

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

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<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

—1 Corinthians 12:1-7 ESV

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### Three Primary Passages on Spiritual Gifts in Scripture:

1 Cor. 12	Sign Gifts	Authenticity <small>(ACTS)</small>
Ephesians 4	Support Gifts	Maturity
Romans 12	Service Gifts	Ministry

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"Spiritual gifts are skills and abilities prompted and provided by the Holy Spirit in the life of every believer, enabling them to honor Christ by helping one another grow in faith, hope and love."

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For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

—John 3:16 ESV

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. —Romans 6:23 ESV

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... <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

<sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

—Romans 10:9-10 ESV

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<sup>37</sup>...“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup>Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

—John 7:37b-39 ESV

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<sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. —John 14:16-17 ESV

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Spiritual Gifts are...

Specific Motivations For Ministry

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For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

—Romans 12:3 ESV

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Spiritual Gifts are...

Sovereignly Measured in the Body

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<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

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<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many... <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as He chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

—1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 18-20 ESV

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Spiritual Gifts are...

Special Means of Bringing Glory to Christ

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<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him"...

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<sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

—Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11 ESV

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<sup>10</sup>As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup>whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. —1 Peter 4:10-11 ESV

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