

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DEFINED

1. **Prophecy** (*propheteia, prophetes*) – the God-given ability to serve as a prophet or prophetess in order to communicate special revelations from God about future events, usually from dreams and visions, and offer inspired counsel and godly edification to the Church concerning the will of God (**Rom 12:6, 1 Cor 12:10, 28, Eph 4:11**).
2. **Ministry** (*diakonia, diakoneo*) – the God-given ability to serve others by seeking to identify and meet the specific individual spiritual and temporal needs of both believers and non-believers (**Rom 12:7, 1 Pet 4:11**).
3. **Teaching** (*didaskalos, didasko*) – the God-given ability to effectively communicate and instruct Bible principles in a sound, authoritative, practical manner (**Rom 12:7, 1 Cor 12:28, Eph 4:11**).
4. **Exhortation** (*parakaleo*) – the God-given ability to provide words and deeds of comfort, consolation, and counsel, in order to help people who are in need of edification and encouragement (**Rom 12:8**).
5. **Giving** (*metadidomi*) – the God-given ability to liberally offer financial and material resources to meet individual and Church needs, beyond the usual standards of returning tithes and offerings (**Rom 12:8**).
6. **Ruling** (*proistemi*) – the God-given ability to occupy a visible position of leadership in the Church in order to provide godly counsel and Biblical guidance, and to promote Christian unity in the Gospel work (**Rom 12:8**).
7. **Mercy** (*eleeo*) – the God-given ability to feel genuine compassion and empathy toward individuals who fall into sin or experience emotional, mental, or physical pain or stress, and offer sympathy by seeking to redeem and console these individuals as far as possible (**Rom 12:8**).
8. **Hospitality** (*philoxenia*) – the God-given ability to sincerely care for people by opening one's home and resources to meet specific needs, which would include providing food, clothing, and shelter (**Rom 12:13, 1 Pet 4:9**).
9. **Wisdom** (*sophia*) – the God-given ability to judge rightly in various spiritual matters on a consistent basis, and follow the soundest course of action, based on good judgment, knowledge, experience, and spirituality (**1 Cor 12:8**).
10. **Knowledge** (*gnosis*) – the God-given intellectual ability to discover, accumulate, analyze, and clarify a wide range of Biblical information and apply that information to practical life (**1 Cor 12:8**).
11. **Faith** (*pistis*) – the God-given ability to display extraordinary trust, moral conviction, and supreme confidence in God's ability to fulfill His many promises, which goes beyond the normal level of saving faith that every Christian should possess (**1 Cor 12:9**).

12. **Healing** (*iama*) – the God-given ability to be an intermediary through whom the Holy Spirit can flow to cure illness and disease (usually apart from conventional treatments for the sick), through the laying on of hands and/or through possible personal labor as a medical missionary worker (**1 Cor 12:9, 28**).
13. **Miracles** (*dunamis*) – the God-given ability to be an intermediary through whom the Holy Spirit can flow to convey clear providential leadings and/or supernatural divine acts upon others that are outside of the ordinary course of the natural world (**1 Cor 12:10, 28**).
14. **Discernment** (*diakrisis*) – the God-given ability to consistently determine the spiritual origin of thoughts, words, and/or actions that are manifested in any given situation, whether they come from God or Satan (**1 Cor 12:10**).
15. **Tongues** (*glossa*) – the God-given ability to hear or speak in a known non-native language, either with or without prior training, so that no language barriers prevent the global proclamation of the Gospel (**1 Cor 12:10, 28**).
16. **Interpretation of Tongues** (*hermeneia*) – the God-given ability to translate and/or interpret a known language in a skillful and effective manner (**1 Cor 12:10, 30**).
17. **Apostleship** (*apostolos*) – the God-given ability to be a special ambassador for Christ, endowed with special power to travel as a missionary to different places and cultures, as one sent to preach the Gospel (**1 Cor 12:28, Eph 4:11**).
18. **Helps** (*antilepsis*) – the God-given ability to use spiritual gifts, talents, and/or resources to assist, empower, and enable others to realize their spiritual potential and fulfill a divine calling (**1 Cor 12:28**).
19. **Government** (*kubernesis*) – the God-given ability to provide guidance, direction, oversight, governance, and management in both short-term and long-term Church plans for the Gospel work (**1 Cor 12:28**).
20. **Evangelism** (*euaggelistes*) – the God-given ability to proclaim the Gospel message in such a way as to effectively motivate unbelievers to become Christ’s disciples and responsible Church members (**Eph 4:11**).
21. **Pastoring** (*poimen*) – the God-given ability to provide spiritual guidance and Biblical instruction to a body of believers, and to meet the various needs of this particular body with patience and tender watch care (**Eph 4:11**).
22. **Speaking** (*laleo*) – the God-given ability to preach religious teachings and spiritual principles publically in a convincing, authoritative manner (**1 Peter 4:11**).