

THE HOLY SPIRIT
Part 3 - DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS
1 Corinthians 12

When we convert and follow Christ, God gives us four gifts.

i) Forgiveness.

Jesus Christ brought forgiveness to many through God's bountiful gifts (Romans 5:15)

ii) Eternal life.

*The wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
(Romans 6:23)*

iii) His Holy Spirit.

God has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love (Romans 5:5)

iv) Special abilities called Spiritual Gifts.

*A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church
(1 Corinthians 12:7)*

WHY YOU NEED TO KNOW WHAT YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE

i) Because they determine your work.

There are different spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, yet the same Lord to serve. There are different types of work to do, but the same God produces every gift in every person. (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

ii) Because they actually show that you're valuable.

We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus so we can do the good things He planned for us to do long ago (Ephesians 2:10)

FOUR STEPS TO USING YOUR GIFTS

i) Discover what they are.

"Do not neglect the spiritual gift that is in you." (1 Timothy 4:14)

ii) Dedicate them to God.

"Give yourselves completely to God since you've been given new life. Use your whole body as a tool to do what is right for the glory of God." (Romans 6:13)

iii) Develop your gifts.

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work (Ephesians 4:16)

iv) Deploy your gifts.

"We are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us. If our gift is to speak God's message, we should do it according to the faith we have." (Romans 12:6)