

**Center Grove Presbyterian Church**  
**Spiritual Gifts Class – “Discover Your Gifts and Learn How to Use Them”**  
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**SESSION 1: CHRIST AND HIS GIFTS**

We learn about Spiritual Gifts in 1 Cor. 12, Romans 12, Eph. 4, AND 1 Peter 4  
Consider what 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 & 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 say

**7 basic biblical principles about Spiritual Gifts?**

**1) Christ gives Spiritual Gifts through the Holy Spirit**

1 Cor. 12: 7-8a; 11; Eph. 4: 11-12

**2) Spiritual Gifts are given to EACH believer**

1 Cor. 12:3; 7; 1 Peter 4:10

**3) Spiritual Gifts are gifts of God’s grace**

Romans 12:6a; Eph. 4:7; 1 Peter 4:10

**4) The Spirit gives many different gifts**

Romans 12:6a; 1 Cor. 8-10; 28 (the biblical gifts listed are not an exhaustive list of gifts)

**5) Spiritual Gifts are to be used for the benefit of others**

1 Cor. 12:7; Eph. 4:12; 1 Peter 4:10

**6) Gifted believers are part of the body of Christ**

1 Cor. 12: 12-14; 27; Romans 12:5

**7) Spiritual gifts must be used in love**

1 Cor. 13: 1-3 (right after the Spiritual Gifts chapter)

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE: special abilities given by Christ through the Holy Spirit to empower believers for the ministries of the body.**

Another way of saying “special abilities” is to say that these are “supernatural abilities”.

Christ, from His throne in Heaven, continues to be active in this world through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. One way that Christ continues to exercise His authority is to work IN and THROUGH His FOLLOWERS by providing them with unique powers/gifts for ministry. With these gifts FOLLOWERS accomplish Christ’s tasks on earth and exercise His authority over the powers of darkness.

Power from the HS translates into ability or competence that causes the gifted person to act.

This power is given as a continuing operation within the believer, NOT something delivered once for all to a believer.

**EVERY BELIEVER HAS ONE OR MORE SPIRITUAL GIFTS!!!**

The HS gives Spiritual Gifts to the body of Christ for at least three reasons:

- 1) That Christians may minister to each other in the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:7; 1 Pt 4:10)
- 2) That the Church may be built up – grow in unity and maturity in Christ (Eph 4: 11-16)
- 3) That God may be glorified (1 Peter 4:11)

### **The Spiritual Gift of ADMINISTRATION (1 Cor. 12:28)**

This is the special Spirit-given ability to design and execute a plan of action through which a number of believers are enabled to work effectively together to do the Lord's work.

The administrator is a PEOPLE organizer. The gifted administrator is able to get things done through people by directing, motivating, and coordinating their activities. One gifted as an administrator provides insight into other people's spiritual gifting as well as natural talent, which allows for placing people who *want* to minister in a particular way together with those who *need* just this ministry. These are well connected people in the Church.

A biblical model - Nehemiah (Nehemiah 4: 11-13, 16-23)

### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SPIRITUALLY GIFTED ADMINISTRATOR

Do these characteristics describe you? If so, you may be Spiritually Gifted in this area.

- Able to organize ideas, tasks, people, and time to achieve an objective.
- Able to make effective plans to achieve goals.
- Have a sense for delegating important tasks to the right people at the right time.
- You like to plan things in which people are involved.
- Would enjoy giving direction to a church ministry.
- Have a sense for how and when projects or ministries need to be better organized.
- You are a good decision maker and problem solver.

### WAYS TO USE THE GIFT OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE CHURCH

- Serve as a committee member (CE, Missions, WIC and subcommittees)
- Help coordinate a ministry or committee
- Be a committee chairperson
- Help organize and plan a ministry
- SS superintendent

### **The Spiritual Gift of LEADERSHIP (Romans 12:8)**

The special Spirit-given ability to lead others by seeing and casting a vision, setting and communicating goals, and inspiring and directing people to work together toward those goals. In the Church setting, those Spiritually gifted in leadership *go first* and lead by example, so that others are motivated to follow. Those with this gift are quick to identify problems and *show by doing* how to minister to those in need.

A biblical model – again, Nehemiah (Nehemiah 2: 11-20; 4:14)

### WAYS TO USE THE GIFT OF LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH

- Be a chair of a committee – Missions, Christian Education, WIC; lead a missions trip (Lummi, Mexico City, Biloxi); chair of various WIC sub-committees (hospitality, compassion, decorating, nursery, Spiritual formation, etc.)
- Help lead a new ministry like the Good News Club
- Serve as an officer in the Church – Ruling Elder, Deacon
- Youth leadership team
- Director of different ministries – Children's Worship, VBS, Kids Quest, Pioneer Club, Good News Club