

Spiritual Gift Definitions

Administration/Ruling

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit enables certain Christians to organize, administrate, and promote the various affairs of the local church's ministry to direct them effectively. A local church cannot grow beyond a certain point without the ministry of these individuals. *See I Corinthians 12:28 Romans 12:8, Titus 1:4-5*

Apostleship

This is the spiritual gift that refers to certain men called by Christ Himself and given special power to charter the newly formed church. *See Ephesians 4:11, I Corinthians 12:28 See also Acts 1:22, I Corinthians 9:1*

Discernment

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit enables certain Christians to know with without a doubt whether a statement or behavior is of God, Satan, or man. *See I Corinthians 12:10, Acts 5:3-6, Acts 16:16-18, I John 4:1*

Evangelism

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit enables particular Christians to share the Gospel to unbelievers and burdens Christians about soul-winning. All Christians are called to witness for Christ whether they have this gift or not. *See Ephesians 4:11, Acts 8:5-12, Acts 21:8, Acts 8:26-40, Matthew 28:18-20*

Exhortation

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit enables certain Christians to deliver challenging and encouraging words. *See Romans 12:8, Acts 11:23-24, Acts 14:21-22, Acts 15:32*

Faith

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit provides Christians with great confidence to believe and expect great things from God. *See I Corinthians 12:9, Romans 5:1, Romans 12:3, Hebrews 11*

Giving

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit enables certain Christians to accumulate and give large amounts of their finances to the glory of God. *See Romans 12:8, Acts 4:32-37, Galatians 4:15, Phillipians 4:10-18, II Corinthians 8:1-5*

Healing

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit uses certain Christians to restore physical or mental health to the sick or demon possessed.

See I Corinthians 12:9, 28, 30, James 5:13-16

Helps/Serving/Ministering

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit empowers certain Christians to render practical help in both physical and spiritual matters. Serving one another, like evangelism, is a calling of all Christians, but there are some who have a special desire to serve, and receive great blessing from it. *See*

Romans 12:7, I Corinthians 12:28, Galatians 6:1-2

Interpretation of tongues

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit gives certain Christians the ability to clarify and interpret messages uttered in an unknown language.

See I Corinthians 12:10

Knowledge

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit gives certain Christians the supernatural ability to understand God's Word and to effectively communicate it to others. *See I Corinthians 12:8*

Mercy

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit enables certain Christians to minister to and have compassion for those who are suffering or afflicted.

See Romans 12:8, Luke 10:30-37

Miracles

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit empowers certain Christians to perform events that are outside the realm of nature. *See I Corinthians*

12:28

Prophecy

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit empowers certain Christians to receive revelation of events in the future. *See Romans 12:6, I Corinthians*

12:10, I Corinthians 14:1-5, Ephesians 4:11, I Corinthians 14:30-33, I

Peter 1:20-21

Pastor/Teaching

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit enables certain Christians to preach and teach the Word of God and to take responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a body of believers. *See Ephesians 4:11, I Peter 5:1-*

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Teaching

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit enables particular Christians to communicate and clarify the details and truths of God's Word for others to learn.

See Romans 12:7, Ephesians 4:11

Tongues

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit enables a Christian to supernaturally speak a previously unknown language. *See I Corinthians 12:10, I Corinthians 12:30, I Corinthians 14:4, I Corinthians 14:39, Acts 2:4, Acts 19:6*

Wisdom

This is the spiritual gift where the Spirit empowers particular Christians with a supernatural understanding of God's Word and the will to apply it to life situations. *See I Corinthians 12:8, James 3:13-17.*