



Key References:

1 Corinthians 14:1 (NIV)

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

Romans 12:6–8 - Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Giving, Leadership, Mercy.

1 Corinthians 12:8–10 - *Word of wisdom, Word of knowledge, Faith, Gifts of healings, Miracles, Prophecy, Distinguishing between spirits, Tongues, Interpretation of tongues.*

1 Corinthians 12:28–30 - *Apostle, Prophet, Teacher, Miracles, Kinds of healings, Helps, Administration, Tongues.*

Ephesians 4:11 - *Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher.*

1 Peter 4:11 - *Whoever speaks, Whoever renders service.*

1 Peter 4:8–11 (NIV)

⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

On Sunday Wes said; *“every time the gifts are brought up love is also brought up with it.”* **How did Wes unpack how love and the gifts are connected? Can we grow in the gifts without also growing in love?**

Read 1 Corinthians 14:1. **What does it mean to eagerly desire? What would you need to change for you to be eagerly desiring the gifts?**

What are the different spiritual gifts? Who gives them? (See References)

What spiritual gifts do you think the others in the group have? How do you know what your spiritual gifts might be?

Does Oceanside teach differently about spiritual gifts than another church you've been a part of? Why does our church highlight them in our vision and values?

Wes said that spiritual gifts are meant for glory. **How are the gifts used for the glory of God in different ways?**

Read Matthew 10:41. **How did Wes unpack this verse on Sunday regarding the gifts?**

Read Romans 12:3-5. **How does our view of the gifts change when we think that: “this is not my gift. This is a gift that was given to me for the bettering of everyone else”? How is Romans 12:3-5 calling you to use your gifts?**

Wes quoted Bill Johnson saying; *“if you knew what God had called you to, you never want to be anyone else.”* **What does this truth make us want to do?**

Wes said; *“We shouldn't see the gifts as a destination, but as tools for getting God's love into people.”* **How do the gifts achieve this?**

Wes said he had this thought that he couldn't shake; *“that every single gift has a graveyard.”* **What did he mean? How do each of the gifts bring life into dead situations?**

Extra References:

We desire the Gifts of the Spirit to be manifest in and through our lives on an individual and corporate basis as we function as the body under the headship of Christ. – **Oceanside Vision & Values**

1 Corinthians 12:1-3 (AMP)

Now about the spiritual gifts [the special endowments given by the Holy Spirit], brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were led off after speechless idols; however you were led off [whether by impulse or habit]. ³Therefore I want you to know that no one speaking by the [power and influence of the] Spirit of God can say, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is [my] Lord,” except by [the power and influence of] the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are [distinctive] varieties of spiritual gifts [special abilities given by the grace and extraordinary power of the Holy Spirit operating in believers], but it is the same Spirit [who grants them and empowers believers]. ⁵And there are [distinctive] varieties of ministries and service, but it is the same Lord [who is served]. ⁶And there are [distinctive] ways of working [to accomplish things], but it is the same God who produces all things in all believers [inspiring, energizing, and empowering them]. ⁷But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit [the spiritual illumination and the enabling of the Holy Spirit] for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the [Holy] Spirit [the power to speak] the message of wisdom, and to another [the power to express] the word of knowledge and understanding according to the same Spirit; ⁹to another [wonder-working] faith [is given] by the same [Holy] Spirit, and to another the [extraordinary] gifts of healings by the one Spirit; ¹⁰and to another the working of ¹¹miracles, and to another prophecy [foretelling the future, speaking a new message from God to the people], and to another discernment of spirits [the ability to distinguish sound, godly doctrine from the deceptive doctrine of man-made religions and cults], to another various kinds of [unknown] tongues, and to another interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these things [the gifts, the achievements, the abilities, the empowering] are brought about by one and the same [Holy] Spirit, distributing to each one individually just as He chooses.

Matthew 10:41 (ESV)

⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward.

Romans 12:3–5 (NIV)

³For 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. ⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

“I want to encourage us this morning; that every single one of us has a gift. [And,] The designation of a gift is to bring glory. Every gift you have is for glory. And if we’re not giving that glory to God we’re probably using it for ourselves. And when it comes to our meetings every single person has a gift that was designed to be released in our meetings.” –

Wes on Sunday

“This morning I want to encourage you that there is an opportunity in our midst every single time, where we don’t just show up in this building to say: “oh, what am I going to get from God today? What am I going to receive from the person who’s talking this morning? How was the worship? It was ok.” And then we walk away and we think “yeah, I could do that again, maybe”. Or, “I’m going to change churches because I’m just not getting fed.” Hold the phone...! You have a spiritual gift and God has called you to release that spiritual gift in body that you are a part of. Your gift was designed for Sunday service.” – **Wes on Sunday**

“The Kingdom is less about ability and more about availability. When the pursuit of our lives flows out of the overflow of God’s love for us, everything he puts in our hands will be a tool to glorify Him and to serve others.” – **Wes on Sunday**