



MONTHLY PRACTICE: SPIRITUAL GIFTS

OVERVIEW

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

1 Peter 4:10

Spiritual gifts are the unique ways that the Holy Spirit works through you supernaturally to accomplish the mission of Jesus. They are the visible effect of God's grace in our lives, enabling us to demonstrate his love to others. When we all utilize the gifts God has given each of us, we make his love more evident to one another.

[Overview Video](https://youtu.be/ElWGrmwRswI)

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God always provides the power to accomplish his plans.

WEEKLY GUIDES

WEEK 1

PRE-MEETING PREPARATION

- Make sure you have access to the overview video and are able to play that for the group.
- Review the Discussion Highlights for your reference.
- Read through the Group and Individual Practices.

*Discussion Highlights for reference: **The Purpose of Gifts***

- The power of God is for the mission of God.
- Spiritual gifts are the outworking of God's love and grace.
- God has designed you to represent him uniquely.

Connection Time - 20 Minutes

Sermon Review - 20 Minutes

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Group Application - 40 Minutes

- **Group practice - do this together in Group**
 - Watch the overview video together, then engage in discussion.
 - **REVIEW** the Discussion Highlights for this week.
 - **REVIEW** list of spiritual gifts & descriptions.
 - **ASK:** What has been your experience with or understanding of spiritual gifts, if any?
 - **ASK:** How have you seen God move when you have reached out to help someone? What might that reveal about your spiritual gifts?
 - **REVIEW** the memory verse and other resources for the month.
- **Individual practice - to do on your own throughout the week**
 - Watch the [Core resource](#) and take the [spiritual gift assessment](#).

Pray - 10 Minutes

WEEK 2

PRE-MEETING PREPARATION

- Review the highlights for your reference.
- Read through the Group and Individual Practices.

*Discussion Highlights for reference: **A Community of Gifts***

- We need every gift to accomplish the mission.
- My gifts are not for my benefit, but for the benefit of others.
- We need one another in order to see Jesus for who he really is.

Connection Time - 20 Minutes

Sermon Review - 20 Minutes

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Group Application - 40 Minutes

- **Group practice - do this together in Group**
 - **REVIEW** the previous week's individual practice. Share the results of your spiritual gifts assessment.
 - **REVIEW** the Discussion Highlights for this week.
 - Allow each person in the group to encourage another group member and share how he or she sees God working through their life. Try to focus on the unique gifts and value you see them bringing to the kingdom.
 - **ASK:** How has God used other people's gifts to encourage you and build you up?
 - **ASK:** What spiritual gifts would you like to learn more about?
 - **REVIEW** the memory verse and other resources for the month.
- **Individual practice - to do on your own throughout the week**
 - Read through 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. Using the spiritual gifts assessment and the feedback from your group this week, make a practical list of how your gifts might encourage someone else.

Pray - 10 Minutes

WEEK 3

PRE-MEETING PREPARATION

- Review the highlights for your reference.
- Read through the Group and Individual Practices.

Discussion Highlights for reference: **The Use of Gifts**

- Spiritual gifts should not draw attention to ourselves, but to Jesus.
- The fruit of the Spirit should always accompany the gifts of the Spirit.
- God is more concerned with your willingness to serve than with how gifted you are.

Connection Time - 20 Minutes

Sermon Review - 20 Minutes

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Group Application - 40 Minutes

- **Group practice - do this together in Group**
 - **REVIEW** the previous week's individual practice.
 - **REVIEW** the Discussion Highlights for this week.
 - Choose one or two people in the group and pray over them. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead the group in their prayers, encouragements and blessings.
 - **ASK:** Why is it important to utilize our gifts with the right attitude and motivation? What is the effect of using your gifts with the wrong purpose?
 - **ASK:** How can you order your life, schedule and resources to best position yourself to serve others?
 - **REVIEW** the memory verse and other resources for the month.
- **Individual practice - to do on your own throughout the week**
 - Using your list from last week, ask God to put someone on your heart, and serve them utilizing your gift(s).

Pray - 10 Minutes

WEEK 4

PRE-MEETING PREPARATION

- Decide in advance what you will do this week for the Group Practice. This can be anything that builds community and relationship. If your group missed a week, you can also use this week to make up for previous content.

Connection time - 20 Minutes

Sermon review - 20 Minutes

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Group time - 40 Minutes

- **REVIEW** the previous week's individual practice.
- In addition to the usual connection time and sermon review, use this week's meeting to foster community and deepen relationships.
- **REVIEW** the memory verse and other resources for the month.

Pray - 10 Minutes

MONTHLY PRACTICE SUMMARY

The gifts of the Holy Spirit help us accomplish God's mission, bless God's people and demonstrate God's character.

CORPORATE CHALLENGE

Make an intentional effort to show love and grace toward someone this month. *This could be anything from writing a card, to helping with a project, to praying for a miracle—ask God to show you who, and then to show you how!*

RESOURCES

MEMORY VERSE

"A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other."

1 Corinthians 12:7

BOOKS

- [*The Beginner's Guide to Spiritual Gifts*](#). Sam Storms.
- [*Practicing the Power*](#). Sam Storms.

DEFINITION SERMONS

- [Good Faith](#) – 5/30/21

OTHER RESOURCES

- [CORE Resources: Spiritual Gifts](#)
 - <https://youtu.be/4ibU0YpZ2Uc>
- [Spiritual Gifts Survey](#)

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DESCRIPTIONS AND EXAMPLES

1 CORINTHIANS 12:8-10

- Wisdom
 - The gift of wisdom is when someone has a supernatural ability to deeply understand and guide a matter. Words of wisdom are given to help people make honorable decisions and live in God's blessing.
 - Examples: Matthew 10:19-20, Luke 20:20-26, Acts 4:13
- Knowledge
 - The gift of knowledge is when someone knows something they could not without God's informing. Words of knowledge are given to show people that God sees them, knows them and understands them.
 - Examples: Luke 5:21-22, John 4:16-18
- Faith
 - The gift of faith is when someone is given a supernatural ability to trust in, and act on, God's promises. Faith is given to demonstrate God's faithfulness and show others how to trust God more deeply.
 - Examples: Matthew 14:25-31, Acts 6:1-8, Acts 11:19-24

- Healing
 - Gifts of healing are when the power of God heals someone's body supernaturally. Healing gifts are given to reveal the hope of heaven and help people experience God's love in a tangible way.
 - Examples: Matthew 15:30-31, Mark 10:46-52, Acts 3:2-7
- Miracles
 - The gift of miracles is when God intervenes in the natural order of things. Miracles are given to reveal God's sovereignty, strength and character.
 - Examples: Luke 8:22-25, Matthew 14:13-21, Acts 19:11-12
- Prophecy
 - The gift of prophecy is when God speaks to and through someone with supernatural truth and power. Prophecy is given to build up, inspire and comfort people with God's truth, and equip them to live it out.
 - Examples: Matthew 16:15-19, Mark 10:32-34, Acts 15:32
- Discernment
 - The gift of discerning spirits is when someone is able to understand the spiritual motivations and activity of a moment. Spiritual discernment is given to eliminate confusion, establish peace and engage in healthy spiritual warfare.
 - Examples: Matthew 22:16-18, John 2:23-25
- Tongues
 - The gift of tongues is when someone is enabled to speak an unknown language. Tongues are given to help people align their hearts with the Holy Spirit, expand their faith, and hear God more clearly.
 - Examples: Mark 16:17-18, Acts 10:44-48, Acts 19:6
- Interpretation
 - The gift of interpretation is when God reveals to one person the meaning of another person's gift of tongues. Interpretation is given to show the unity and interdependence of the Holy Spirit's gifts, and to share the blessing of tongues with others.
 - Examples: 1 Corinthians 14:26-28

ROMANS 12:6-8

- Helping
 - The gift of helping (or serving) is when someone is given a supernatural capacity for serving and supporting others, regardless of the task. Helping is given to catalyze the mission and show the active humility of Jesus.
- Leadership
 - The gift of leadership is when someone is able to gather, mobilize and develop people. Leadership is given to unite and maximize God's people.