

Spiritual Gifts III

The extant gifts

God is still giving out spiritual gifts to believers today when they believe in Christ as their personal Savior. If they are Holy Spirit filled it is very likely that-

Evangelists will enjoy-

- Studying Scripture for various methods to accurately communicate the Gospel.
- Encouraging other believers to be good witnesses for Jesus Christ.
- Consistently leading others to Christ for salvation and into a good, Bible believing local church.
- Working in the outreach activities of the local church.

Pastor/teachers will enjoy-

- Encouraging believers to put into practice the teachings of Scripture which apply to New Testament grace believers.
- Protecting believers from doctrinal errors.
- Setting spiritual goals for believers.
- Seeing all the extant gifts to be in operation.
- Anticipating the crown of glory for faithful service.
- The opportunity to give an account for his service.

This gift could be used in the office of an overseer (bishop) of a local church, in a Bible institute or college, as a teacher of Bible classes, etc.

Teachers will enjoy-

- Finding great delight in the ongoing study of Scripture.
- Teaching in any situation which God provides.
- Encouraging other believers to study the Scriptures.
- The development of the teaching program in the church.

Exhorters will enjoy-

- Appealing to the hearts of believers.
- Encouraging believers to use their spiritual gifts.
- Stirring up believers to greater action.
- Analyzing problems that need to be solved.
- Dealing with people who need to change their lives.

Providing motivation for tasks that need to be done.
Stimulating people to do good works.
Getting the job done with the right people for the job.

Organizers will enjoy-

Helping with the organization of the local church.
Assisting believers so they'll fit into the program of the local church.
Arranging materials related to the local church.
Challenging believers to do the work in an orderly fashion.
Anticipating the accomplishment of the goals that were set.
Providing the details to accomplish the best organization.

This person might serve as a moderator, Sunday School superintendent, work chairman, or committee chairman.

Administrators will enjoy-

Managing the business of the church in an orderly way.
Seeing others use their gifts to achieve the goals that have been set.
The orderly function of the church.

This person might serve as the Director of Education, V.B.S. Director, S.S. Superintendent, or committee chairman.

Extraordinary Faith Holders will enjoy-

Strengthening other believers' faith.
Confirming the desirous will of God for individuals and the local church.
Providing confidence in the lives of believers as to God's capabilities.
Seeing how God will be glorified by whatever happens.
The bountiful provisions of God.

This person might serve as a prayer meeting leader, a missionary committee member, or a building committee member.

Exceptional Givers will enjoy-

Being alert to things that may be lacking.
Planning ways to make up the lack.
Giving to believers in need as the Holy Spirit leads.
Encouraging other believers to manage their finances well so they can be giving to the Lord's work.

Expecting positive, God-glorifying results from giving.

Helpers will enjoy-

- Being alert for those who need help in the local church.
- Pursuing tasks that will assist other believers.
- Investigating areas where help may be needed.
- Stepping in whenever there is an opportunity to help.
- Encouraging other believers to help others.

Ministers will enjoy-

- Seeking out menial tasks so other believers will not have to do them.
- Serving other believers when a need is perceived.
- Providing things that will make other believers comfortable.
- Extending hospitality and assisting believers on their way.

Mercy Showers will enjoy-

- Discovering situations that need mercy.
- Providing relief for the afflicted believers.
- Assisting the sick, grieving, and suffering.
- Evaluating means of providing relief.

How To Discover Your Spiritual Gift

1. Know what the spiritual gifts are.
2. Walk by means of the Holy Spirit.
3. Ask God to show you.
4. Be available and patient.
5. Ask for the acknowledgement of other believers.
6. Does God seem to be blessing your efforts?

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