

Test Yourself

1. What Are Spiritual Gifts? (A) What Are the “Greater Gifts”?

2. The Bible Says They Are...?

In 1 Corinthians 12, the Bible explains the meaning and purpose of spiritual gifts and lists nine examples of them in verses 8-10. Below, write them down.

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Note: There are more spiritual gifts listed in the Bible (for example, 1 Cor 12:28; Eph 4:11; Ro 12:6-8). These will be studied in my *Bible Study on Spiritual Gifts*.

3. You Must Eagerly Desire Certain Gifts

For example, Paul said to the Christians in the city of Corinth: “But earnestly desire the **greater gifts**” (1 Corinthians 12:31). And so we see that we should especially desire the “**greater gifts**”. **So then:**

(B) What Other Kinds of Gifts Are There?

Note: If there are “**greater gifts**”, then there must be some other kinds or categories or groups of gifts. What are they?

Answer / Explanation

Stop! Before you read this answer, please write your own answers to the questions to the left. In this way you will learn best.

Now, spiritual gifts are talents or abilities which God Himself gives to Christians, in various measure or portions, so that they all can help one another grow spiritually, not sensually and they come in three categories, types, or groupings of gifts. For example, in the context of spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12:1), the Bible says, “But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as **He** desired” (1 Cor 12:18). And about the apostles of Christ, God said that He gave them: “**gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will**” (He 2:4). And so we see that it is God who gives spiritual gifts, since He is the Spirit, not man, an institution, or even yourself or myself! So, make sure that you mainly seek them from Him, according to His will or desire for you. Next, what is the purpose of spiritual gifts? “Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware... each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good” (1 Cor 12:1, 7). “Let all things [regarding use of spiritual gifts in church] be done for edification” (1 Cor 14:26). “And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers (gifts), for... the building up of the body of Christ” (Eph 4:11, 12). So, a spiritual gift is not for the individual good of the person who has received it, but for the spiritual benefit or growth of the group. There are three categories of gifts. First, since the Bible says that there are: “**the greater gifts**” (1 Cor 12:31), there must be gifts which are more powerful in their ability to build up a church, spiritually, than other gifts. If God said that there are “**greater gifts**”, then I am saying that there must be *lesser* gifts. They are lesser only in the sense of edification power. And so they are still valuable, and necessary, and should be sought after to help the group. And so we can see that there are two categories of spiritual gifts: (1) the Greater Gifts and, (2) the Lesser Gifts. The *Greater Gifts* are simply the gifts which speak the word of God, that is teachers, such as the apostles and prophets, pastors and evangelists (Refer to Eph 4:7, 11, 15). The *Lesser Gifts* are simply the gifts which do not speak the word of God, such as the gift of help, giving, miracles, etc. (Refer to 1 Cor 12:28 for a ranking or placement of greater gifts in relation to lesser gifts). The third category of gifts are *situational* gifts, which are also *Lesser Gifts* because they do not speak the word of God. For example, the Bible indicates that certain conditions (i.e. situations / see 1 Cor 7:20, 24) in which we find ourselves, are a type of gift, such as being married or unmarried. Paul said, “Yet I wish that all men were even as I myself am [not married]. However, each man has his own **gift** from God [i.e. married, single, etc.], **one in this manner, and another in that**” (1 Cor 7:7). There are a lot of *Situational Gifts*. Were you ever properly taught about the varieties and categories of spiritual gifts and your obligation and responsibility to eagerly seek and use them to build up a church? Do you realize that you have a variety of gifts which you must learn about and use properly in the sight of God? Study this subject thoroughly in my *Complete Bible Study on Spiritual Gifts*, which includes three studies: (1) *Bible Study on The Greater Gifts*, (2) *Lesser Gifts*, and (3) *Situational Gifts*. Get involved locally. Please complete the Sign-up Form and return it to the local contact listed on the front. In **Jesus’ name, Rick David**.

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1. Do You Wish to Know & Use Your Spiritual Gifts?

(A) Confess You Know about Spiritual Gifts

- ☐ I Believe that God gave Spiritual Gifts to Christians
- ☐ I Believe that I Have Received a Spiritual Gift(s)
- ☐ I Believe that I Must Use It to Build Up a Church Spiritually
- ☐ I Believe that I Must Eagerly Desire the Greater Gifts

(B) Learn Your Gifts and Use them Locally

- ☐ I am Willing to Learn about All of My Spiritual Gifts
- ☐ I am Willing to Use My Spiritual Gifts in/for a Church
- ☐ I am Willing to Use My Gifts in/for a Local FBS Fellowship

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- ☐ 2. What Is the Right Way to Worship God? [**Sem.**]
- ☐ 3. What Spiritual Gifts Have I Received? [**Sem.**]

- ☐ 1. Bible Study on the Basics [**Classes 15-20 Wks**]
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- ☐ 3. Advanced Bible Study on Spiritual Gifts [**Class**]

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Have you heard about the wicked, lazy servant who buried his talent instead of using it to cause the growth of his master's kingdom? He was rejected on Judgment Day for this; he lost his salvation (Mt 25:18, 24-29). So, you must make sure that you know which gifts God gave to you and put them to work in some fitting way to cause His kingdom to grow.

Organizer:

What Spiritual Gifts Have I Received?

Are you interested in spiritual gifts? In the Bible, people were very interested in them. For example, Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, said to the Christians in the city of Corinth: **“So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church” (1 Corinthians 14:12).** Are you zealous for spiritual gifts? Anyone who wants to build up [edify] a church ought to seek them, fervently. Do you want to build up a church? If so, find out the answer to the question, “What spiritual gifts have I received?”. When you complete this self-test worksheet, you will begin to know the exact answer to your question. Now, do you know which spiritual gifts you have received from God? It has everything to do with you properly understanding the variety of gifts which God gave to men and your responsibility to eagerly seek and use them for building up your church.



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