

SPIRITUAL GIFT

DEFINITION LIST

(in alphabetical order)

Administration

“The ability to organize and manage, working with and through others to achieve goals.”
(Bill Liversidge, *Principles of Church Growth*, p. 19)

Craftsmanship

“The divine enablement to creatively design and/or construct items to be used for ministry.” (Bruce Bugbee, *What You Do Best in the Body of Christ* p. 61”

Discernment

The special ability to distinguish spiritually between good and evil, genuine and false.

Encouragement

The special ability to encourage, console, and reassure members of the body of Christ.

Evangelism

“The ability to share the Gospel with unbelievers in such a way that men and women respond and become followers of Jesus Christ.” (Paul Ford, *Discovering Spiritual Gifts*, p. 21D)

Faith

The ability to envision God’s purposes and exhibit unusual confidence in His power to carry them out.

Giving

The special ability to cheerfully give material resources, with unusual personal sacrifice, in Christ’s stead, to those in need.

Healing

“The divine enablement to be God’s channel to restore people to health” (Bruce Bugbee, *Network*, p. 76)

Helps

The ability to meet the practical, everyday needs of others around you through selfless service and assistance.

Hospitality

Joyfully and cordially meeting people’s physical and emotional needs particularly through food, lodging, and friendliness.

Intercession

The ability to gladly spend extended periods of time in prayer on behalf of others while exhibiting deep confidence in the working of God.

Knowledge

The ability to understand biblical truth with unusual clarity and insight.

Leadership

“The special ability to set goals in accordance with God’s purpose for the future and to communicate those goals to others in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish those goals for the glory of God.” (Peter Wagner, *Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Your Church Grow*, p. 162)

Mercy

“The special God-given ability to feel genuine empathy and compassion for individuals, both Christian and non-Christian, who suffer distressing physical, mental or emotional problems, and to translate that compassion into cheerfully-done deeds that reflect Christ’s love.” (Peter Wagner, *Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Your Church Grow*, p. 162)

Music

The special ability to glorify God and make Him known through the use of vocal or instrumental music.

Pastor

The special ability to guide, feed, and equip the members of the church in such a way that they develop a mature relationship with God and utilize their spiritual gifts in ministries of love.

Prophecy

The special ability to “receive diving revelations from God to be communicated to men.” (Bill Liversidge, *Principles of Church Growth*, p. 20)

Teaching

“The ability to explain clearly and effectively apply the truth of the Word of God.” (Leslie B. Flynn, *19 Gifts of the Spirit*, p. 74)

Wisdom

The ability to resolve life’s problems and sort out difficult situations through the application of biblical truth.