

Key References:

Luke 24:48-49 (ESV)

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

1 Corinthians 12:1 (ESV)

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.

1 Corinthians 12:3 (ESV)

³[...] and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:7–11 (ESV)

⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 - Talents vs. gifting

We all have different talents. If you could pick any new talent to have instantly what would it be?

What's the difference between a natural talent & a spiritual gift? (1 Cor 12:11)

Read Luke 24:48-49. In what way as a Christian do you feel that you have been clothed with power?

From 1 Corinthians 12:1 what do you think we miss out on when we are "uninformed" about Spiritual Gifts? Do you feel "uninformed"?

2 - Who gets the gifts

Why was is important for Paul to include verse 3 before talking about **Spiritual Gifts?** (Every Christian has the Holy Spirit, thus qualifying us for the gifts)

Read 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 through the different gifts. Why is it so easy to disqualify oneself from having any of them?

Who is qualified to receive Spiritual Gifts?

Does scripture leave space for some Christians not to have any gifts whatsoever?

3 - Your gifting

Do you know or have you ever been told what your Spiritual Gifts are?

How do you find out what your Spiritual Gifts are? Is it important to know what your specific gifting's are?

Scripture uses the phrase "the manifestation of the Spirit" in verse 7. **Why does it use the word "manifestation" in relation to Spiritual Gifts?**

4 - Serving others through our gifting

Verse 7 also says "for the common good". Using the list of gifts in verse 8-10 what do you think church would be like if everyone stepping into their gifting more?

God gives us gifts not to exalt ourselves but to exalt others. **Reading 1 Peter 4:10 how can you use your gift as a serving opportunity?**

How have you been blessed by someone else's Spiritual Gifting?