

SPIRITUAL GIFT DEFINITIONS AND SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

While not meant to be dogmatic or final, these definitions and supporting scriptures do correspond to characteristics of the gifts as expressed in the Gifts Questionnaire.

A. PASTOR / SHEPHERD

The gift of pastor/shepherd is the divine strength or ability to care for the personal needs of others by nurturing and mending life issues. John 10:1-18; Ephesians 4:11-14; I Timothy 3:1-7; I Peter 5:1-3

B. TEACHING

The gift of teaching is the divine strength or ability to study and learn from the Scriptures primarily to bring understanding, depth, and doctrine to other Christians. Acts 18:24-28, 20:20-21; I Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-14

C. WISDOM

The gift of wisdom is the divine strength or ability to apply the truths of Scripture in a practical way, producing the fruitful outcome and character of Jesus Christ. Acts 6:3,10; I Corinthians 2:6-13, 12:8

D. KNOWLEDGE

The gift of knowledge is the divine strength or ability to understand and to bring clarity to situations and circumstances often accompanied by a word from God. Acts 5:1-11; I Corinthians 12:8; Colossians 2:2-3

E. EXHORTATION

The gift of exhortation is the divine strength or ability to encourage others through the written or spoken word and Biblical truth. Acts 14:22; Romans 12:8; I Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:24-25

F. DISCERNMENT

The gift of discernment is the divine strength or ability to spiritually identify falsehood and to distinguish between right and wrong motives and situations. Matthew 16:21-23; Acts 5:1-11, 16:16-18; I Corinthians 12:10; I John 4:1-6

G. GIVING

The gift of giving is the divine strength or ability to produce wealth and to give by tithes and offerings for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God on earth. Mark 12:41-44; Romans 12:8; II Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:2-7

H. HELPS

The gift of helps is the divine strength or ability to work in a supportive role for the accomplishment of tasks in Christian ministry. Mark 15:40-41; Acts 9:36; Romans 16:1-2; I Corinthians 12:28

I. MERCY

The gift of mercy is the divine strength or ability to feel empathy and to care for those who are hurting in any way. Matthew 9:35-36; Mark 9:41; Romans 12:8; I Thessalonians 5:14

J. MISSIONARY

The gift of missions is the divine strength or ability to reach others outside of your culture and nationality, while in most cases living in that culture or nation. Acts 8:4, 13:2-3, 22:21; Romans 10:15

K. EVANGELISM

The gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to help non-Christians take the necessary steps to becoming a born-again Christian. Acts 8:5-6, 8:26-40, 14:21, 21:8; Ephesians 4:11-14

L. HOSPITALITY

The gift of hospitality is the divine strength or ability to create warm, welcoming environments for others in places such as your home, office, or church. Acts 16:14-15; Romans 12:13, 16:23; Hebrews 13:1-2; I Peter 4:9

M. FAITH

The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe in God for unseen supernatural results in every arena of life. Acts 11:22-24; Romans 4:18-21; I Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 11

N. LEADERSHIP

The gift of leadership is the divine strength or ability to influence people at their level while directing and focusing them on the big picture, vision, or idea. Romans 12:8; I Timothy 3:1-13, 5:17; Hebrews 13:17

O. ADMINISTRATION

The gift of administration is the divine strength or ability to organize multiple tasks and groups of people to accomplish these tasks. Luke 14:28-30; Acts 6:1-7; I Corinthians 12:28

P. MIRACLES

The gift of miracles is the divine strength or ability to alter the natural outcomes of life in a supernatural way through prayer, faith, and divine direction. Acts 9:36-42, 19:11-12, 20:7-12; Romans 15:18-19; I Corinthians 12:10, 28

Q. HEALING

The gift of healing is the divine strength or ability to act as an intermediary in faith, prayer, and by the laying-on of hands for the healing of physical and mental illnesses.

Acts 3:1-10, 9:32-35, 28:7-10; I Corinthians 12:9, 28

R. TONGUES (accompanied by interpretation)

The gift of tongues is the divine strength or ability to pray in a heavenly language to encourage your spirit and to commune with God. The gift of tongues is often accompanied by interpretation and should be used appropriately. Acts 2:1-13; I Corinthians 12:10, 14:1-14

S. INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES

The gift of interpretation of tongues is the divine enablement to make known to the body of Christ the message of one who is speaking in tongues or an unknown language. Its purpose is to edify, challenge or bring conviction to God's people and to glorify God. I Corinthians 12:10, 30; 14:5, 28

T. INTERCESSION

The gift of intercession is the divine strength or ability to stand in the gap in prayer for someone, something, or someplace, believing for profound results. Hebrews 7:25;

Colossians 1:9-12, 4:12-13; James 5:14-16

U. SERVICE

The gift of serving is the divine strength or ability to do small or great tasks in working for the overall good of the body of Christ. Acts 6:1-7; Romans 12:7; Galatians 6:10; I Timothy 1:16-18; Titus 3:14

