



Spiritual Gift
CONTEMPLATION

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4 Now there are **varieties** of **gifts**, but the **same Spirit**; 5 and there are **varieties** of **service**, but the **same Lord**; 6 and there are **varieties** of **activities**, but it is the **same God who empowers them all in everyone**. 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**. 12 For just as the **body is one** and has **many members**, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in **one Spirit** we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of **one Spirit**. 14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot should say, **Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body**, that would not make it any less a part of the body. (1 Cor. 12)

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And **God has appointed** in the church first **apostles**, second **prophets**, third **teachers**, then **miracles**, then gifts of **healing, helping, administrating**, and various kinds of **tongues**. 29 **Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?** 30 **Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?** 31 But earnestly **desire the higher gifts.**(1 Cor. 12)

3 For by the grace given to me I say to **everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think**, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in **one body** we have **many members**, and **the members do not all have the same function**, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 **Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them:** if **prophecy**, in proportion to our faith; 7 if **service**, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his **teaching**; 8 the one who exhorts, in his **exhortation**; the one who **contributes**, in generosity; the one who **leads**, with zeal; the one who does acts of **mercy**, with cheerfulness.

(Rom. 12)

10 **As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:** 11 whoever **speaks**, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever **serves**, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order **that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.** To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Pet. 4)

A Few Reminders

from Rom. 12, 1 Cor. 12 and 1 Pet. 4

- Everything you do well can be considered a gift from God/the Spirit, something to be stewarded for God's purposes.
- God/ the Spirit grants these abilities according to His own desire/ will.
- There are a variety of these abilities. No list or combination of lists in Scripture capture all of them.

- These myriad of abilities serve the same purpose: glorifying God/ serving others.
- Everyone is gifted. Everyone contributes. Everyone is good at something.
- No one has to be good at what "everyone else" is good at. No gifting is superior to or inferior to another.

1 - God, through his Spirit, makes it possible for each of us to do things that benefit "the common good."

What are three things I'm good at (even if they are different from what others are good at)?

(alternatively, what would friends/ family say you're good at?)

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

2 - God invites us to see these abilities as "gifts," a form of his grace given to us. Take a moment to thank God for each of these abilities:

a. Thank you for the gift of

b. Thank you for the gift of

c. Thank you for the gift of

3 - How might each of these benefit other people (e.g., "the common good")?

a. My ability to _____ helps others by

b. My ability to _____ helps others by

c. My ability to _____ helps others by

4 - Although each person's abilities come from the same Spirit and are empowered by the same Spirit, we tend to either overvalue or undervalue our own expression of these abilities.

a. One way I tend to overvalue my ability to _____ is _____.

b. One way I tend to undervalue my ability to _____ is _____.

5 - Although each person's abilities come from the same Spirit and are empowered by the same Spirit, we tend to either overvalue or undervalue our own expression of these abilities.

- a. Because I'm not good at _____ I've sometimes neglected that fact that I'm good at _____.
- b. My church/ community seems to value people who are good at _____ but I'm really better at _____.

6 - God calls us "stewards" of these abilities, implying we are use them to their very best potential. Stewarding might involve becoming aware of how needs in your church/ community connect with your abilities.

- a. My ability to _____ could help meet the need for _____ in my church/ community.
- b. My ability to _____ could help meet the need for _____ in my church/ community.
- c. My ability to _____ could help meet the need for _____ in my church/ community.

7 - God calls us "stewards" of these abilities, implying we are use them to their very best potential. Stewarding might involve becoming aware of how you might improve your abilities.

a. My ability to _____ could be improved by _____.

b. My ability to _____ could be improved by _____.

c. My ability to _____ could be improved by _____.