



Basic Training
Spiritual Gifts - Understanding and Identification
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Introduction:

What is a Spiritual Gift?

To understand the nature of spiritual gifts we must first look at the words which the writers of Scripture used to describe them. I Corinthians 12 lists them for us. Each word, it seems, views the gifts from another standpoint, showing another aspect of their purpose, function, or source. Viewing these terms together yields a more complete description of the gifts they are describing.

"Spirituals"

In verse 1 the Authorized Version (KJV) mentions "spiritual gifts." The Greek simply reads "spirituals" (*ton pneumatikon*), meaning "things characterized or controlled by the Spirit." Spiritual gifts, then, are first of all things controlled or characterized by the Spirit.

"Gifts"

In verse 4 we find the word "gifts" which translates from the Greek word *charisma*; hence, our term "charismatic." The root word (*charis*) means "grace." So now if *pneumatikon* tells us that spiritual gifts are things characterized by the Holy Spirit, *charisma* teaches us that they are gifts of God's grace. They are not something we earn or deserve. They are gifts of grace. Regardless of what the term "charismatic" has come to mean and imply today, there really is no such thing as a non-charismatic gift. All gifts are charismatic; that is, all gifts are freely given by a gracious God.

The Purpose of the Study:

Grow in Understanding our **Usefulness** to God

Grow in Understanding our God given **Purpose**

Grow in Understanding God's Kingdom **Work**

Learn what it means to be a Biblical **Servant** and how to get involved

Learn how church ministry work and how to get **Involved**

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Focus Scriptures:

John 12:26 – Message Bible

Joshua 24:15 – Message Bible

Mark 12:30 – Message Bible

Luke 9: 23-24 Message Bible

The Calling and Character for Being a Servant – Matthew 20:26

I. What is Biblical Servant hood?

- In the Bible, the words, “servant” and “ministry” are taken from the greek word “diakonos.” This word means “to serve” and it where we get the English word “deacon”

II. Who Should Serve? – I Peter 4:10-11

- Each **Christian** Should Serve
- We should use our spiritual **Gifts** in order to serve
- We either have one of two type of spiritual gifts
Speaking Gifts or **Serving** Gifts

III. Why Should we Serve?

- We should serve e because Jesus **Commands** us to serve
John 13:3-5, 12-17
- We should serve because we are to follow Jesus **Example**
Mark 10:45
Philippians 2:5-7
- We should serve out of **Gratitude** -Romans 12:1

IV. Who Should we Serve?

We should serve **Jesus** – John 12:26

We should serve One another within the **Church** family – Galatians 5:13, Galatians 6:10

We should serve others **Outside** the church family. – Matthew 25:37-40, Acts 2:42-47

