

<p>I Conclusions about Spiritual Gifts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Just like every other believer, you have been given at least one spiritual gift 2. As a good steward, you will give an account to the Lord for the using of your gifts 3. Spiritual gifts are given ultimately so that God may be glorified (1 Pet 4:10-11; Rev 4:11; Col 1:16) 4. Spiritual gifts must be exercised in total conformity to biblical teaching <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) without love the gifts cannot achieve God's intended purpose → worthless b) all gifts must be exercised properly and in an orderly manner (1 Cor 13:1-3, 14:39-40) 5. Your gifts are necessary for the good and the building up of the body, the church 6. As the body needs you, you need the body 7. Spiritual gifts are given to bless the church in the realm of the Spirit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → the sphere of relationship with God → the deepest level of human existence and experience → they strike right at the root of all human problems 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. God's plan and purpose for you was in place before you were born <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) He chose you in Jesus before the foundation of the world b) He prepared beforehand your good works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4282 προετοιμάζω <i>proetoimazo</i> = to ordain before = to make ready in advance 2041 ἔργον <i>ergon</i> = business, undertaking, enterprise = the idea of working is emphasized c) at your salvation He outfitted you perfectly for this work with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the exact right spiritual gift(s) - the perfect measure of grace and faith - the Word to equip for every good work (Eph 1:4; 2:8-10; 2 Tim 3:16-17) 9. "The value of your life as a Christian will be determined by the degree to which you use the gift God has given you" – Ray Stedman (Body Life) 10. You should not seek a gift – God has determined your gifts 11. You should seek to discover your gifts 	<p>II How to Recognize your Spiritual Gift</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pray and ask God to open your eyes and ears to His call on your life 2. You will be drawn to your gift and to other believers who have the same gift 3. Others will recognize your gifts in you → ask trusted Christian friends what they see in you 4. You will be comfortable in the area of your gifting 5. You will be effective in exercising of your gifts 6. Consider that you may have spiritual gifts that will remain undiscovered until specific needs or circumstances bring them to light <p>III You need to know your Spiritual Gift</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your gift will direct you to God's will and purpose for your life 2. Your gift will help you in setting priorities 3. Your gift will help you accept your place in the body of Christ, the church 4. Your gift identifies areas for further training and development
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