THE 7 SPIRITUAL GIFTS OF THE FATHER

Romans 12:6-8 *- We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is* ***prophesying****, then prophesy in proportion to your faith. If it is* ***serving****, then serve; if it is* ***teaching****, then teach; if it is to* ***encourage (exhort),*** *then give encouragement; if it is* ***giving****, then give generously; if it is to* ***lead (rule)****, do it diligently; if it is to show* ***mercy****, do it cheerfully."*

1. PROPHET

PURPOSE: The gift of the prophet stirs believers towards excellence by calling them higher into Kingdom realities.

CHARACTERISTICS: PURSUES THE HIGHEST AND BEST

Biblical examples: **Silas** *(Acts 15:32)* **Timothy** *(1 Thess 3:2)*

2. SERVANT

PURPOSE: The gift of the servant brings blessing, comfort, and healing by displaying unconditional mercy and grace.

CHARACTERISTICS: HELPS WITHOUT HESITATION

Biblical example: **Jesus** – (*Matthew 20:28)*

3. TEACHER

PURPOSE: The gift of teacher equips believers to walk in truth and pursue the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.

CHARACTERISTICS: SEEKS TRUTH WITH INTEGRITY

Biblical example: **Apostle Paul** – *(Acts 18:19)*

4. EXHORTER

PURPOSE: The gift of the exhorter inspires and motivate others to be steadfast in their faith.

CHARACTERISTICS: INSPIRES OTHERS TO ENJOY THE JOURNEY

Biblical example: **Barnabas** *(Acts 4:36, 11:24)*

5. GIVER

PURPOSE: The gift of the giver increases the capacity of others to steward the abundance of the Father's house.

CHARACTERISTICS: ENLARGES OUR INHERITANCE

Biblical example: **Abraham** *(Genesis 12:1-2)*

6. RULER/LEADER

PURPOSE: The gift of the ruler is to establish godly leadership for greater generational blessing.

CHARACTERISTICS: ESTABLISHES GODLY FOUNDATIONS

Biblical example: **Nehemiah** *(Nehemiah 2:17)*

7. MERCY

PURPOSE: The gift of mercy is to impart a tender heart towards God's creation.

CHARACTERISTICS: DEMONSTRATES THE COMPASSION OF GOD

Biblical example: **David** *(1 Samuel 24:5)*

Have available on screen for the introduction:

Gifts of the FATHER	Gifts of the SON	Gifts of the SPIRIT
Romans 12:3-8	*Ephesians 4:11*	*1 Corinthians 12:4-11*
"Motivational/Redemptive"	*"Five-fold equipping"*	*"Manifestation"*
Prophesying	Apostle	Word of Wisdom
Serving/Helping	Prophet	Work of Knowledge
Teaching	Evangelist	Faith
Exhorting	Pastor	Healing
Giving	Teacher	Miracles
Leadership		Prophecy
Showing Mercy		Distinguishing spirits
		Tongues
		Interpretation

For closing:

Follow up:
1 – Fill out the questionnaires and prayerfully consider your primary gift.
2 – Share with family members or friends for further confirmation.
3 – Seek the Lord in how you can partner with that gift to bless and encourage others.

Ephesians 4:15-16 (ESV) - Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.