is the spiritual gift of miracles?](#)
- [What is the spiritual gift of helps?](#)
- [What is the spiritual gift of leadership?](#)
- [What does it mean that tongues will cease?](#)
- [What is the spiritual gift of prophecy?](#)
- [What is the spiritual gift of interpreting tongues?](#)
- [What is glossolalia?](#)
- [What is praying in tongues? Is praying in tongues a prayer language between a believer and God?](#)
- [What is the gift of encouragement?](#)
- [Women pastors / preachers? Can a woman be a pastor or preacher?](#)
- [What is the Charismatic movement?](#)
- [What is the Vineyard Movement?](#)
- [What is the International House of Prayer \(IHOP\)?](#)
- [What is the Latter Rain Movement?](#)
- [How can I know if I have received a call to ministry?](#)
- [Questions about the Holy Spirit](#)
- [Is cessationism biblical? What is a cessationist?](#)
- [What is continuationism? What is a continuationist?](#)

Wayne Barber sermons related to spiritual gifts

- Romans 12:1 Our Responsibilities Under Grace - Pt 1

- Romans 12:2 Our Responsibilities Under Grace - Pt 2
- Romans 12:3-5 Our Responsibilities Under Grace - Pt 3
- Romans 12:5-8 Our Responsibilities Under Grace - Pt 4
- Romans 12:1-8 Our Responsibilities Under Grace - Pt 5

Bible.org on Spiritual Gifts

- [Content On: Spiritual Gifts - numerous articles](#)

Kenneth Boa

- [The Gifts of the Spirit](#) - adapted from his book "Conformed to His Image" ([BORROW](#))

J Hampton Keathley, III

- [The Stewardship of Talents \(Multiplying the Life Through our Spiritual Gifts\)](#)

William MacDonald -

- [Expansion of the Church](#) - discussion of spiritual gifts

In his conclusion MacDonald writes "

Thus, though much blessing has often flowed from the ministry of men representing the clerical system, we believe that it is not only not God's best but that it is seriously detrimental to the best interests of the Church. God's way is for the gifts to minister to the saints, then for the saints in turn to go forth to do the work of the ministry. The local assembly should recognize this important principle, and do nothing to hinder its free development. As the saints thus minister, unbelievers will be saved, saints will be edified, and new assemblies will be brought into being.

Spiritual Gifts are discussed in the following on site Verse by Verse Commentaries by Bruce Hurt:

- ROMANS - Ro 12:6+, Ro 12:7+, Ro 12:8+,
- EPHESIANS - Eph 4:11+, Eph 4:12+, Eph 4:13+, Eph 4:14+,
- 1 PETER - 1 Pe 4:10+, 1 Pe 4:11+

Messages by Steven Cole

- [Ephesians 4:7-10 Christ's Purpose for His Church](#)
- [Saved to Serve - 1 Timothy 1:1-2](#)
- [Serving the Savior \(Luke 8:1-3\)](#)

Messages by S Lewis Johnson

- [1 Corinthians 12:1-11 The Issue of Spiritual Gifts](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Unity and Variety of the Gifts](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:12-26 The Church -- Body of Christ](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:27-31 Exercise of Gifts in the Body](#)

Messages by John Piper - [continuationist](#)

- [1 Corinthians 12:1 Spiritual Gifts](#)
- [Romans 12:1-8 We, Though Many, Are One Body in Christ](#)
- [Romans 12:1-8 Using Our Gifts in Proportion to Our Faith, Part 1](#)
- [Romans 12:1-8 Using Our Gifts in Proportion to our Faith, Part 2](#)
- [Romans 12:3-8 Using Our Gifts in Proportion to Our Faith, Part 3](#)
- [1 Peter 4:10-11 Spiritual Gifts](#)

Messages by John MacArthur - [cessationist](#)

Cessationism...is the view that the miraculous gifts of the Spirit, such as healing, tongues, and prophetic revelation, pertained to the apostolic era only, served a purpose that was unique to establishing the early church, and passed away before the canon of Scripture was closed (comp. 1 Cor. 13:8-12 with Heb. 2:3-4). It is contrasted with continuationism, which is the view that the miraculous gifts are normative, have not ceased, and are available for the believer today. (Source:Theopedia)

- [Marks of a Healthy Church - Selected Scriptures - 8 Sermons](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:1 Concerning Spiritual Gifts, Part 1](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:1 Concerning Spiritual Gifts, Part 1 - Study Guide \(see drop down\)](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:1 The Counterfeit Background of Spiritual Gifts - Study Guide \(see drop down\)](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:1-11 The Gifts of the Body, Part 1](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:1-3 The Importance of Spiritual Gifts - Study Guide \(see drop down\)](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:2-3 Concerning Spiritual Gifts, Part 2](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:2-3 Concerning Spiritual Gifts, Part 2 Study Guide \(see drop down\)](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11 The Source of Spiritual Gifts - Study Guide \(see drop down\)](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11 The Source of Spiritual Gifts](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11 Concerning Spiritual Gifts, Part 3 Study Guide \(see drop down\)](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:28a The Gifted Men--Apostles and Prophets - Study Guide \(see drop down\)](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:28a The Gifted Men--Apostles and Prophets](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:28a The Gifted Men--Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers - Study Guide \(see drop down\)](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:28a The Gifted Men--Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:8-10 Permanent Edifying Gifts-The Speaking Gifts - Study Guide](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:8-10 Permanent Edifying Gifts-The Serving Gifts: Leadership, Serving & Giving - SG \(drop down\)](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:8-10 Permanent Edifying Gifts-The Serving Gifts: Leadership, Serving & Giving](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:9-10 Permanent Edifying Gifts-The Serving Gifts: Mercy, Faith & Discernment - SG \(drop down\)](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:9-10 Permanent Edifying Gifts-The Serving Gifts: Mercy, Faith & Discernment](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:10 The Temporary Sign Gifts--Miracles - Study Guide](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:10 The Temporary Sign Gifts--Miracles](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:9, 28, 30 The Temporary Sign Gifts--Healing- 1 - Study Guide \(see drop down\)](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:9, 28, 30 The Temporary Sign Gifts--Healing- 2 - Study Guide \(see drop down\)](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:9, 28, 30 The Temporary Sign Gifts--Healing- 2](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:9, 28, 30 The Temporary Sign Gifts, Part 3](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:12-13 Spirit Baptism - Study Guide](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:12-13 Spirit Baptism](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 18, 24, 28 One Body, Many Gifts- 1 - Study Guide \(see drop down\)](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 18, 24, 28 One Body, Many Gifts- 1](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:15-31 One Body, Many Gifts- 2 - Study Guide \(see drop down\)](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:15-31 One Body, Many Gifts- 2](#)
- [1 Corinthians 12:12-27 The Body of Christ](#)

Ray Pritchard (Includes discussion of seven spiritual gifts)

- [Romans 12:3-8: Blueprint for a Healthy Church](#)

Grant Richison (abstracts from devotionals on Spiritual Gifts - click link for full article)

[1 Peter 4:10](#) We exercise our (spiritual) gift in grace because we received our gift by grace. God does not want us to be ambivalent about the gifts He gives us. In fact, He warns us not to neglect our gifts...If someone were to give us a gift at Christmas and we threw it in the attic without opening it, it would be an insult to the giver. If Christians receive special supernatural endowments to do the work of God and leave them latent, this is an insult to God who gave the gift. God gave every Christian a special endowment to do His work without exception. Will you stand at the judgment seat of Christ empty-handed with no representation of using our gift responsibly? It will do no good to say, "Well, I'm not talented. I really do not have anything to offer the church. I am a speckled bird that does not fit in. I can't do anything. All I can do is sit. All I can do is be a religious spectator all my life. I watch others serve. All I can do is pity myself." Neglecting our gift indicates our lack of appreciation for the grace of God. Very few Christians seize their gifts and use them for God's glory to the benefit of the body of Christ. Never did so

many owe so much to so few.

[1 Peter 4:10b](#) Spiritual Gifts serve no purpose except to serve. Each gift is a pipe that relays the blessing for which God designed the gift. We are a pipe, not a reservoir. We are a channel of God's blessing to others. We are the channel through which God's blessing flows to others.

[1 Peter 4:10c](#) Christians are managers of God's grace through their spiritual gift. God wants us to be faithful, not famous. He does not even want us to be successful but faithful....[Stewards](#) serve others by distributing their gift to meet the needs of others. A good [steward](#) manages God's provisions well. As a minister of Christ, God entrusts us with the treasures of the gospel. The first requirement is trustworthiness. What kind of [steward](#) have you been with God's gifts to you? Have you opened your gift? Have you neglected your gift? Do you use your gifts to serve others? There is room for everyone in the service of the King.

[1 Peter 4:10d](#) God's gifts of grace come in all sizes and shapes. The grace of God comes in all colors, shapes and sizes. It takes a great variety of gifts to produce a healthy, growing church. Our computer has outward functions but below the surface are many little parts that make it work. You may be one of those small parts. Without you there would be no effective church of God. That is the way God works. The church needs big parts and little parts, big roles and little roles without which the church would not be the church. Will you make yourself available to be used of God in the local church? Without you, the work of the Lord will suffer loss. We ultimately do not serve the church but we serve the Lord. Say to the Lord, "Here I am. Harness me. Put a saddle on me and I will do my best." All He expects is our best, nothing more. All He wants from us is to do what we can with what we have.

[1 Peter 4:11](#) God gives us the gift of dispensing revelation....The message is not our own. We are just messengers who deliver the telegraph of good news. We do not say a messenger is great because of the good news in the telegram. The glory is in the content of the telegram. Men are simply mouth-pieces for communicating God's truth. We do not trust in our own powers but live under a power not our own.

[1 Peter 4:11b](#) To speak as an oracle of God is to speak with authority....Do you speak God's Word or are you a purveyor of your own notions? In speaking gifts, God designs that we transmit His truth. We simply chime the truth and the Holy Spirit does the work of applying truth to experience.

[1 Peter 4:11c](#) A characteristic of Christianity is to serve others....Few of us minister to saints. Most of us cater to our own needs. We love to minister to ourselves.

[1 Peter 4:11d](#) God will give us the ability to minister. God will enlarge our capacity to serve Him. He first gives us the capability to minister by giving us a gift. Then as we cultivate the gift, He makes us more potent. If we are faithful to our gift, God will enlarge our area of responsibility. He will push back horizons for greater ministry. Are you dying of spiritual dry rot? If God opens an opportunity for you, seize the day no matter how insignificant it may seem. If you are faithful in the small thing He will give you something greater

[1 Peter 4:11e](#) God supplies any provision we need to minister for Him. We do not invent our gift. God both gives the gift and produces the ability to use the gift. God is both the source of our gift and the sustaining of it. We often act as if it is our great gift that produces the results. We forget that God both gave us the gift and gives us the ability to use the gift (1 Corinthians 4:7). There is no room for pride because from beginning to end it is God that supplies.

[1 Peter 4:11f](#) Our purpose in life is to manifest God's glory. Use of our gifts is a combination of self-possession and self-abandonment. We should exercise our gift with a sense of excellence and yet the gift should not call attention to ourselves. The focus should be upon the Lord Jesus...Do you live a life of doxology? All doxologies ascribe glory to God. Do you ascribe to God what God truly is? There is always the temptation to ascribe glory to ourselves

[1 Peter 4:11g](#) God's purpose for us is to be God-centered. What is your motive for ministry? Do you do what you do for self? Are you self-centered or God-centered? The message here is that God wants us to be God-centered. Everything we do we do to the glory of God.

[1 Peter 4:11h](#) God wants us to recognize His sovereign rule for our lives.

[1 Peter 4:11i](#) We need to put our gifts in the perspective of eternity. Our master motive should revolve around the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31). If we live for the glory of God, our gifts will be used for eternal purpose. What we do in time counts for eternity. The phrase "forever and ever" puts our ministry and gifts in eternal perspective. We need to keep eternal values in view. We look at time from the viewpoint of eternity.

Ron Ritchie series on Spiritual Gifts

- [Good Stewards Of God's Spiritual Gifts](#) 1 Peter 4: 1-10

- [The Benefits Of Spiritual Gifts](#) Romans 12: 1-8
- [The Joy Of Spiritual Growth](#) Ephesians 4: 7-13
- [The Proper Use Of Gifts](#) 1 Corinthians 12: 1-30
- [Expressing Our Spiritual Gifts With Love](#) 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- [Order Out Of Chaos](#) 1 Corinthians 14
- [Ron R. Ritchie's List of the Spiritual Gifts](#)

Ray Stedman from his book "[Body Life](#)"

- [All God's Children Have Gifts](#)
- [Discovering and Using Your Gift](#)
- [According to the Power](#)
- [How the Body Works](#) (spiritual gifts)

Ray Stedman messages on Spiritual Gifts

- [Romans 12:3-8: The Body at Work](#)
- [Romans 12:3-8 Who Am I, Lord?](#)

Topic - The Holy Spirit

- [The Holy Spirit-Walking Like Jesus Walked!](#)
- [A Spirit Filled Church](#)
- [Spirit-Filled Believers Are Like Artesian Wells](#)
- [Acts 1:8 Commentary](#)
- [Ephesians 5:18 Commentary](#)
- [Illumination of the Bible](#)
- [Loving Obedience-Obedient Love](#)
- [Our Anointing - The Holy Spirit](#)
- [Praying in the Spirit](#)
- [The Holy Spirit-2](#)
- [1 Corinthians 2:10-16 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 4:4 Commentary](#)

Bible Dictionaries, Theological Articles

- [Baker Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology - Gift of the Holy Spirit - Craig Blomberg](#)
- [Baker Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology - Holy Spirit](#)
- Torrey Topical Textbook [Gift of the Holy Spirit](#)
- [SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN CHURCH HISTORY \(1\) Sam Storms](#)
- [SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN CHURCH HISTORY \(2\) Sam Storms](#)
- [SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN CHURCH HISTORY \(3\) Sam Storms](#)
- [10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GOD'S POWER \(IN YOU\) By: Sam Storms](#)
- [Holman Bible Dictionary - Spiritual Gifts - Fisher Humphreys](#)
- Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible [Spiritual Gifts](#)
- Hastings' Dictionary of the NT [Spiritual Gifts](#)
- [International Standard Bible Encyclopedia - Spiritual Gifts](#)
- [The Holy Spirit in Divine Revelation](#) -John Walvoord
- [Spiritual Renewal](#) -John Walvoord
- [New Morality](#) -John Walvoord
- [Spiritual Gifts Today](#) -John Walvoord
- [Spiritual Power Today](#) -John Walvoord
- [Spiritual Gifts: Definitions and Kinds - James F Stitzinger \(34 page article\)](#)
- [Women, Spiritual Gifts, and Ministry -- Ann L. Bowman](#)
- [Concerning Spiritual Gifts- A Study Of 1 Corinthians 12 -- Thomas A. Jackson](#)
- [Calvin And The Spiritual Gifts -- By: Paul Elbert \(22 page article\)](#)
- [And Prophecy Shall Cease- Jonathan Edwards On The Cessation Of The Gift Of Prophecy -- Philip A. Craig](#)

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A "KEY" PLAYER FAILS TO FULFILL THEIR FUNCTION?

The following story by an unknown author gives an interesting illustration of how one believer not exercising their gift in the Body can affect the message produced by the entire Body.

A Brokxn Kxy

Evxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxxcpt for onx of the kxys.

I havx many timxs wishxd that is workxd pxrxfctly.

It is trux that thxrx arx forty-onx kxys that function wxll xnough, but just onx kxy not working makxs thx diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs it sxxms to mx that our church is somxthing likx my typxwritxr -- not all thx kxy pxoplx arx working proprly.

As onx of thxm, you may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I am only onx pxrson, I don't makx or brxak thx church."

But it doxs makx a big diffxrxncx, bxcasx a church, to bx xffctivx, nxxds thx activx participation of vxry pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx your xfforts arx not nxxdxd vxry much, rxmymbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy pxrson in thx congrxgation and I am nxxdxd vxry much."

This is what happxns to thx wholx church, and multiply this by many timxs -- thx whole thing just doxs not makx sxnsx!

"Belovxd don't bx like a broken kxy."

You must utilize your spiritual gift.

The local body of Christ where you worship needs you
and cannot be the same without you!

Do you really believe that?

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES ON SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Wayne Barber has an interesting illustration of **unity among diversity** in the realm of spiritual gifts - "Remember in chapter 2 (sermon series on Ephesians) we are told we are of God's household and also His Temple. We are living stones being fitted into His Temple, each one of us with different sizes, shapes, gifts, personalities and individualities, but every one of us under the control of the Spirit of God. If someone played a middle C on the piano for a while, it is a pretty note. If he played it for a long time, you would say, "Will you quit? You are driving me crazy!" Isn't it great that unity doesn't mean uniformity? It doesn't mean we are all alike. Wouldn't that make church the most boring place you have ever been in your life? If that fellow added an E and a G and a high C, all of a sudden you would say, "Whew, that sounds good! Now that blends." You've got more than just one. You've got other diversified notes. But when you put them together played by the same hand, you have **unity** amongst the **diversity**. That is what Paul wants you to see. This is the body. This is how it functions. When we are each functioning under the Spirit's power, letting His ability be ours, then our gifts begin to function. Even though our gifts are different, we are still preserving the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We are different. Folks, **you need to grasp that and stop coveting somebody else's gift and somebody else's ministry and simply say, "God, anything short of hell is grace. I accept what you have given to me. I receive what you have given to me. Let me just be who I am in your power.** When you do that, the unity of the body is being preserved....The word for grace, **charis**, means that which you don't deserve. It is Christ who is the source of every bit of it. Again,**unity** is not **uniformity**. We are all diversified in our gifts as to the amount and as to the gifts themselves. " (bolding added)