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John 14:16,17.

“This is the air I breathe; this is the air I breathe...your Holy presence living in me...” The soloist raises a hand gracefully in honor and humble reverence to God. A congregation of hundreds sits spellbound by her beautiful voice. And finally, the last note lingers and then disappears soundlessly in unbroken silence. The soloist clasps her hands in humble gratitude as praises and applause resound gloriously throughout the sanctuary. She does not clasp her hands in the gratitude for the congregation’s appreciation; she bows her head and clasps her hands in self-effacing gratitude to God. Her gift, given to her by God through the Holy Spirit, has the power to move others. Her beautiful voice brings her joy because she can use it to honor God.

When we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, God sends the Holy Spirit to abide in us, to bring us our spiritual gifts so that we may honor God in a way that is natural to us and pleasing to God. Honoring God is not work. Honoring God through the natural spiritual gifts that He has given you is pleasing to you as well as Him.

Before Jesus departed from His disciples and returned to heaven, he told them that we would send another Helper. That Helper is the Holy Spirit. In John 14:16-17 it states; “And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him

because He abides with you, and will be in you.”

To each one who has been born again, the Holy Spirit gives one or more spiritual gifts. These gifts are used for the building and support of the Body of Christ. There are two types of spiritual gifts. The first type is charismatic or sensational gifts. The second type is motivational gifts.

1. The first types of gifts are taught to us in 1 Corinthians 12. Paul discusses the variety of gifts given to different people. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7. *“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.”*

- 1.1. List the types of charismatic gifts discussed in 1 Corinthians 12:8-11.

- 1.2. Are these gifts in use today? _____

- 1.3. Diversity is a key concept in the Body of Christ. No single individual is given all of the gifts but we all have the same Lord. Read 1 Corinthians 12:18-20. *“But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. / If they were all one member, where would the body be? / But now there are many members, but one body.”* _____

- 1.4. Should there be division within the body? Read 1 Corinthians 12:25. _____

- 1.5. The Lord also provides our church leaders. Read 1 Corinthians 12:28. _____

- 1.6. Of the gifts listed above, which are in general use today? _____



2. The **motivational** gifts are the gifts that we want to spend most of our time discussing. What are the motivational gifts? . Read Romans 12:6-8. There are seven motivational gifts, please list below.

2.1. _____

2.2. _____

2.3. _____

2.4. _____

2.5. _____

2.6. _____

2.7. _____

3. How are these gifts to be exercised? Also Read Romans 12:9-21

4. What is the main purpose of spiritual gifts? Read Ephesians 4:12. - or the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

5. What is our responsibility regarding our spiritual gifts? Read 1 Peter 4:10. *“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”*



6. What is your spiritual gift? It is important to know. There are several tests that one can take to help determine your spiritual gift. One of those tests is below. You need to know how God has gifted you because the way in which you respond to others, whether in your daily routine or in a specific area of Christian service, will be influenced by the unique spiritual gift the Holy Spirit has chosen for you. However as you discover your gift, it does not mean you must be involved in an area of ministry specific to your gift. It is entirely possible that God may call you to an area of service where you can use your gift in a different way. For example, your gift may be teaching but you may not be called to teach, rather you may find yourself in a counseling position or as a church librarian.

Below is a questionnaire which will give an indication of your gift. As you prayerfully evaluate the list, answer the questions from this standpoint – **“Does this really give me fulfillment and excitement?”** Rather than **“This is what I am doing now, therefore this must be my gift.”**

Complete the questionnaire by choosing one attribute from each line (1-10) that you believe is the most true and motivational for you. Add up the number of attributes you have chosen in each column (A-G). Most people will have attributes in two or more columns but with one dominating. Again, look at each word in each line, beginning with Line 1 and select (check-mark) the one word that most applies to you. Then move on to the other lines. Limit your check marks to one per line (there are a total of ten lines). At the bottom, add up the total checks in each column. See **Appendix D** for answer key.

	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F	Column G
Line 1	_Unerring	_Server	_Truthful	_Motivational	_Sensitive	_Visionary	_Frugal
Line 2	_Unaccepting	_Efficient	_Knowledgeable	_Counselor	_Intolerant	_Goal-oriented	_Investor
Line 3	_Perceptive	_Dedicated	_Skeptical	_Understanding	_Caring	_Manager	_Moneymaker
Line 4	_Discerning	_Considerate	_Diagnostic	_Planner	_Befrinding	_Delegate	_Giver
Line 5	_Responsible	Observant	_Thinker	_Impatient	_Understanding	_Resoureful	_Secret
Line 6	_Unforgiving	_Concise	_Researcher	_Practical	Accepting	_Endure	_Overzealous
Line 7	_Objective	_Matyr	_Factual	_Encourager	_Passive	_Loyalist	_Effective
Line 8	_Bold	_Self-sacrificing	_Listener	_Spontaneous	_Sharing	_Organizer	_Fearful
Line 9	_Judgemental	_Perfectionist	_Honest	_Storeyteller	_Idealistic	_Inspired	_Give All
Line 10	_Long-Suffering	_Appreciated	_Studious	_Short-sighted	_Ponder	_Steady	_Needed
Totals							

9. **Role play.** Suppose you know of someone who needs a **serious medical operation**. How might each gift respond?

Gift	Probable Response
Prophecy	
Serving	
Teaching	
Exhortation	
Giving	
Organization	
Mercy	

10. **Role play.** Suppose you know someone who is having a serious legal disagreement with another Christian. How might each gift respond?

Gift	Probable Response
Prophecy	
Serving	
Teaching	
Exhortation	
Giving	
Organization	
Mercy	

Which Biblical figure most characterizes each gift?

Gift	Biblical Figure
Prophecy	Peter
Serving	Timothy
Teaching	Luke
Exhortation	Paul
Mercy	John
Giving	Matthew
Organization	Nehemiah

11. We must keep in mind that not being gifted in a particular area does not excuse us from participating in other areas of ministry. Fill in the following chart to understand our responsibilities more clearly.

Gift	Bible Verse
Prophecy	2 Peter 1:20-21
Serving	Galatians 5:13
Teaching	Matthew 28:20
Exhortation	Hebrews 10:25
Mercy	Ephesians 4:32
Giving	Ephesians 4:32
Organization	Nehemiah 2:17-18

During the week read/sing the following song as a reminder of this lesson.

Take my Life and Let it be - Frances R. Havergal

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee, take my voice and let me sing always only for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for Thee. Take my silver and my gold - not a mite would I withhold. Take my love, my God I pour, at Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself - and I will be ever, only all for Thee, ever, only all for thee



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