

Spiritual Gift Inventory – Speech Gifts

<p>Words of Wisdom</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 12:8 - For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom;</p>	<p>Definition - Taking Gospel truths and applying them practically to everyday situations</p> <p>Caution – Words of wisdom are principles that may be followed, not Scriptural revelation.</p>	<p>Are you able to discern the best biblical choice in challenging moral issues? Can you help people untangle their lives from sinful practice? Do you find others coming to you for advice? Do you often find yourself seeing the practical solution? Do you find yourself giving biblical principles to people to help them know the best way to live (and again, do others note this and want to follow your advice)?</p>
<p>Words of Knowledge</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 12:8 and to another the word of knowledge</p>	<p>Definition - Ability to learn, or perceiving God’s truths in Scripture.</p> <p>Caution – Knowledge puffs up. Use knowledge to build not to brag.</p>	<p>Do you see that you are quickly able to understand passages of Scripture that others do not? Do you delight in learning God’s Word? When others do not know Scriptural principles, do you find them quickly coming to your mind? When people wonder about what God says on an issue do you find that you quickly know and want to share what God says about something?</p>
<p>Words of Discernment</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 12:10 and to another the distinguishing of spirits,</p>	<p>Definition – Ability to discern when a teaching or a person is not Bible driven.</p> <p>Caution – Be careful not to become overly skeptical of everyone and everything.</p>	<p>Do you quickly see through other peoples’ lies? Can you sense that a person’s motives are not right, and find out later that your sense was correct? Have you discerned that someone was teaching something unbiblical about Jesus life and ministry and realized later that their falsehood really went further so that it was evident to all?</p>
<p>Words of Teaching</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 12:28-29 And God has appointed ... third teachers, Romans 12:7 or he who teaches, in his teaching;</p>	<p>Definition – The ability to explain God’s truths with others in order that they may understand God’s truths.</p> <p>Caution – Know the Word! Be careful that you are only teaching what God has said and not your own ideas.</p>	<p>Do you find that you are able to understand complex topics and make them clear to others? Do people ask you to explain Scripture? When you are explaining a passage of Scripture, do you see from people’s eyes that they are getting what you are saying? If they are not, do you find that you are able to say things in a different way that enables them to understand? When someone else looks at a verse, and they have question marks in their eyes, and you are able to take that and explain how it works?</p>
<p>Words of Exhortation</p>	<p>Romans 12:8-10 ⁶Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: ⁸... he who exhorts, in his exhortation;</p>	<p>Definition – The ability to encourage others to follow God and encourage those who are down to get back up (pleading to action and comforting in affliction)</p> <p>Caution – “People don’t care what you know until they know you care.” Spend time with someone before you try to coach them along spiritually.</p>	<p>Do you find that your heart of mercy is often wanting to encourage your brothers and sisters to follow Christ in specific ways? You find it very natural to encourage people to action in specific aspects of Christian growth? Is your heart of mercy often reaching out to share words of encouragement to those who are downcast? Do you desire to coach them back to health by encouraging them to get up and take the next steps? Do people want to follow your exhortation and advice to move forward?</p>

Spiritual Gift Inventory – Service Gifts

Faith	1 Corinthians 12:9 to another faith by the same Spirit	<p>Definition – The ability to believe God and step out on His promises.</p> <p>Caution – Put feet to your faith. Faith is not an excuse for laziness, but a motivation to work.</p>	<p>Can you step out fully trusting God is leading and providing even when you can't see the details of that?</p> <p>Do you see God answering large prayers that are out of the ordinary?</p> <p>Are you someone who does not worry about anything?</p> <p>Are you a “yes” person or a “no” person?</p>
Helps Service	<p>Helps - 1 Cor 12:28 And God has appointed in the church, ... then gifts of ... helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.</p> <p>Service - Romans 12:7 if service, in his serving</p>	<p>Definition - Ability and longing to help others. Ability to see and meet the needs of others and the church.</p> <p>Caution – Be careful not to get so involved helping everywhere else that you neglect the primary place of service God has gifted you - His church body. Don't be too busy serving that you do not worship.</p>	<p>Do you quickly see the things that need to be done and start helping meet those needs without being told?</p> <p>Do you delight to serve others, even if you are not recognized?</p> <p>Do others rely upon you to faithfully serve in regular functions?</p> <p>Is it important for you that things be done decently and in order?</p> <p>Do you gain delight in serving God and others?</p> <p>Do you find you have little time for yourself because you are always helping others?</p>
Administrations Leading	<p>Administration - 1 Corinthians 12:28 28 And God has appointed in the church, ...administrations</p> <p>Leading - Romans 12:8 he who leads, with diligence...</p>	<p>Definition – Ability to see the best way to go or plan to follow in situations (administration) and manage/organize the details to carry out that plan and direct others that way.</p> <p>Caution – Be careful not to become lazy. Continue to serve others as you administer.</p>	<p>Do you enjoy organizing?</p> <p>Do you see that your advice for direction in other's lives is often heeded and needed?</p> <p>Do you see perceive the best way to direct (steer/helmsman) the organizational ship?</p> <p>Do you enjoy leading others and aspire to positions of leadership?</p> <p>Do you find yourself enjoying managing the details of an operation and making sure they all get done?</p> <p>Do others ask you to oversee or manage projects? Do you find that you do that well?</p>
Giving	Romans 12:6-8 6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: ... he who gives, with liberality;	<p>Definition – The ability and desire to give to meet the needs of the church.</p> <p>Caution – Be wise in giving. Give out of love for others not a desire to be seen.</p>	<p>Do you give more than others think you should?</p> <p>Do you find an unusual ability to manage your resources to give more.</p> <p>Does it delight you to save in this area to be able to give more to others?</p> <p>Do you enjoy giving anonymously so that no one knows how or what was given?</p>
Mercy	Romans 12:6-8 6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: ... he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.	<p>Definition – The ability to empathize with others, and show pity to others in need.</p> <p>Caution – Don't take so much care upon yourself that you lose your joy in the Lord. Turn your mercy into prayer.</p>	<p>Do you empathize and show pity on others and again try to help them in their need?</p> <p>Do you have an unusual ability to put yourself in that person's shoes to know what they need and what they are feeling?</p> <p>Do you easily find your emotions stirred by another person's troubles?</p> <p>Do you find it hard to get away from what others tell you in their distress?</p> <p>Do you weep with those who weep and you rejoice with those who rejoice?</p>

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