

# ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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What are spiritual gifts?

How many gifts are made available to us?

- *Romans 12*
- *1 Corinthians 12*
- *Ephesians 4*

How can I tell it is a gift from God?

What is the difference between a spiritual gift and a Christian role?

Four things spiritual gifts are not –

1. Not a Christian “role”.
2. Not a talent.
3. Not a fruit of the Spirit.
4. Not a counterfeit from Satan.

What is the purpose of spiritual gifts?

- *1 Corinthians 12:7*
- *1 Peter 4:10*

Seven facts concerning the distribution of Spiritual gifts:

1. You have a least one gift - (given at salvation) – even the newest believer has one.
2. You may have more than one gift – or a gift-mix (certainly Paul did).
3. You will not have all the gifts.

4. Your gift is absolutely essential to the efficient functioning of the body of Christ.
5. Each gift can be used for different ministries.
6. Each gift will have different effects.
7. The distribution of gifts, ministries, and effects are totally given by the sovereign work of the Godhead - Father, Son, and Spirit.

How long do we keep our gifts?

Four ways of abusing spiritual gifts:

1. Forbidding the use of spiritual gifts
2. Gift projection
3. Over-specialization
4. Disorderly use

Wrong attitudes towards spiritual gifts.

1. Arrogant pride.
2. Feeling superior.
3. False humility.
4. Feeling inferior.
5. Looking for an experience or excitement.
6. Being discouraged if you can't discover or identify your gift.
7. Gift projection.

Proper attitudes towards spiritual gifts.

1. Be content.
2. Be humble.
3. Be Holy Spirit powered.
4. Have a servant's heart.
5. Have a team attitude.
6. Motivated by love.