



SPIRITUAL GIFT DESCRIPTIONS

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Listed below are ten (10) Spiritual Gifts identified as part of the Spiritual Gifts test administered as part of this series. It should be recognized that Scripture identifies additional Spiritual Gifts; however, those listed below are the ones most commonly observed in the lives of modern Believers.

EVANGELISM

The Spiritual Gift of Evangelism deals with the intense desire to lead others to Christ. Individuals with this Gift are often able to approach strangers and share the Gospel with little inhibition, In general, their greatest desire in life is to find the lost and tell them about the love and saving power of Jesus Christ.

GIVING

The Spiritual Gift of Giving is found in individuals who possess an earnest desire to honor God with their material possessions. Quite often they will find ways to make sacrifices in their lives for the benefit of others who are struggling financially. These folks are the type who will give a needy soul the shirt off their back, if necessary.

TEACHING

The Spiritual Gift of Teaching is evident in those individuals who have a strong desire to enlighten those around them with the Truths of God's Word. They do so with attention to accuracy and detail not provided by most people. They thrive on the experience of seeing those they are teaching "light up with excitement" as new insights are revealed.

PROPHECY

Spiritual Gift of Prophecy is seen in individuals who are not ashamed to expose right from wrong, even if they may offend others that results in lost popularity in the process. In general, they have the ability to discern right from wrong when others cannot (and they are not afraid to point that out). The Old Testament prophets are classic examples of how God uses this Gift to expose His people to the Truth.

SHEPHERDING

The Spiritual Gift of Shepherding is most often found in those people who have a strong desire to help facilitate growth in the Body, especially with new Believers. They are involved in activities that oversee and train groups of Christians they perceive to be their responsibility.

EXHORTATION

The Spiritual Gift of Exhortation is used to motivate others for the purpose of calling them to action, perhaps with regards to a particular method of conduct or action. They have the innate ability to engage those around them and encourage active participation in their sphere of influence.

ADMINISTRATION

The Spiritual Gift of Administration is found in individuals who are motivated to organize and “take charge”. They thrive when given the opportunity to make “order out of chaos” and have the ability to do so in an almost miraculous manner. Quite often they have the vision for identifying what needs to be done to start and grow ministries.

LEADERSHIP

The Spiritual Gift of Leadership is observed in those individuals who are able to motivate and move people toward God's direction and ultimate vision. They have the ability to stand alone, but enjoy when others come alongside them to serve.

SERVING

The Spiritual Gift of Serving is often seen in those individuals who are willing to do tasks that no one else wants to do. They take delight in serving the Lord and do not need the spotlight in doing so; they are often the “unsung heroes” in God's Army.

MERCY

The Spiritual Gift of Mercy is obvious in those who have a big heart and a genuine concern for others. They take great joy in helping those around them and are excellent listeners. When someone needs a shoulder on which to cry, they have the ability to provide comfort to those who are in distress and need.