



# Empowered To Serve: The Gifts of the Spirit

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\_\_\_\_\_ alone is not the measure of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

Distribution of the gifts comes by \_\_\_\_\_ as the spirit \_\_\_\_\_.

The purpose of the gifts is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ gifts signal validity of the Gospel claims.

\_\_\_\_\_ gifts build up the Church.

The greater gifts are not the \_\_\_\_\_ ones.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the gifts must be \_\_\_\_\_.

The greatest gift is \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Discussion Questions

### Name It

1. When you hear the phrase "*spiritual gifts*," what emotions come up for you—curiosity, excitement, confusion, pressure, skepticism?
2. What is one thing that stuck out to you from the sermon?

### Know It

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:1–7, what is the stated purpose of spiritual gifts? How does 12:7 challenge comparison or competition in the church?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 13 with the context of chapter 12 and the gifts of the Spirit. How does that change or affirm your understanding of chapter 13, often called the "love chapter."

### Think It

1. Use 1 Corinthians 12–13, Romans 12:6–8, and Ephesians 4:11 as you consider these questions.
2. How have you seen or heard about spiritual gifts sometimes being misunderstood or misused in the church?
3. Have you ever seen a spiritual gift—ordinary or extraordinary—used in a way that clearly built others up? What made it life-giving?
4. Why do you think "ordinary" gifts (serving, encouraging, leading, mercy) are often overlooked or undervalued?

### Change It

1. Based on the sermon's guidance—*serve broadly, watch for fruit, listen to the body*—what is one next step you could take to participate more fully in building up the body in love?
2. Additional resource: *Forgotten God* by Francis Chan