Introducing the gifts of the Spirit

**Experience your spiritual gifts**

**Monday**

Read Romans 11:29, Judges 13-16

No matter what you do, God will never take back His destiny for your life nor the spiritual gifts He has in store for you. **Praise** Him for this!

**Tuesday**

Read 2 Peter 1:3, 1 Kings 3

Your spiritual gifts equip you for your God-given destiny. **Pray** that God would make His plan understandable for you.

**Wednesday**

Read John 4:10, 1 Corinthians 14:1, Matthew 7:11

**Think** about these three steps to receiving your spiritual gifts: know what the gifts are, desire them, and ask for them.

**Thursday**

Read Romans 12:1-6

See if you can **find** 7 requirements to operating in your spiritual gifts, in Romans 12:1-6.

**Friday**

Read Romans 12:6-8, Exodus 35:30-35

God has wonderful spiritual gifts for you that you will love. **Journalize** and **dream** about what those gifts might be.

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**Romans 11:29 New International Version (NIV)**

**29**for God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable.

Your giftings equip you for your calling.

Your calling is your destiny, your reason for being born, your unique way of contributing to the world and making it a better place.

David Livingston - a missionary, explorer who has and continues to inspire 1000s of missionaries to take the truth of Jesus to foreign countries

Mother Teresa - Albanian-Indian Nun who impacted the whole world simply by serving the poorest of the poor. She founded the Missionaries for Charity which now has over 4,500 nuns in 133 countries.

William Wilberforce - a British politician lead the movement to abolish slavery after he became a Christian.

Livingston’s call was to go.

Mother Teresa’s call was to serve.

Wilberforce’s call was to stand up.

What made each of them capable to answer God’s call for them? Their gifts!

Your call and your gifts are very unique.

You are statistically 1 in 33 million.

“Each person has a specific part of God’s personality that has never been seen before and never will be seen again” - San Angelo Chi Alpha podcast.

Rienhard Bonnke: “God is not a duplicator, He is a Creator. God only produces originals…Nobody on earth can serve God exactly as you. You are unique and so is your anointing.”

Bonnke: who passed away last year was missionary to Africa through his missionary crusades lead 79 million people to Christ. God called him for a very unique task and equipped him uniquely with the needed spiritual gifts.

2 Peter 1:3 Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and excellence.

Don’t compare yourself to others or try to be like someone else!

Sampson’s gifts were unique.

David - leader, warrior, song writer, administrator

Solomon - scientist, architect, author, visionary

Moses - judge, eloquent speech-writer, magician

Joseph - administrator, dream-interpreter, leader

Esther - beauty queen, strategist, influencer

Ruth - diligent, risk taker, entrepreneur

Their gifts weren’t for their fame, they were for their God-given destiny in that time of history.

Acts 13:36 New International Version (NIV)

**36**“Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation

How did David do it? With God’s gifts in his life.

You can only see God’s gifts flourish in your life as you are filled with the Holy Spirit. Don’t mistake talents for gifts.

Michael Jackson had talent as an entertainer, but absolutely no spiritual giftings.

Diego Maradona had talent as a soccer player, but absolutely no spiritual giftings.

Pablo Piccasso had incredible talent as an artist, but absolutely no spiritual giftings.

J.K. Rowling has incredible talent as an author, but has absolutely no spiritual giftings.

Can you imagine if these people had chosen Christ and had entered into their destiny and received their unique combination of spiritual gifts?

But better still, can you imagine if you would start letting God’s calling take priority in your life and you started operating in the spiritual gifts God has for you???

If you are called to pastor, God is going to give you pastoral gifts such as the gifts of teaching, administration, discernment.

If God has called you to be an entrepreneur, you might have the gift of leadership and faith (if God tells you can do something, you just believe Him) and generosity.

If God has called you to be a modern day evangelist, you might have the gift of persuasion and public speaking.

If God has called you to be a missionary, maybe God has the gift of learning other languages, the gift of hospitality and an apostolic gift so that you plant multiple churches.

Ex. Of a Ukrainian or Russian church planter who planted over 150 churches.

There is no comprehensive list in scripture of all of God’s spiritual gifts.

Romans 12:6 New International Version (NIV)

**6**We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

God’s grace is infinite and so are the spiritual gifts He gives.

Exodus 35:30-35 New International Version (NIV)

30 Then Moses said to the Israelites, “See, the Lord has chosen (God has called) Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, 31 and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills— 32 to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, 33 to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic crafts. 34 And he has given both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan, the ability to teach others. 35 He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers—all of them skilled workers and designers.

Dallas Jenkins - Director of, “The Chosen.” A gifted movie director.

TobyMac - gifted singer, songwriter, singer, entertainer

With this in mind, let’s begin to look at what the Bible tells us about the gifts of the Spirit, in particular those relating to church.

How can you begin to have the gifts of the Spirit operating in your life?

**John 4:10 New International Version (NIV)**

**10**Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

**1 Corinthians 14:1 New International Version (NIV)**

**14**Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.

**Matthew 7:11 New International Version (NIV)**

**11**If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

3 keys to receiving the gifts of the Spirit:

1. Know about them
2. Desire them
3. Ask for them

Here are 8 other important aspects of operating in the gifts of the Spirit:

**Romans 12 New International Version (NIV)**

**12**Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. **2**Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**3**For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. **4**For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, **5**so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. **6**We have different gifts, according to the grace (don’t earn, receive the gift of grace) given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; **7**if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; **8**if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.