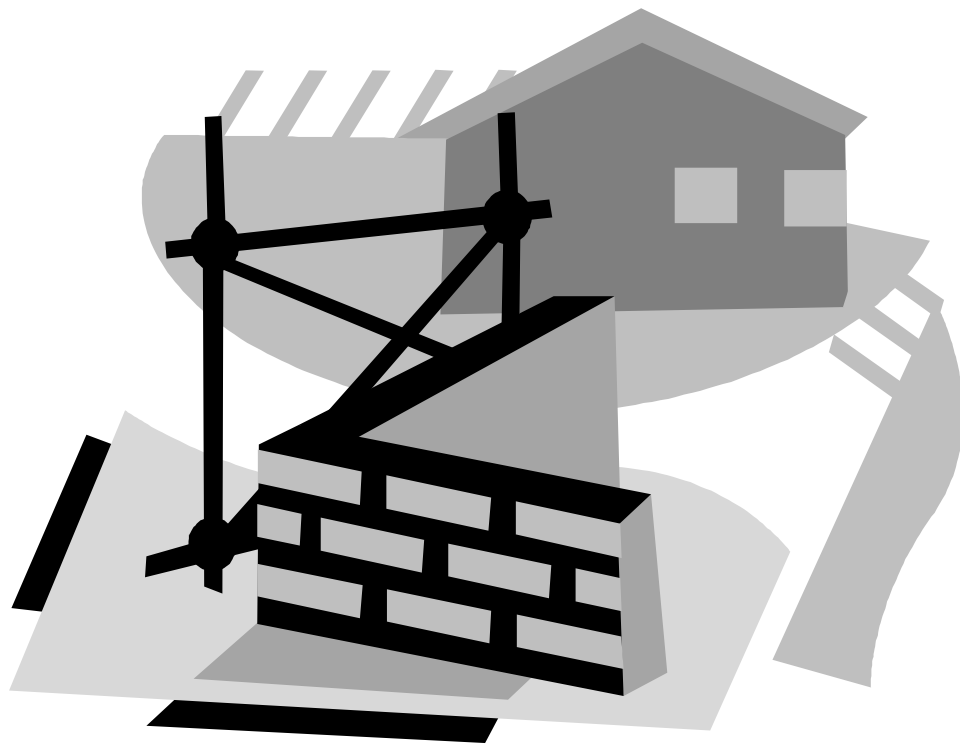


Foundations for Spiritual Gifts



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Foundations for Spiritual Gifts 1

Recommended reading:

Kenneth Cain Kinghorn, *Gifts of the Spirit*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1976.

C. Peter Wagner, *Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Your Church Grow*. Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1979.

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How is the biblical word *charis* used?

It essentially means “grace” and is also used for

-salvation — Romans 6:23

-blessing or gracious favor — 2 Corinthians 1:11

-spiritual gift — Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11;
Ephesians 4:7-13; 1 Peter 4:10-11.

A spiritual gift may be defined as a special attribute given by God, according to God’s grace, to enable Christians to serve the body of Christ.

Spiritual gifts should be distinguished from:

- _____ of the Holy Spirit — Acts 2:38

-natural _____

- _____ of the Spirit — Galatians 5:22-23

-Christian _____

- _____ gifts — 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10

Why should we know about spiritual gifts?

-to help us _____ to others

-to benefit the _____

-to benefit our sense of _____ as members of the body

-to help us know God’s _____ for our lives — Romans 12:1-6

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To what do spiritual gifts testify?

Hebrews 2:1-4 —

What does God say about whether I care to use my gifts or not?

1 Peter 4:10 —

Matthew 25:14-30 —

Who has spiritual gifts?

- _____ — 1 Peter 4:10, 1 Corinthians 12:7

Can spiritual gifts operate in me if I am not aware of them?

Of _____. But if you learn about them, you will be better able to minister with them to the glory of God.

But beware of _____ — the John 21:21-22 principle

The context for gifts:

The “body of Christ” is the principle metaphor used in the New Testament to understand spiritual gifts. What does this phrase mean?

Ephesians 1:20-23 —

Colossians 1:15-18 —

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Romans 12:5 ties the important Pauline phrase “ _____ ” with
“ _____ .”

Then what does he say about us who are in it?

Is this important to you?

How does the first part of verse 6 relate to verse 5?

What system did God choose for the internal functioning of the church?

Not _____

Not _____

But _____

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 elaborates on the “body of Christ.” Let’s look at it more closely.

12:12-13 —

12:14-20 —

12:21-26 —

12:27 —

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The parts of the body don't change, but they do _____.

It is important that we _____.

How long do I keep a gift?

Let's do an inventory of the gifts

1 Peter 4 —

Romans 12 —

1 Corinthians 12 —

Ephesians 4 —

Others —

Elements of discovering your spiritual gifts

- “E”** EXPLORE the possibilities
- “J”** Examine your JOY LEVEL
- “E”** Evaluate your EFFECTIVENESS
- “C”** CONFIRMATION from the body
- “T”** TAKE OFF in your ministry