

PERMANENT SPIRITUAL GIFTS (Part 1)

After eliminating those Spiritual Gifts that were repeated in other scriptures, **the remaining nineteen** Spiritual Gifts are found in (Rom.12:6-8; 1 Cor.12:8-10, 28-30; and Eph.4:11).

Last week we studied the Temporary Spiritual Gifts from (1 Cor.12-14). We learned that **ten of the nineteen** spiritual gifts would be removed and why they are no longer functional today, during the church age. Thus we have **nine permanent** spiritual gifts remaining and functional today.

Today we return to (Rom.12:6-8) where seven spiritual gifts are listed. We learned from (1 Cor.13:8-10), that prophecy would be removed. This leaves us with a list of **6 of the 9 Permanent Spiritual Gifts** for the church age: **service, teaches, exhorts, gives, leads, and mercy.**

Three Permanent Spiritual gifts remain to be identified. The gifts of **helps and administration** are listed in (1 Cor.12:28). The final Permanent Spiritual Gift is **evangelist** which is listed in (Eph.4:11).

<p>Today's lesson will study these nine Permanent Spiritual Gifts by the following <u>three points.</u></p>
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- 1. Peter divided Spiritual Gifts into two categories. I personally find this helpful for you in identifying your gift (1 Pet.4:10-11).**

(1 Pet.4:10) "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

TWO SPEAKING GIFTS:

"Whoever **speaks**, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God;" (1 Pet.4:11A)

- Teacher (didaskalos)
- Evangelist (euaggelistes)

SEVEN SERVING GIFTS:

"whoever **serves**, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." (1 Pet.4:11B)

- Service (diakonia)
- Exhortation (parakaleo)
- Giving (metadidomi)
- Leadership (proistemi)
- Mercy (eleoo)
- Helps (antilempsis)
- Administration (kubernesis)

2. Identifying ones Spiritual Gift is the most asked question after these studies on Spiritual Gifts.

Remember all three members of the Godhead are involved in your spiritual gift (1Cor.12:4-6).

- **Holy Spirit:**
 - “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.” (1 Cor.12:4)
- **Your Lord:**
 - “And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.” (1 Cor.12:5)
- **God The Father:**
 - And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.” (1 Cor.12:6, 18, 24, 28)

“But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1Cor.12:7, 11)

Your Spiritual Gift is NOT a natural talent! They do **not** function without the indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit. They are **Supernatural Abilities** for your church age ministry in, to, and through the church of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.12).

3. There are five clues that may be helpful in identifying your spiritual gift.

- Study the two categories of permanent gifts. Look for personal inclinations towards certain gifts. Circle them.
- Once you decide on the category, you will discover a couple of gifts that stand out to you. Single them out for observation.
- Pay attention to past and present opportunities to serve the church body and what caught a strong interest.
- Talk to other spiritually mature believers to see if they are aware of your gift serving them.
- Spiritual gifts always function under the Indwelling ministry of Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16; 1 Cor.12:7, 11).