

This past Wednesday was Valentine’s Day. Did you exchange gifts with someone special? As humans, we many times share gifts as a sign of our love for another. God showers us with his love by giving each of us spiritual gifts that we are to share and use. In 1 Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, and 1 Peter 4 there are listed over 20 gifts. All God asks is that we “should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace... Do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.” [1 Pet. 4:10 – 11]

Getting To Know You

1. What is the best gift that you have received from someone else?

2. If you could choose your own spiritual gift, what would it be? Why would you choose that gift?

Into the Bible

1. If, like Pastor Sam says, we all receive spiritual gifts when we become Christians, why do you think God gave you the gift or gifts He did?

2. Read Ephesians 4:11–13. Why did Christ give some the ability to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers?
“And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-13

3. Should you desire spiritual gifts? Should you pray that God should bestow on you one of these gifts? What would you do with that gift if He answered that prayer?

4. List some ways that you have served others through your spiritual gift(s).

Taking It Home

1. Maybe you haven't discovered all the spiritual gifts that God has graced you with. Spend some time exploring the lists in the Bible chapters above and take an opportunity to serve. God may surprise you!

2. Find someone to share what you think your gift is, and become accountable in encouraging each other to exercise the gifts God has given each of you.

“Gifts from God (Part 2)”

“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:7

A Definition of Spiritual Gifts

“It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit in which He, as God, gives abilities for the purpose of service.” [C.C. Ryrie]

- Every B_____ is spiritually gifted...
“Now to each one a manifestation of the Spirit is given...”[1 Cor. [12:7]
- ...with the gifts that G_____ chooses for him/her.

“All these are the work of the one and same Spirit, and he gives them to each one as he determines.” [1 Cor. 12:11]

1. All Christians have at least O_____ gift.
2. No one gift is C_____ to all.
3. Spiritual gifts are not M_____ or M_____ based.
4. Maturity in the Christian life is not evidenced by the G_____ of the Spirit, but the F_____ of the Spirit.

In Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4 and 1 Peter 4 at least _____ gifts are mentioned.

- Is this a C_____ list?
- Is this a P_____ list?
- The EFCA is N_____, but not A_____.

How Do I Discover My Gift (s)?

1. E_____ the possibilities.
2. E_____ by starting to serve!
3. E_____ your feelings.
4. E_____ your effectiveness.
5. E_____ confirmation from the body.