

*Spiritual
Gifts*



Questions & Answers

What is a spiritual gift?

A spiritual gift is a God-given enablement so the recipient can perform a function in the body of Christ with ease and effectiveness.

What is the difference between “the gift of the Holy Spirit” and a spiritual gift?

The gift of the Holy Spirit is God taking up residence in the believer in the person of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

A spiritual gift is a special enablement which occurs as a result of the gift of the Holy Spirit. (I Corinthians 12:4, 11)

Who gives spiritual gifts and who receives them?

God is the giver of spiritual gifts.

All Christians are the ones who receive them.

Does every Christian have a spiritual gift?

Yes, every believer has one. Four points:

- (1) Given his/her spiritual gift when he/she is born again.
- (2) Each spiritual gift is needed in the body of Christ.
- (3) God determines which spiritual gift is given.
- (4) There is a distinction between natural ability and talents and spiritual gifts: Natural ability produces temporal achievements, while spiritual gifts produce eternal achievements.

Can a person lose his spiritual gift?

The Bible indicates that a person’s spiritual gift is given when that person is saved. This would seem to say that since a believer can never lose the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit then he can never lose his spiritual gift.

What if I do not use my spiritual gift?

You will weaken the body of Christ which needs you to discover and use your gift. You are affected in that you miss a deep level of fulfillment and joy that occurs in the exercising of your spiritual gift.

Where in the Bible are the passages on spiritual gifts?

Romans 12:4-8

I Corinthians 12:4-11, 27-31

Ephesians 4:7-13

I Peter 4:10-11

The exercising of your spiritual gift is not an indicator of the filling of the Holy Spirit. God may honor the use of a gift even though the person is carnal. The real evidence of being filled is the presence of the fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Our approach to spiritual gifts is to identify three categories of spiritual gifts. (Listed in I Corinthians 12:4-7)

Motivational Gifts

Romans 12:4-8

Ministry Gifts

I Corinthians 12:27-31;

Ephesians 4:7-13

Manifestation Gifts

I Corinthians 12:4-11