

*Plugging Into Ministry
Knowing and Using My Spiritual Gifts
“Understanding Spiritual Gifts, pt 1?”*

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Review the main lesson outline briefly

1. Review and begin to fill out the SHAPE profile evaluation sheets for each category. Discuss together some of the examples you are considering in each of the categories and how they relate to the lesson.

PRIVATE MEDITATION

Read the Scripture and identify 1 thought to take with you for that day

Write down your daily thought under each day

Monday – Romans 12:6-8

Thought:

Tuesday – 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Thought:

Wednesday – 1 Corinthians 12:28

Thought:

Thursday – Ephesians 4:11-12

Thought:

Friday – 1 Peter 4:11

Thought:

Saturday – 1 Corinthians 12:1

Sunday – “*Understanding Spiritual Gifts*” (part 2)

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KNOWING AND USING MY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Understanding Spiritual Gifts (pt 1)

1 Corinthians 12:1

I. **Ten Truths About Spiritual Gifts**

1. Only believers have spiritual gifts – 1 Cor. 2:14, 12:4-6
2. Every believer has at least one gift – 1 Cor. 7:7
3. No one receives all the gifts – 1 Cor. 12:27-31
4. No single gift is given to everyone – 1 Cor. 12:29-30
5. We do not earn spiritual gifts – Ephesians 4:7
6. The Holy Spirit decides which gifts we get – 1 Cor. 12:11
7. The gifts we are given are permanent – Romans 11:29
8. I am responsible to develop & use the gift or gifts God gives us – 1 Tim. 4:14
9. It is a sin to waste the gifts or gifts God has given us – 1 Cor. 4:1-2; Matt. 25:14-30
10. Using our gifts glorifies God and helps us grow – John 15:8; Heb. 5:14

II. **The Main Purpose of Spiritual Gifts**

- a. They are for the benefit of others not for my benefit – 1 Cor. 12:7; 1 Pet. 4:10
- b. They are for producing maturity and stability in the body – Eph. 4:11-13

III. **Cautions About Spiritual Gifts**

- a. Do not confuse spiritual gifts with natural talents – 1 Cor. 12:4; Ex. 31:1-6
- b. Do not confuse spiritual gifts with the fruit of the Spirit – Gal. 5:22-23
- c. Do not confuse spiritual gifts with Christian roles – Eph. 4:11 (The difference between the office of the

Pastor and the gift of pastoring or shepherding people.

- d. Do not expect others to serve the way you do and get the same results – people with the gift of mercy may expect everyone to be as merciful as them. – 1Cor 12:4-7
- e. Remember our gift does not make us better than others – 1 Cor. 12:14-27
- f. Using our gifts without love is worthless – 1 Cor. 13:1-3
- g. Recognize the difference between a primary gift and a secondary ministry – we use our spiritual gift in the primary ministry and we serve in secondary ministry because we are available and can

II. The definition of a spiritual gift – “A special ability given by the Holy Spirit to every believer at their conversion, to be used to minister to others, and therefore build up the body of Christ.” ***“It is easier to discover your gift through ministry than to discover your ministry through knowing your gift.”***
“Function follows form.”

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