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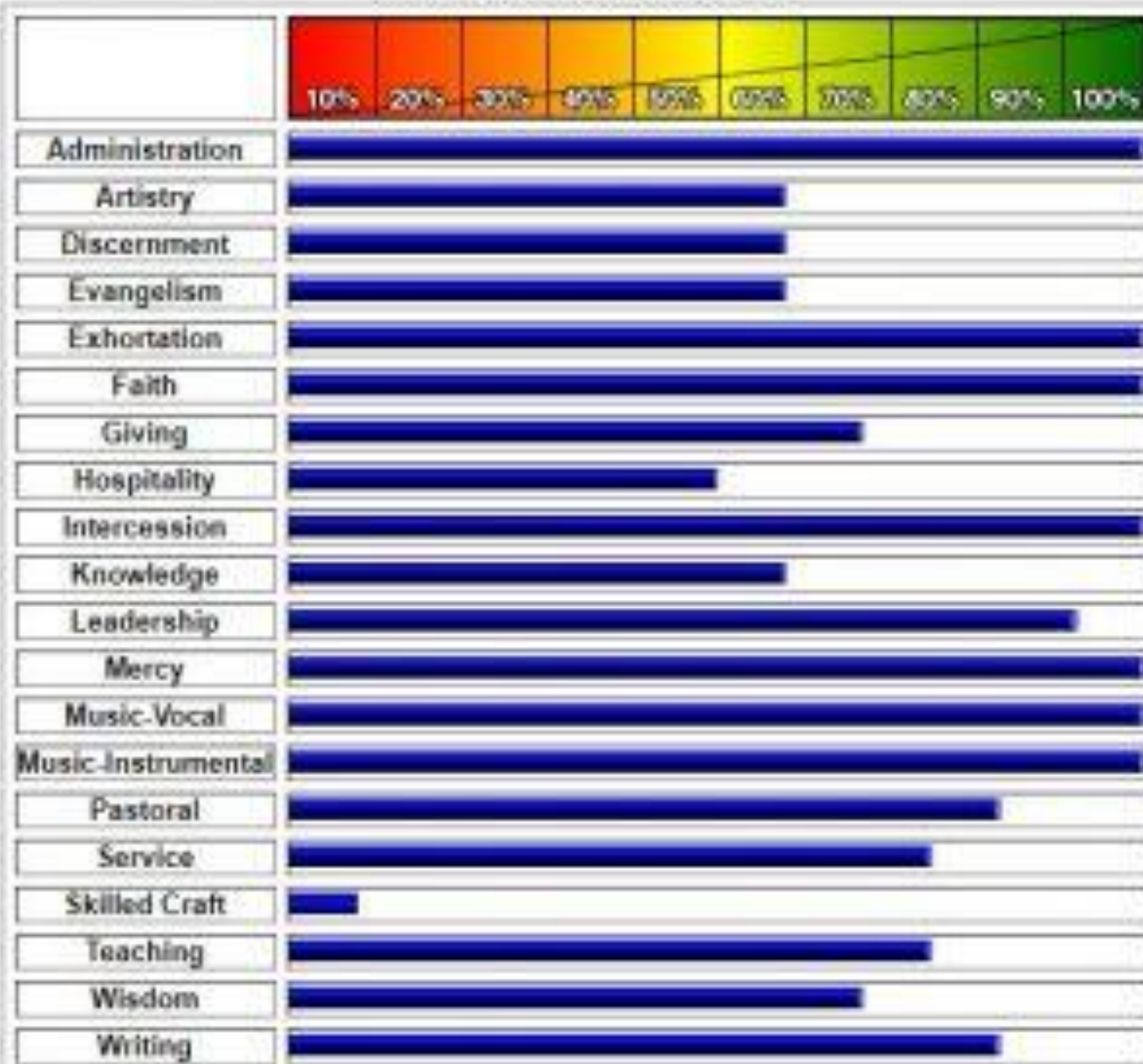
A spiritual gift is a supernatural ability or a natural talent given by God to every believer for the purpose of serving others under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

We all have at least one gift

“As each one has received a  
*special* gift...”

*1 Peter 4:10*

## Your Assessment Results:





# We are responsible to God

“As each one has received a  
*special* gift...

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

# Gifts are used for the common good

“...to train Christ’s followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ’s body, the church, until we’re all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God’s Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

*Ephesians 4:12-13, The Message*

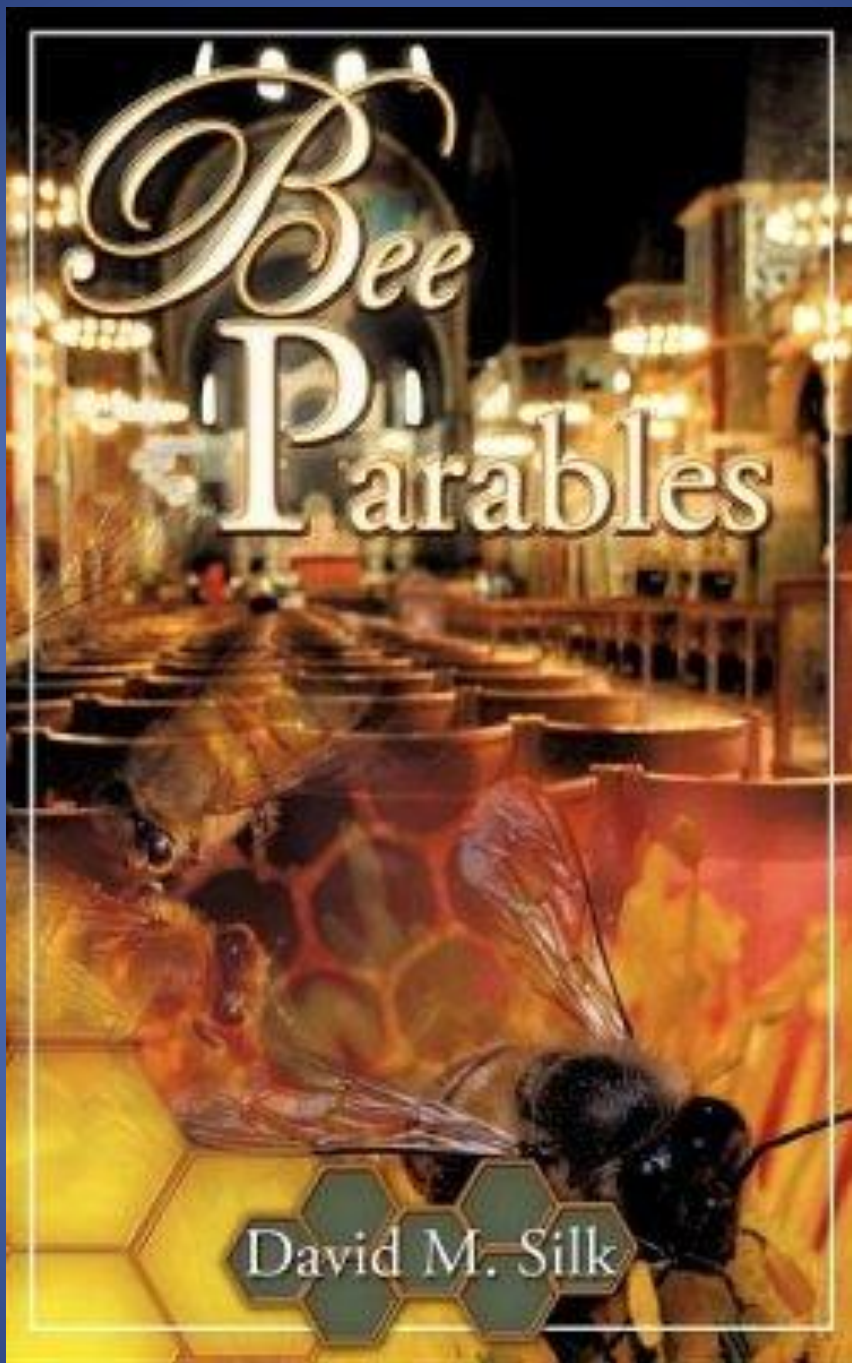
# “One Another” Commands

Love one another

Pray for one another

Encourage one another

Serve one another



*Bee*  
Parables

David M. Silk



# Honey Bee Jobs

House cleaning

Mortuary

Feeding the larvae

Making/Molding wax

Scouting

Foraging

Storage

Guarding

Egg Laying







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# 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.”

The ultimate purpose of the gifts

“...so that in all things God may be glorified...” *1 Peter 4:11*

# Glorify God by Bearing Fruit

“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.”

*John 15:8*



# What is “Fruit”?

Internal: Character qualities.

External: Good works / serving others.

Eternal: Sharing the Gospel.

# Final Points

1. But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. *James 1:22*

2. So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.

*Romans 14:12*