

EQUIP

PUTTING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS INTO ACTION

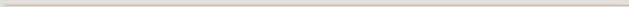
SESSION 2 – COACHED TO SERVE

Session Symbol:



Purpose: To understand the biblical teaching of spiritual gifts and discover your own gifts.

Answers Question:
How Should I Serve?



ROMANS 12 – A LIFE OF SERVICE

- Verse 1, “I urge you ... to offer your bodies as LIVING sacrifices ... which is your spiritual worship.”
- Verse 2, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”
- Verse 3, Do “God’s will, his good, pleasing and perfect will. ... Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought...”
- Verse 4, “We have different GIFTS according to the grace given us.”
- Verse 5, “Each member belongs to all the others.”
- Verses 6–8, “Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us USE them...” (“If ... then...”)

1 CORINTHIANS 12 – SERVING TOGETHER

- Verses 1–3, “Now about the gifts of the Spirit I do not want you to be UNINFORMED...”
- Verses 4–7, “There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them...”
- Verses 8–11, “For to one is given... and to ANOTHER...”
- Verses 12–14, “Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ...”
- Verses 15–19, “Now if the FOOT should say, ‘Because I am not a HAND I do not belong to the body,’ it would not for that reason stop being part of the body...”
- Verses 20–26, “But God has put the body together ... so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.”
- Verses 27–31, “Now YOU are the body of Christ and members individually...”

EPHESIANS 4 – THE WELL-EQUIPPED CHURCH

- Verse 11 say, “He gave some to be [this], some to be [that].”
- He lists five examples, “apostles ... prophets ... evangelists ... pastors and teachers.”
- The five positions in Ephesians 4 are often called “equipping gifts” since they focus on TRAINING members for service.
- Verses 12 and 13 tell us: “To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

SUMMARY ON SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- Romans 12, shows us that EVERY believer is given at least one gift.
- 1 Corinthians 12 reveals that gifts must work together in UNITY.
- And Ephesians 4 explains how God has provided equipping gift-roles to train members in service.
- Gifts function interdependently. We need each other.
- Gifts teach us to value diversity. Our differences make us STRONGER.

COMPLETE INVENTORIES

Make sure you complete:

- The *Spiritual Gifts Inventory* for yourself
- Collected the *Gifts Input Survey* from others

Then transfer the results to page 51 in your Participant's Guide.

10 MINUTE BREAK



LISTING GIFTS: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:8-10

1. WISDOM. It provides GUIDANCE to the church.
2. KNOWLEDGE. It provides TRUTH to the church.
3. FAITH. It builds TRUST in God.
4. HEALING. It provides RESTORATION in the church.
5. MIRACLES. It reveals God's POWER in the church.
6. PROPHECY. It brings CONVICTION to the church.
7. DISCERNMENT. It provides CLARITY in the church.
8. TONGUES. It extends God's MESSAGE beyond the church.
9. INTERPRETATION. It gives MEANING to God's messages to others.



LISTING GIFTS: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:28

10. APOSTLESHIP. It launches **NEW MINISTRIES** for the church.

11. TEACHING. It provides **APPLICATION** of truth to believers in the church.

12. HELPS. It gives **SUPPORT** to other ministries within the church.

13. ADMINISTRATION. It contributes **EFFICIENCY** to the systems within the church.



LISTING GIFTS: ROMANS 12:6-8

14. ENCOURAGEMENT. It extends **AFFIRMATION** to others in the church.

15. GIVING. It provides **RESOURCES** to the church.

16. LEADERSHIP. It contributes **DIRECTION** to the church.

17. MERCY. It extends **CARE** to the church.



LISTING GIFTS: EPHESIANS 4:11, 12

18.EVANGELISM. It extends the GOSPEL to the world.

19.SHEPHERDING. It gives NURTURE to the church.

LISTING GIFTS: EXODUS 31:3

20.CRAFTING / CRAFTSMANSHIP. It provides SKILL to the church.



LISTING GIFTS: PSALM 45:1; 1 CHRON. 25:1

21.ARTISTIC COMMUNICATION. It brings EXPRESSION to God's truth.

LISTING GIFTS: EXODUS 17:9-12

22.INTERCESSORY PRAYER. It gives PROTECTION to the church.

LISTING GIFTS: 1 PETER 4:9

23.HOSPITALITY. It extends ACCEPTANCE within the church.



CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS, P. 328

"The special gifts of the Spirit are not the only talents represented in the parable. It includes all gifts and endowments, whether original or acquired, natural or spiritual. All are to be employed in Christ's service."



WHAT ARE *MY* GIFTS?

Spiritual Gifts Inventory

Gift Input Survey

Gift Affirmation Activity

1. What do you believe are your primary gifts?
2. Why do you think those are your gifts?
3. How do others in your group see your gifts?



NEXT SESSION: CONNECTED TO SERVE

Answers the question: “Where should I serve?”