



DESCRIPTION OF THE GIFTS




EVANGELISM (Eph.4:11).

- **The God-given ability to proclaim the Gospel clearly and effectively.**
 - **Publicly or privately.**
 - **Burden for the lost, Passion for souls.**
 - **Committed to Proclamation and discipleship.**
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EVANGELISM (Eph.4:11).

- **Although only SOME people have the gift of evangelism, ALL believers are to be witnesses (Acts 1:8). ALL believers are to do the work of evangelism (2Tim.4:5).**
 - **The gift of evangelism is NOT restricted to full-time evangelists, either resident or itinerant.**
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PASTOR (Eph.4:11).

- **The gift of shepherding.**
 - **Cares for the flock, guides, guards, leads, protects, provides, corrects, consoles, and counsels.**
 - **Concern for the spiritual food, health and welfare of the sheep.**
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PASTOR (Eph.4:11).

- **“Shepherd the church of God” (Acts 20:28). Pastors are under-shepherds of the sheep of Christ.**
 - **Pastor, Elder, Overseer are related terms and used interchangeably (Acts 20:17, 28; Titus 1:5; 1Tim.3:2).**
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TEACHING (Rom.12:7; 1Cor.12:28; Eph.4:11).

- **The God-given ability to explain clearly and apply effectively the truth of the word of God.**
 - **The gift is evidenced in the ability to communicate and explain profound biblical and theological truths in a lucid way so that people can readily grasp them.**
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EXHORTATION

- **It is the gift of encouragement**
 - **Comfort, counsel, console.**
 - **The God-given ability to come along side to help, to strength the weak, reassure the wavering, console the troubled, and steady the faltering.**
 - **Personal counseling.**
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GIVING

- **The God-given ability to give liberally, generously, honestly, cheerfully, lovingly, delightfully with singleness of mind, without any ulterior motives.**
 - **Sensitive to the needs of others.**
 - **The gift of giving results in liberality.**
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GIVING

- **Commitment to the work of the Lord, cause of Christ.**
 - **Committed to Christian stewardship.**
 - **The gift of giving is not confined to the rich(2 Cor.8:1-2)**
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SHOWING MERCY

- **The gift of showing deep-down compassion in the face of disaster.**
 - **Not just kindness, but kindness with mercy and divine love, under the Spirit's guidance.**
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SHOWING MERCY

- **Involves deeds. Requires action (James 2:15-16; see also the example in Acts 2:44-45).**
 - **Not only caring, but sharing.**
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THE GIFT OF HELPS (1 Cor.12:28)

- **Assistance, lending a helping hand. The ability to serve.**
 - ***Support* the weak (Acts 20:35).**
 - **Similar to the gift of *serving* (or) *ministering* (Rom.12:7).**
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The GIFT OF FAITH (1 Cor.12:9)

- **Trusting in God turns vision into reality.**
 - **Examples: George Mueller & many other heroes of faith in the past and in the present. The glorious testimony of assembly missions.**
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Gifts in 1 Cor.12:8-10

- **Word of wisdom**
 - **Word of Knowledge**
 - **Faith**
 - **Healings**
 - **Miracles**
 - **Prophecy**
 - **Discernment**
 - **Tongues**
 - **Interpretation**
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1 Cor.12:28-30

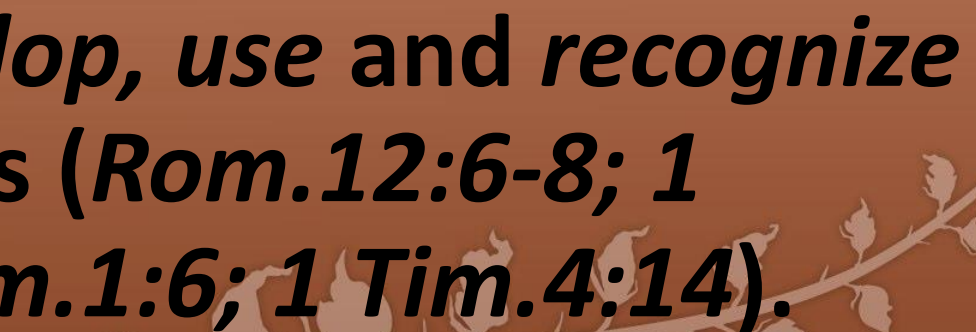
- **Apostleship**
 - **Prophecy**
 - **Teaching**
 - **Miracles**
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***Prophecy & Teaching* Are the only gifts to appear in all the lists – Romans 12, 1Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4 (the importance of proclaiming and presenting the word of God accurately and systematically. A “wake-up call” to many churches).**

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DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

In the biblical teaching on Spiritual Gifts, it is assumed that believers will know what their gifts are. Hence there are no commands to discover one's spiritual gifts. The instruction is always to *exercise, develop, use and recognize* our Spiritual Gifts (*Rom.12:6-8; 1 Pet.4:10-11; 2 Tim.1:6; 1 Tim.4:14*).


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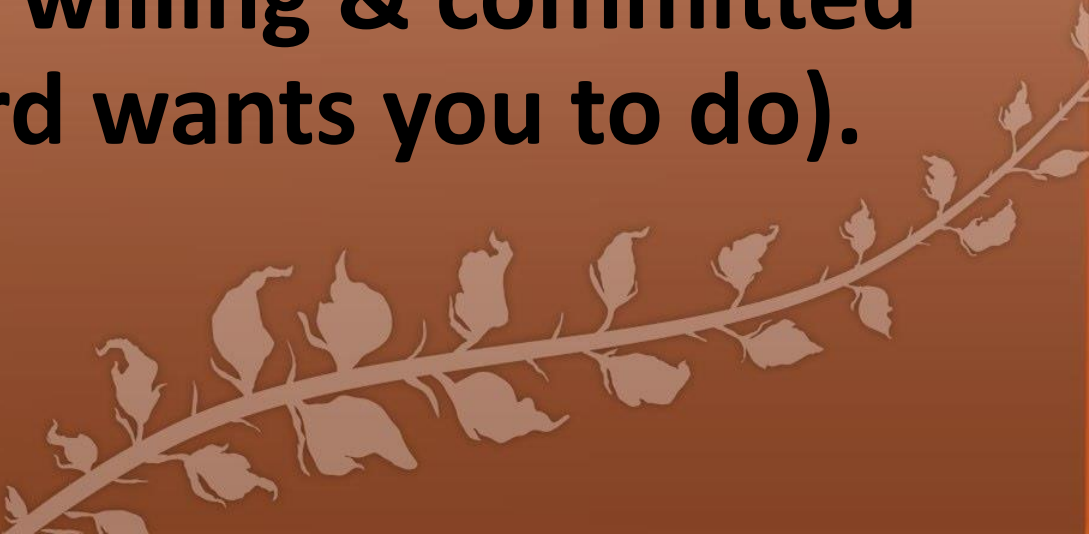
SOME PRACTICAL GUIDELINES


Three Important Questions:

- 1. What interest, abilities, do I have in relation to my role and responsibilities in the church?**
 - 2. Has there been blessing in the past in ministering in a particular area of service?**
 - 3. DO I feel more burdened about some specific ministry (service)?**
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SIX STEPS TOWARDS THE DISCOVERY

- **Initiated by Prayer**
 - **Enlightened by Study**
 - **Indicated by Desire**
 - **Confirmed by Ability**
 - **Recognized by Others**
 - **Accompanied by Blessings**
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- **Asking (Praying)**
 - **Awareness (through diligent study of the Scriptures, Expose yourself to the teaching of the Word on Spiritual Gifts).**
 - **Aspiration (Be willing & committed to what the Lord wants you to do).**
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- **Activity (Get involved, be active).**
 - ***Ability (Sharpen your skills. Activity points to your ability, and ability increases with practice).***
 - ***Affirmation (the blessings that will accompany).***
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DEVELOPMENT OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- **By Exercise (Practice)**
 - **By Evaluation (Listen)**
 - **By Education (Study)**
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POINTS TO PONDER

- **Make use of every opportunity available in serving the Lord.**
 - **Since Spiritual Gifts are a part of our stewardship, we are responsible and accountable in the exercise of it.**
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- **We must make diligent effort (especially the leadership of every local church) to recognize the spiritual gifts of others and encourage them accordingly.**
 - **You are graced and gifted. Unwrap your spiritual gifts for God's glory and the edification of the body of Christ.**
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