

Unwrap Your Gift!

3 Gifts you get when you accept Christ...

1. The Gift of Eternal Life – Rom 6:23
2. The Gift of the Holy Spirit – Rom 5:5
3. The Gift of some Special Abilities – 1 Cor 12:1-31

Key Idea: I unwrap my spiritual gifts by knowing what I have and using them.

4 Characteristics about my Spiritual Gifts (1 Cor. 12:1-31)

1. Spiritual Gifts Reflect the Trinity (vs 2-6, 11)
2. Spiritual Gifts are too Numerous (vs 8-10, 28)
3. Spiritual Gifts have a Definite Purpose (v 7)
4. Spiritual Gifts have Different Functions (vs 12-30)

4 Steps to using my Gifts

1. Discover Them – 1 Tim 4:14
2. Dedicate Them – Rom 6:13
3. Develop Them – 2 Tim 1:6
4. Deploy Them – 1 Pt 4:10

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REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

1. While all spiritual gifts are given variously by God to be used for building up the body of Christ and for reaching the world with his message of hope, why do you think Paul tells us, in 1 Corinthians 13, that love is greater than these gifts? Explain.
2. Why is it important for us to learn to recognize our spiritual gifts? How is a spiritual gift different from a personality trait, a talent, or a characteristic? If you're not sure, this is a great opportunity to clarify your understanding with your group.
3. Do you already know your spiritual gifts? If so, share them with the group and you have been using them in ministry. If not, you may want to go to www.churchgrowth.org to take a free spiritual gifts inventory to help you discover your gifts.
4. Discuss how God might want to use your spiritual gifts to benefit the other members of your group or on Sunday morning. Is there a way you can serve one another?



Memory Verse

¹⁰ Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

1 Pt 4:10