

To get the most out of this series...

You need to identify your spiritual gift(s).

Let God <u>use</u> you.

Be involved with others.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit are not...

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." *Acts 2:38*

Gifts of the Holy Spirit are not...

"...you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise..." *Ephesians 1:13*

Gifts of the Holy Spirit are not...

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control ..."

Galatians 5:22-23

Definition

A spiritual gift is a supernatural <u>ability</u> or a natural <u>talent</u> given by <u>God</u> to every <u>believer</u> for the purpose of <u>serving</u> others under the direction of the <u>Holy Spirit</u>.

There are four primary lists

1 Corinthians 12

Romans 12:3-8

Ephesians 4:7-13

1 Peter 4:7:11

I Corinthians 12 & Romans 12:3-8

Apostles Knowledge Prophecy

Prophets Wisdom Service

Teachers Faith Teaching

Miracles Helps Exhortation

Healings Administration Giving

Tongues Discernment Leading

Interpretation Showing mercy

Ephesians 4:7-13 & 1 Peter 4:7-11

Apostles

Prophets

Evangelists

Pastors

Teachers

Speaking

Serving

The Most Common "Gifts"

Criticism
Sarcasm
"Spectatorism"

These are found in Hezekiah 6:66.

Other "gifts"

Craftsmanship Celibacy Hospitality Martyrdom Voluntary poverty Missionary Intercession

What's the significance of the gifts?

"As **each one** has received a *special* gift,..." (1 Peter 4:10)

"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, **each of us** is to exercise them accordingly..." (Romans 12:6)

"But to **each one** of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift." (Ephesians 4:7)

Availability of Spiritual Gifts

We all have at least <u>one</u> spiritual gift.

What is the purpose of spiritual gifts?

"...employ it in serving one another as good stewards..." 1 Peter 4:10

We are to <u>serve</u> one another.

The outcome of serving one another

"...for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ."

Ephesians 4:12-13

Building the Body

To "build the body" means:

unity among believers

knowing Jesus better

maturity or depth of character

being fully <u>alive</u> in Christ

The ultimate purpose of the gifts

"...so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ..." 1 Peter 4:11

Greek Lesson

The Greek word for "gift" is "charismata".

It means "gifts of grace".

How to use your spiritual gifts?

"For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think..."

Romans 12:3

We are to exercise humility in our ministries.

Important Points

All of the gifts are important.

They are all needed for the church to grow.

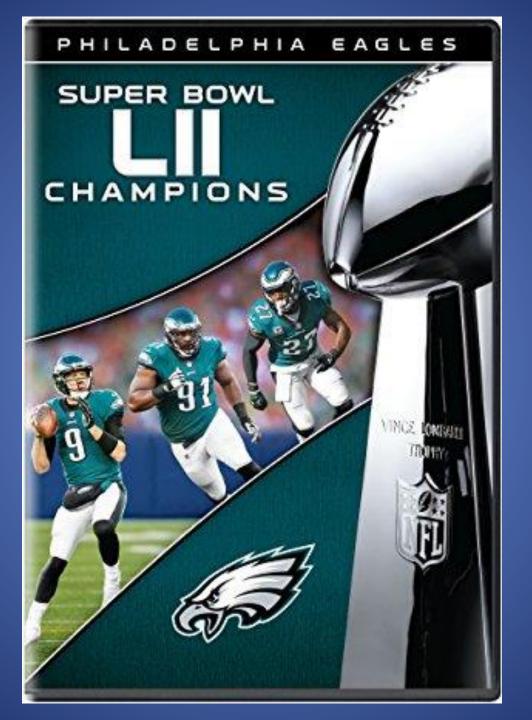
All Christians are important because of the role they play in the church.

Then What?

Sunday October 21st

Spiritual gift inventory test that will help you identify your spiritual gift or gifts

Discussion about the result and how we can use them at CVC



Tim Keller Quote

"If we are made in God's image, and He is three persons – then at our fundamental core we are made for community."

Community

We need to be in close <u>contact</u> with other believers in order to <u>use</u> our gifts to <u>benefit</u> one another.