

## “SPIRITUAL GIFTS”

*“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 NASB*

Many of us really enjoy working with our hands. Some enjoy cooking a fabulous meal for dinner guests, others may enjoy being outdoors in the garage working on a car or a handy project. When we are in the midst of getting a job done, there is something about having the right tool. If we walk into the kitchen of a master chef, or browse through the high-end home stores there seems to be an appliance or utensil for everything. There seems to be an endless array of tools and gadgets designed for a unique, specific purpose. We can generally get the job done without them, but it’s just not the same. There is something about having the right tool at the right time. In the same way, God has created us as His people, like the different types of tools and utensils. All of us are unique but each created for a different purpose. And God gets joy out of using us for the purpose He has prepared. What I love about 1 Corinthians 12:4 is that we all have unique gifts. Some gifts work large and broad tasks and others are for delicate and fine tasks, but all of them are of the same Spirit. So just because the gifts are different they are equally vital. The only way to use these gifts is in the church. This means we need each other. Our purpose in life is to use our gifts for each other, and we all have something to offer!

Question: Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? Here is a short list of gifts. Feel free to ask questions about these gifts.

<b>Romans 12</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 12</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exhortation</li> <li>2. Giving</li> <li>3. Leadership</li> <li>4. Mercy</li> <li>5. Prophecy</li> <li>6. Service</li> <li>7. Teaching</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Administration</li> <li>2. Apostle</li> <li>3. Discernment</li> <li>4. Faith</li> <li>5. Healing</li> <li>6. Helps</li> <li>7. Knowledge</li> <li>8. Miracles</li> <li>9. Prophecy</li> <li>10. Teaching</li> <li>11. Tongues</li> <li>12. Tongues Interpretation</li> <li>13. Wisdom</li> </ol>