

# **The Spiritual Discipline of Spiritual Gifts**

(1 Corinthians 12:1-4)

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Spiritual gifts are means of grace like God's Word and Prayer are means of grace.

Spiritual gifts enables all believers to minister (1 Peter 4:10-11)

Spiritual gifts served with dedication builds the body of Christ (Romans 12:1-8)

## **1. The Spiritual Gift of Preaching**

A. OT prophets were interpreters of God's Word (Exodus 7:1-2)

B. NT preachers are interpreters of God's Word (2 Timothy 4)

C. Preaching is the pastor's most important ministry (Acts 6:1-4)

## **2. The Spiritual Gift of Ministry**

A. The most common gift (1 Corinthians 12:28 "helps")

B. The Deacons in Acts 6 had this gift

C. Dorcas in Acts 9:36 had this gift

## **3. The Spiritual Gift of Teaching**

A. Pastors have this gift (Ephesians 4:11)

B. This gift helps the church fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)

C. The early church was accused of filling Jerusalem with doctrine (Acts 5:28; 2:42)

## **4. The Spiritual Gift of Exhortation**

A. This can be a speaking gift (1 Timothy 4:13)

B. This can be a ministry gift (Barnabas in Acts 4:36-37; 9:26; 11:23; 15:39)

## **5. The Spiritual Gift of Giving**

A. All believers are to give (1 Corinthians 16:2)

B. Believers with this gift exceed tithes and offerings (2 Corinthians 8:2)

C. The early church gave sacrificially (Acts 2 and 4)

## **6. The Spiritual Gift of Leadership**

A. The gift is called administration in 1 Corinthians 12:28

B. In Acts 27:11 the word is translated "master" or pilot

C. In Acts 1-12 Peter is the leader and in Acts 13-28 Paul is the leader

## **7. The Spiritual Gift of Showing Mercy**

A. Job's friends were miserable comforters

B. God comforts us so we can comfort others (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

C. All believers are to show mercy (Romans 12:15)