



HOW DO I KNOW WHAT SPIRITUAL GIFT(S) I HAVE?

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This handout goes along with Part 2 in the mini-series about Spiritual Gifts at Westminster Church in Barrie.

The sermon was called: Spiritual Gifts 102: How do I know what gift(s) I have?

Key verse: Romans 12:3: "For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned."

- Note: Taking online tests or inventories can sometimes be helpful, but are of limited value. Therefore...

1. Pray and ask the Lord to reveal your gifts to you.
2. Ask other people what gifts they think you have.
 - (a) Others can often see things you can't see.
 - (b) We discern our gifts in the context of a community, not in isolation. (This also helps with accountability.)
3. What makes you angry about other Christians?
(We tend to be most passionate about what our gifts are, and sometimes we don't understand (or get frustrated) when others don't have that same level of passion. Does this reveal something about our own area of giftedness?)
4. When you put certain gifts into practice, ask yourself questions like:
 - Do I feel closer to Jesus when I do this?
 - Do I see God's kingdom at work?
5. What makes you feel God's pleasure?
6. Start trying the different gifts and take note of which ones clearly benefit others and are for the common good.

Expect opposition. Practice discernment.

HOLY SPIRIT, I TRUST YOU. HOLY SPIRIT, I WELCOME YOU. HOLY SPIRIT, I COOPERATE WITH YOU.