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Study Series

Spiritual Gifts
“Discovering Your Spiritual DNA”

1. In your own words, define what spiritual gifts are: ____________________________________________________________

2. Read I Corinthians 12:11. Are spiritual gifts attained or received? ________________
   Who is the source of spiritual gifts? ____________________________________________________________

3. Read Romans 12:4-6. Who receives spiritual gifts? ____________________________________________________

4. Read Romans 11:29. Can a person ever lose their spiritual gifts? ________________

5. Read Romans 12:6-8 and list the gifts mentioned. ____________________________________________________________

6. Though we may not have all of the gifts mentioned we are commanded to perform them all. Read the following verses and write down which gift goes with each verse.

   I Corinthians 14:1 ___________________________ Galatians 5:13 ____________________________
   Matthew 28:20 ____________________________ Hebrews 3:13 ____________________________
   Luke 6:38 ____________________________ I Timothy 3:4-8 ____________________________
   Galatians 6:2 ____________________________

7. Read I Corinthians 12:28 and Ephesians 4:11 and list the gifts mentioned here: ______
   ____________________________________________________________

8. Read Ephesians 4:12-14. According to this verse why do we have spiritual gifts? ______
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9. Read I Corinthians 12:7-10 and list the gifts mentioned here: ____________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
10. Read I Peter 4:10. What is another reason given for why we have spiritual gifts?

11. What do you think your spiritual gifts are?

12. Would those who know you best agree?

MEMORIZE  I Peter 4:10

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Definitions of Spiritual Gifts
(taken from “Spiritual Gifts Discovery Workshop” by C. Peter Wagner)

Administration: The ability to understand clearly the immediate and long-range goals of a particular unit of the body of Christ and to devise and execute effective plans for the accomplishment of those goals.

Celibacy: The ability to remain single and enjoy it; to be unmarried and not suffer undue sexual temptations.
I Corinthians 7:7-8, Matthew 19:10-12

Discernment: The ability to know with assurance whether certain behavior purported to be of God is in reality divine, human or Satanic.

Evangelist: The ability to share the gospel with unbelievers in such a way that they become responsible members of the body of Christ.

Exhortation: The ability to minister words of comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counsel to other members in the body in such a way that they feel helped and healed.
Romans 12:8, I Timothy 4:13, Hebrews 10:25, Acts 14:22

Exorcism: The ability to cast out demons and evil spirits.

Faith: The ability to discern with extraordinary confidence the will and purposes of God for his work.

Giving: The ability certain members have to contribute their material resources to the work of the lord with liberality and cheerfulness. Romans 12:8, II Corinthians 8:1-7, II Corinthians 9:2-8, Mark 12:41-44

Healing: The ability to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to cure illness and restore health apart from the use of natural means.

Helps: The ability to invest the talents they have in the life and ministry of other members of the body thus enabling others to increase the effectiveness of their own spiritual gifts.

Hospitality: The ability to provide an open house and a warm welcome to those in need of food and lodging.
**Intercession:** The ability to pray for extended periods of time on a regular basis and see frequent and specific answers to their prayers, to a degree much greater than that which is expected of the average Christian.

**Interpretation:** The ability to make known in the vernacular the message of one who speaks in tongues.
I Corinthians 12:10,30, I Corinthians 14:13, I Corinthians 14:26-28

**Knowledge:** The ability to discover, accumulate, analyze, and clarify information and ideas which are pertinent to the well-being of the body.

**Leadership:** The ability to set goals in accordance with God’s purpose for the future and to communicate these goals to others in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish those goals for the glory of God.

**Mercy:** The ability to feel genuine empathy and compassion for individuals who suffer distressing physical, mental, or emotional problems, and to translate that compassion into cheerfully-done deeds which reflect Christ’s love and alleviate the suffering.

**Miracles:** The ability to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to perform powerful acts that are perceived by observers to have altered the ordinary course of nature.

**Missionary:** The ability to minister whatever spiritual gifts they have in a second culture.

**Pastor:** The ability to assume a long-term responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a group of believers.

**Prophecy:** The ability to receive and communicate an immediate message of God to his people through a divinely-anointed utterance.

**Service:** The ability to identify the unmet needs involved in a task related to God’s work, and to make use of available resources to meet those needs and help accomplish the desired results.
Teaching: The ability to communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the body and its members in such a way that others will learn.

Tongues: The ability to speak to God in a language they have never learned and/or to receive and communicate an immediate message of God to his people through a divinely-anointed utterance in a language they never learned.

Voluntary Poverty: The ability to renounce material comfort and luxury and adopt a personal life-style equivalent to those living at the poverty level in a given society in order to serve God more effectively.

Wisdom: The ability to receive insight into how given knowledge may best be applied to specific needs arising in the body of Christ.
I Corinthians 2:1-13, I Corinthians 12:8, Acts 6:3,10, James 1:5-6, II Peter 3:15, 16