

Spiritual Gifts

*Each of you has received a gift to use **to serve others**.
Be **good servants** of God's various gifts of grace. 1 Peter 4:10 (NCV)*

*Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, **I do not want you to be uninformed**. 1 Corinthians 12:1 (NIV)*

As you read the list of spiritual gifts and the definitions, think back on your own serving experiences. Then indicate, “**yes**” if you feel you have the gift, “**maybe**” if you feel you might have the gift, or “**no**” if you think you don’t have the gift. If you choose “**maybe**” it may be helpful to read the scriptures that accompany the description for more clarity.

Administration: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God by effectively organizing resources and people in order to efficiently reach ministry goals. (see Lk. 14:28-30, Acts 6:1-7, 27:11, 1 Cor. 12:28, Titus 1:5)

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Apostleship: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God by launching and leading new ministry ventures that advance God’s purposes and expand his Kingdom. (see Luke 6:12-13, 1 Cor. 12:28, Eph. 2:20, 4:11-13)

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Craftsmanship/Artist: the God-given special ability to create artistic expressions that produce a spiritual response of strength and inspiration. Skilled Craft – the gift that enables a believer to create, build, maintain or repair items used within the church. (see Exodus 28:3-4, Exodus 31:1-11, Exodus 35:30-35)

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Discernment: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God by recognizing truth or error within a message, person or event. (see Matt. 16:21-23, Acts 5:1-11, 16:16-18, 1 Cor. 12:10, 1 John 4:1-6)

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Encouragement: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God by helping others to God-centered lives through inspiration, encouragement, counseling, and empowerment. (see Acts 14:22, Rom. 12:8, 1 Tim. 4:13, Heb. 10:25).

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Evangelism: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God by sharing the love of Christ with others in a way that draws them to respond by accepting God's free gift of eternal life. (see Acts 8:5-6, 26-40; 14:21, 21:8, Eph.4:11-13; 2 Tim 4:5).

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Exhortation: (sometimes called the gift of counseling) the God-given special ability to minister words of comfort, consolation, encouragement and counsel to other members of the Body in a way that feel helped and healed (see Acts 14:22, Rom 12:8, 1 Tim4:13, Heb. 10:25)

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Faith: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God by Stepping out in faith in order to see God's purposes accomplished, trusting him to handle any and all obstacles along the way. (see Acts 11:22-24; 27:21-25; Rom. 4:18-21, 1 Cor. 12:9, Heb. 11).

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Giving: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God by joyfully supporting and funding various kingdom initiatives through material contributions beyond the tithe. (see Mark 12:41-44, Rom. 12:8, 2 Cor. 8:1-7, 9:2-8).

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Healing: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God by healing and restoring to health, beyond traditional and natural means, whose who are sick, hurting, and suffering. (see Acts 3:1-10, 5:12-16, 9:32-35, 28:7-10, 1 Cor. 12:9, 28).

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Helping: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God by Offering others assistance in reaching goals that glorify God and strengthen the body of Christ. (see Mark 15:40-41, Luke 8:2-3, Acts 9:36, Rom. 16:1-2, 1 Cor. 12:28).

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Hospitality: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God by providing others with a warm and welcoming environment for fellowship and connection. (see Acts 16:14-15, Rom. 12:9-13, 16:23, Heb. 13:1-2, 1 Peter 4:9)

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Intercession: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God 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. (see Luke 22:41-44, Acts 12:12, Col. 1:9-12, 4:12-13, 1 Tim. 2:1-2, James 5:14-16).

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Interpretation: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God by understanding, at a specific time, God's message when spoken by another using a special language unknown to the others in attendance. (see 1 Cor. 12:10, 30; 14:13-14; 26-28).

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Knowledge: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God by communicating God's truth to others in a way that promotes justice, honesty, and understanding. (see Acts 5:1-11, 1 Cor. 2:14, 12:8, 2 Cor. 11:6, Col. 2:2-3).

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Leadership: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God by casting vision, stimulating spiritual growth, applying strategies, and achieving success where God's purposes are concerned. (see Luke 9:51, Acts 7:10, 15:7-11, Rom. 12:8, 1 Tim. 5:17, Heb. 13:17).

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Mercy: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God by ministering to those who suffer physically, emotionally, spiritually, or relationally. Their actions are characterized by love, care, compassion, and kindness toward others. (see Matt. 20:29-34, 25:34-40, Mark 9:41, Luke 10:33-35, Acts 11:28-30, 16:33-34, Rom. 12:8).

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Miracles: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God through supernatural acts that bring validity to God and His power. (see Acts 9:36-42, 19:11-20, 20:7-12; Romans 15:18-19; 1 Cor 12:10, 28; 2 Cor. 12:12).

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Missionary: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God to minister whatever other spiritual gifts they have in a second culture. (see Acts 8:4, 13:2-3, 22:21, Rom 10:15, 1 Cor. 9:19-23, Eph. 3:6-8).

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Music: the God-given spiritual ability to praise God through music in such a way as to enhance worship giving others the desire and ability to receive inspiration and comfort through the playing of a musical instrument, singing or dancing. (see 1 Sam:16:14-23, 1 Chron. 9:33, Ps. 34:3, Ps. 150:1-6, Colossians 3:16)

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Pastoring: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God by taking spiritual responsibility for a group of believers and equipping them to live Christ-centered lives. Shepherding is another word used for this gift. (see John 10:1-18, Eph. 4:11-13, 1 Tim. 3:1-7, 1 Pet. 5:1-3).

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Prophecy: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God by offering messages from God that comfort, encourage, guide, warn, or reveal sin in a way that leads to repentance and spiritual growth. The original Greek meaning of this word is “to speak forth the truth.” The gift of prophecy includes both “forth telling” (preaching), and “foretelling” (revelation). (see lk 7:26, Acts 15:32, 21:9-11, Rom. 12:6, 1 Cor. 12:10, 28, Eph. 4:11-13).

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Teaching: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God by teaching sound doctrine in relevant ways, empowering people to gain a sound and mature spiritual education. (see 18:24-28, 20:20-21, Rom. 12:7, 1 Cor.12:28, Eph 4:11-13).

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Tongues: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God (1) to speak to God in a language they have never learned and/or (2) to receive and communicate an immediate message from God to His people in a special language unknown to the speaker. (see Mark 16:17, Acts 2:1-13, 10:44-46, 19:1-7, 1 Cor. 12:10, 28; 14:13-19).

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Wisdom: the God-given special ability to serve and strengthen the people of God by making wise decisions and counseling others with sound advice, all in accordance with God’s will. (see Acts 6:3, 10; 1 Cor. 2:1-13, 12:8, James 1:5-6, 2 Peter 3:15-17).

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Writing: The God-given special ability to formulate thoughts and ideas into meaningful written forms so that the reader will find courage, guidance, knowledge or edification through the words shared with them. (see Luke 1:1-3, 1 John 2:12-14, 1 Timothy 3:14-15)

☐ yes ☐ maybe ☐ no

Note: this glossary is adapted from materials by Erik Rees and C. Peter Wager

Based on your findings, what are your top 3 gifts:

1.
2.
3.

Thinking of your top gifts, how do you see them already being used in your life to bless others?

1st Gift

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- Home_____
 - Work_____
 - Church_____

2nd Gift

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- Home_____
 - Work_____
 - Church_____

3rd Gift

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- Home_____
 - Work_____
 - Church_____