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All About Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 11:1-31



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Spiritual Gifts Defined

Spiritual gifts are Spirit-given abilities and empowerments given to believers for the purpose of serving Christ and building up His church. Spiritual gifts are not natural talents, although God may use our talents through them. They are supernatural abilities given by the Holy Spirit to accomplish God's work in God's way.



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The POWER Of Spiritual Gifts

Vs 6: The Holy Spirit “energizes” our gifts by:

- *Enables us to recognize and confess Jesus as Lord*
- *Distributes gifts the way HE chooses*
- *Directs the ministry the way HE desires*
- *Energizes and empowers every work*

Psm 127:1 “Unless the Lord builds the house the workman labors in vain.”



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The PURPOSE Of Spiritual Gifts

Vs 7: For the common good

- *The listed gifts are representative, not exhaustive*
- *Two important questions*
 - ~Not, “*What is my gift?*”
 - ~But, “*Who is helped by my gift?*”



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The PEOPLE Of Spiritual Gifts

Vs 27: “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

- *Every person belongs:* vs 12-13
- *Every person matters:* vs 14-20
- *Every person is needed:* vs 21-26
- *Every person has a place:* vs 27-30



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4 Truths To Live By

- *STOP comparing your gift to others*
- *STOP minimizing your contribution*
- *STOP trying to do ministry alone*
- *START using your gift faithfully in the body*



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TODAY ASK YOURSELF

- *Am I relying on the Spirit's Power to serve*
- *Am I pursuing God's Purpose with my gift?*
- *Am I serving God's people faithfully*



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