

How to Identify Your Spiritual Gifts and Use it for the Glory of God

There are debates as to how many spiritual gifts there are listed in Scripture. Some say there are seven, others say 18 and another says 27. **Regardless of how many spiritual gifts there are, Scripture tells us that all the gifts originate from the same source—God.** Paul writes, “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone” (1 Corinthians 12:4-6).



As Christians, we are each given spiritual gifts by God for the purpose of furthering His kingdom and glorifying Him (1 Corinthians 12:11; Ephesians 4:12; Romans 12:6).

The following is not an exhaustive list of spiritual gifts found in Scripture, but they are ones that are generally recognized by the Evangelical Church:

Spiritual Gifts Categories ¹	What Does it Mean?	What Are the Spiritual Gifts?
Miraculous Gifts	These gifts were exercised in the early church, and some Evangelical Christians believe that these gifts have ceased, while others believe these gifts continue.	Apostle (1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11) Tongues (1 Corinthians 12:10, 28, 30) Interpretation (1 Corinthians 12:10, 30) Miracles (1 Corinthians 12:10, 28) Healing (1 Corinthians 12:9, 28)
Enabling Gifts	These gifts are qualities possessed rather than activities performed. All Christians have the ability to develop all of the enabling gifts.	Faith (1 Corinthians 12:9) Discernment (1 Corinthians 12:10) Wisdom (1 Corinthians 12:8) Knowledge (1 Corinthians 12:8)

¹ <https://churchgrowth.org/how-many-spiritual-gifts-are-there/>

Team Gifts	These gifts are the team or task-oriented gifts for use in daily life and ministry. While everyone has the potential to exercise each of these spiritual gifts to a certain degree, most people will find their strengths in one, two or three of these gifts.	Evangelism (Ephesians 4:11) Prophecy (Romans 12:6; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28) Teaching (Romans 12:7; 1 Corinthians 12:28) Exhortation (Romans 12:8) Shepherding (Ephesians 4:11) Serving (Romans 12:7; 1 Corinthians 12:28) Mercy-showing (Romans 12:8) Giving (Romans 12:8) Administration (Romans 12:8; 1 Corinthians 12:28)
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What is the Best Way to Identify Our Spiritual Gifts from God?

Just start serving! As simple as it sounds, the best way to identify our spiritual gifts from God is to just start serving! Whether as an usher, a Sunday school teacher, a musician, or an AV technician, **by serving God in different areas of ministry, we discover things that we are passionate about, things that we enjoy doing, and things that we are naturally “gifted” to do.**



What Am I to Do after I Find My Spiritual Gifts?

Keep on serving! That’s right, just keep on serving! No two persons have the exact same spiritual gifts, because God made us all unique in His image. For example, a person with the gift of evangelism may travel overseas to share the gospel with unreached people groups, while another person with the exact same gift may serve in their local church. **The point, rather, is to use the spiritual gifts that God has given each of us to serve Him to the best of our ability with excellence.**