

TALK IT OVER

Gifts of the Spirit

BOTTOM LINE

Spiritual gifts are given, not earned.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Share a favorite gift you ever received and why it mattered so much.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
- [The Gifts of the Spirit](#) by Charles Stanley (3.21 mins.)

VERSES AND QUOTES

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.
1 Corinthians 12:4 NIV

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.
1 Corinthians 12:7 NKJV

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another. 1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

Till we all come to the unity of the faith ... to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:13 NKJV

“The gifts of the Holy Spirit are not about spiritual status – they are about spiritual service. They are not given to make you impressive. They are given to make you effective.” – Dwight Mason

Gifts are not rewards for the mature. They are tools for the mission ... You don't use the Holy Spirit – He uses you.

The Holy Spirit is a person, not a force.

Gifts without love create pride. Gifts with love build people. The measure of spiritual maturity is not how powerful your gift is, it is how strong your love is.

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The gifts of the Spirit are given to every believer. If you are saved, you are gifted and the body of Christ cannot function properly without your gift. How well do you feel you currently understand your own gifts and place? Gifts are outward focused – for the benefit of others. How does that work? What can hinder it? (i.e. comparison). Your gift is someone else's breakthrough. How has another person's gift been a breakthrough for you? What personal blessings have you experienced from operating in your gifts? The gifts are divided for easier understanding into motivational, ministry, and manifestation gifts, distributed as HE wills. We don't control them. We steward them. Have you been able to identify your gifts? If you feel free to, share. Have you ever felt pressure to “obtain” a gift that only God gives? How did you handle it? How would you help another person in that position? God makes clear through His Word that love is greater than all the gifts. Read 1 Corinthians 13 and discuss how love truly lived out affects dissension over the gifts. The gifts of the Spirit flow from an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit. He helps us desire His gifts, serve to help them surface, and then confirm them. Where are you in that process?

ACTION STEP

The Holy Spirit has gifted me to empower me for my own life, to bless others, and to build His church. I will position myself for that to happen by ...