

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