

Spiritual Gift Descriptions

Administration

The Gift of Administration is the special attribute God gives to some to steer the body towards the accomplishment of God-given goals and directives by planning, organizing, and supervising others. The divine enablement to understand what makes an organization function.

Luke 14:28-30
1st Corinthians 12:28-31

Discernment

The Gift of Discernment is the special attribute God gives to some to know with assurance whether certain behavior or teaching is from God, Satan, human error, or human power. It is the divine enablement to distinguish between truth and error; differentiating between good and evil, right and wrong.

1st Corinthians 2:9-16
1st Corinthians 2:12
Hebrews 5:14

Evangelism

The Gift of Evangelism is the special attribute God gives to some to proclaim the Gospel of Salvation effectively so that unbelievers respond to the promises of Christ through conversion to Christianity.

Acts 8:26-40
Ephesians 4:11-16
II Timothy 4:5

Exhortation/Encouragement

The Gift of Exhortation/Encouragement is the special attribute God gives some to offer comfort, words of hope, and reassurance to discouraged, weak, or troubled Christians in such a way that they are consoled and motivated to be all God wants them to be.

Acts 14:21-22
Romans 12:6-8
1st Thessalonians 2:11-12
Hebrews 13:22

Faith

The Gift of Faith is the special conviction God gives to some to be firmly persuaded of God's power and promises to accomplish His will and purpose and to display such a confidence in Him and His Word.

Romans 4:18-21
Acts 27:21-25
1st Corinthians 12:7-11

Giving

The Gift of Giving is a special attribute that enables a believer to recognize God's blessings and to respond by generously, sacrificially, and cheerfully giving of one's resources (time, talent, and treasure) without thought of return.

Romans 12:6-8
2nd Corinthians 9:6-15
2nd Corinthians 8:2-5
Mark 12:41-44

Helps

The Gift of Helps is a special attribute that enables a believer to work gladly behind the scenes in order that God's work is fulfilled, and to invest one's talents in the life and ministry of other members of the body to increase their effectiveness.

Acts 9:36
Romans 16:1-2
1st Corinthians 12:28-31

Hospitality

The Gift of Hospitality is a special attribute God gives to provide an open home and warm welcome to those in need of food, lodging, and fellowship.

Romans 12:9-13
Acts 16:14-15
1st Peter 4:9-10
Luke 10:38

Knowledge

The Gift of Knowledge is the special attribute given by God that enables certain Christians to understand in an exceptional way the great truths of God's Word and to make them relevant to specific situations in the church. It is also the desire to seek out and learn much about the Bible.

1st Corinthians 12:7-13
1st Corinthians 11:6
Colossians 2:2-3
Proverbs 2:6

Leadership

The Gift of Leadership is the special attribute God gives to some to set goals in accordance with God's purpose and to cast vision, motivate, and direct people to harmoniously accomplish the purposes of God.

Romans 12:6-8
Hebrews 13:1
1st Timothy 5:17

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Mercy

The Gift of Mercy is the special attribute that enables certain Christians to feel exceptional empathy and compassion for those who are suffering (physically, mentally, or emotionally) and putting that compassion into action by caring for them with acts of love that alleviate their distress.

Matthew 20:29-34
Luke 10:30-37
Romans 12:6-8
Mark 9:41

Pastor/Shepherd

The Gift of Pastor/Shepherd is the special attribute God gives to some a long-term personal responsibility for leadership and the spiritual care, protection, guidance, and feeding (teaching) of a group of believers. The divine enablement to nurture and guide people toward on-going spiritual maturity and becoming like Christ.

John 10:1-18
Ephesians 4:11-15
1st Peter 5:1-4
1st Timothy 3:1-7

Prophecy

The Gift of Prophecy is the special attribute God gives to some to proclaim the Word of God with clarity, boldly and in a timely and relevant manner for understanding, correction, repentance, or edification.

1st Corinthians 12:7-11, 28-31
Ephesians 4:11-13
Romans 12:6-8
1st Corinthians 14:1-5

Service

The Gift of Service is a special attribute God gives to identify, assist and support ministries within the Body to allow them to effectively accomplish their mission and meet the needs of others.

Acts 6:1-7
Romans 12:7
Galatians 6:2,10

Teaching

The Gift of Teaching is the special attribute God gives to some to explain or communicate and apply Biblical truths in a logical and systematic way so as to affect true understanding and spiritual growth in others.

Acts 18:24-28
1st Corinthians 12:28-31
Ephesians 4:11-16
Hebrews 5:12-14

Wisdom

The Gift of Wisdom is the special attribute God gives to allow the believer to sort through opinions, facts, and thoughts in order to determine what solution would be best for the individual or Body of believers in decision making and daily life situations.

Acts 6:3-10
1st Corinthians 12:7-11
1st Corinthians 2:6-13
James 3:13-18
James 1:5-8