

- Welcome to our Bible Study on Spiritual Gifts
- Our goals are to:
 - 1. understand what Spiritual Gifts are
 - 2. understand the purpose of Spiritual Gifts
 - 3. learn the different categories and types of Spiritual Gifts
 - 3. help you identify your Spiritual Gift(s).
- This is a 13 week study based on the Workbook 'Journey to your Spiritual Gift'.
- We will have regular Poll Question Reviews
- According to James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows".

God has chosen **people** to do his work. He chose this course of action for reasons only he knows and understands. From a human perspective, we may wonder if this was the best decision. After all, the sky's the limit concerning what God could have done. He could have chosen angels to speak to lost humanity. He certainly used them on many significant occasions throughout Scripture. Or God could have created a special category of messengers that would never fail him—a “sin-proof” instrument that would faithfully proclaim his Word. For that matter, God himself could have simply poked his face through the heavens and said, “Hello, world! I’m God, and you’re not!” But God has chosen men and women to do his work among humankind.

As we seek to follow and be used by Jesus Christ, we need to utilize all that he has made available to us. One of the great blessings Jesus has given to his church and to us as individuals is the gifts of the Spirit.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE:

- ASSETS
- RESOURCES
- TOOLS
- WEAPONS

*TO BE USED FOR THE EDIFICATION,
ENCOURAGEMENT AND COMFORT OF THE CHURCH*

SPIRITUAL GIFTS CHECKLIST

SERVING GIFTS	SPEAKING GIFTS	SIGN GIFTS
SERVICE	KNOWLEDGE	MIRACLES
LEADERSHIP	WISDOM	HEALING
GIVING	PROPHECY *	TONGUES
MERCY	EXHORTATION	INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES
HOSPITALITY	PASTOR *	
FAITH	TEACHER *	
DISCERNMENT	APOSTLE *	
SINGLENESS	EVANGELIST *	

* Considered Part of what is termed 'The Five-Fold Ministry' (Ephesians 4:11-16)

There Are Four Greek Words That Refer to Spiritual Gifts

These are the four Greek words that the Apostle Paul uses in First Corinthians chapter twelve that refer to spiritual gifts: **charisma**, **pneumatikos**, **diakonia**, and **energemata**. These words help us understand the nature of spiritual gifts.

1. **Charisma**: Gift of Grace

The word normally translated “gift” in the New Testament is the Greek word charisma. The plural form of charisma is charismata. Paul wrote.

Now there are different gifts, [charismata] but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4 HCSB).

The word charisma means “gift of grace” and refers to the gifts, or special abilities, God has given believers through the Holy Spirit.

2. **Pneumatikos**: Things of the Spirit

Pneumatikos is another word that is translated as “gift.” We find it used in this context.

Now about spiritual gifts, [pneumatikos] brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant (1 Corinthians 12:1 NIV).

Although this word is often translated, “gift” the word actually means “spirituals,” “spiritual things,” or “spiritualities.” The English translators often add the word, “gift” in the text. Some commentators feel this is a mistake because the word does not necessarily mean gift.

3. **Diakonia**: Service

Paul uses the Greek word, diakonia, which means, “service,” to describe spiritual gifts. Paul used this word as follows.

And there are varieties of ministries, [diakonia] and the same Lord (1 Corinthians 12:5 NASB).

4. Energemata: Effect or Operation

A fourth word used in describing spiritual gifts is energemata, which means “effect” or “operation.” We also read about this in First Corinthians 12. It says.

And there are diversities of activities, [energemata] but it is the same God who works all in all people (1 Corinthians 12:6 NKJV).

Whenever this word is used in the New Testament, it always refers to a supernatural work, or operation, by God.

A Basic Definition of Spiritual Gifts

When we put these words together we find that spiritual gifts are abilities that God gives to believers for service in the church – the body of Christ. They are “spiritual” gifts or gifts that operate in the realm, or sphere, of the Holy Spirit. While the source of each spiritual gift is God, this does not necessarily mean that a spiritual gift is the ability to do something supernatural.

Some of the gifts are natural abilities that are heightened and directed by the Holy Spirit. The ability is from God to do a work for God.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

• **What are attributes of a Gift?**

- It is given
- It doesn't cost you anything
- The giver expects you at some point to use it

• **What makes a Gift Spiritual?**

- It is given by God
- It is effected by the Holy Spirit
- It is to be used for Spiritual purposes
- It is to be used to benefit those who love God and seek to obey his commandments

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- **How do you characterize / define a Spiritual Gift?**
 - It is an extraordinary gift of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon Christians to equip them for the service and edification of the church

SPIRITUAL GIFT CATEGORIES

- **SERVING GIFTS**

- Gifts used to minister/ serve others within and outside the church

- **SPEAKING GIFTS**

- Communication gifts used to build individual believers and the church as a whole

- **SIGN GIFTS**

- To confirm God's messengers and their message

- **MINISTERING GIFTS**

- How God uses us to serve and meet the needs of others

- **MANIFESTATION GIFTS**

- How God works through us to bring fruitfulness and joy to our lives

- **MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS**

- The Spirit moving through us, motivating our words & actions

Self-Questions to Help you Identify your Spiritual Gift

- As I study the operation of the various gifts, do any resonate with me in my Soul?
- What are the things I really enjoy doing that are identified as Spiritual Gifts?
- What is the Holy Spirit telling me in my thoughts, dreams, visions?
- What ministry do I see God using me to bless other while also providing a blessing to me?
- What gifts do others, I respect, see operating in me?
- How important is having and using a Spiritual Gift to me?

Lesson 2

- Today we will focus on the Gifts of SERVICE & LEADERSHIP
- The Gifts of Service and Leadership fall into which of the following categories of gifts?
 - Serving gifts Speaking gifts Sign gifts
- The Gift of SERVICE is listed in many translations as the gift of HELPS. It is deeper than just 'serving', it includes 'supporting'.
- The Gift of LEADERSHIP is listed in many translations as the gift of ADMINISTRATION
- Let's go to our Workbook – Pg. 11

*GOD NEVER SAVED US TO 'SIT
AND SOAK'. HE SAVED US TO
'SHINE AND SERVE'.*

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- The Gift of SERVICE – ‘the God-given ability to help or serve others joyfully and lovingly for the glory of God.’
- The Gift of LEADERSHIP – ‘the God-given ability to plan, organize, delegate, and motivate so a project is harmoniously completed to the glory of God.’

- Why does the CHURCH need people with the Gift of Service?
- Why does the CHURCH need people with the Gift of Leadership?

Which of the 2 Spiritual Gifts studied did the following people display?

- King David
- The man who gave the Disciples the Donkey & Colt
- The man who allowed Jesus to use the Upper Room
- Moses
- The Apostle Paul
- Priscilla and Aquilla
- Deacon Philip
- The Apostle Peter
- The Lad with 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread

Questions to Ponder re: Gift of Service (Helps)

- How passionate are you about serving others?
- Are you more apt to get in line to be served or to get out of line to serve?
- How often do you visit the sick?
- Do you sincerely ASK and MEAN 'is there anything I can do for you?'
- Are you more of a 'loner' or a 'people person'?
- Are you more 'introverted' or 'outgoing'?
- Are you 'regularly' willing to put the needs of others above your own?
- Do you like to be 'out front' or work 'behind the scenes'?
- Do you enjoy helping others get things done?
- Do you have problems saying 'no' when people ask for your help?

Questions to Ponder re: Gift of LEADERSHIP (Administration)

- Are you comfortable leading or prefer following?
- Have others commented about you being a good leader/ administrator?
- Are you comfortable with and even seek out criticism?
- Do others often come to you for advice or counsel?
- Are you able to maintain a Positive outlook even when things look bad?
- Do you enjoy mentoring and growing the skills of others?
- Do you genuinely care about other people?
- When you fail at something do you give up or try to figure out what you could have done differently?
- Are you able to make decisions?
- Are you able to move people out of their comfort zone?
- Are you Confident without being Cocky?

CTC MINISTRIES

Evangelism	Fellowship	Worship	Christian Education	Youth Department	Operations	Congregational Care
Missionary Board	Men’/ Women’s Fellowship	Music Ministry	Sunday School	Teen Church	Treasurer	Deaconate
Evangelism	Marriage Ministry	Praise Teams- Choirs	Bible Study	Children’s Church	Trustees	Benevolence Committee
Bus Ministry	A.V. Ministry	Praise Teams - Dance	Education Ministry	Nursery	Administrative Office	
Church Photography	Singles Ministry	Pastors Aid Ministry	New Member Training	VBS	Wedding Coordinator	
Sewing Ministry	Hospitality/ Kitchen Committee	Usher Ministry	Scholarship	Child Activity Coordinator	Funeral Coordinator	
	Website Ministry		Discipleship	Teen Activity Coordinator	Pastor & Ministers	
	Seniors in Motion					

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Proverbs 18:16 ∨ New International Version ∨

16 A gift opens the way
and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.

INTERPRETATION PRINCIPLE:

READ THE 'TEXT' AND UNDERSTAND THE 'CONTEXT'

- 15** The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge,
for the ears of the wise seek it out.
- 16** A gift opens the way
and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.
- 17** In a lawsuit the first to speak seems right,
until someone comes forward and cross-examines.

LESSON 3

ROMANS 12: 6-8

Lesson 3

- Today we will focus on the Gifts of GIVING & MERCY
- The Gifts of Giving and Mercy fall into which of the following categories of gifts?
 - Serving gifts Speaking gifts Sign gifts
- While believers are encouraged to give of their Time, Talent and Treasure, scripture seems to indicate that the Spiritual Gift of GIVING is mainly about ones Treasures (belongings).
- The Gift of MERCY is about BOTH showing compassion for others and lifting the spirits of others.

Lesson 3

- What does the Bible teach about Giving?
 - Giving should be: generous/ cheerful / void of pressure/ done to help those in need / sacrificial
 - Those who 'sow generously' will 'reap generously'
 - When you give, God gives back to you in 'good measure'
- All are expected to give back to God a 'portion' of that which he gives to us. This is one way we show that we put God First.
- The Gift of Giving involves a **Deep Commitment** to 'impart' of whatever resources are needed to support God's Kingdom, Will and Plan; as well as to Bless Others.
- Let's go to our Workbook – Pg. 15

- WHAT ARE KEY ATTRIBUTES OF SPIRITUAL GIFT GIVING?
 - DONE GENEROUSLY / LIBERALLY/ FINANCIALLY
 - DONE WITHOUT COMPULSION / PRESSURE
 - DONE WITHOUT ANY ULTERIOR MOTIVE
 - DONE ‘SACRIFICIALLY’
 - DONE TO GLORIFY GOD
- 5 question Giving Poll

Questions to Ponder re: Gift of GIVING

- Do you have selfish tendencies?
- Do you view money as a resource or a lifeline?
- What is your perspective on Tithing?
- Do you have the capacity to give above and beyond whatever you feel is 'required'?
- Do you truly believe it is better to give than to receive?
- Have you given to others in need and experienced God blessing you?
- Are you equally ok giving of your treasure as you are giving of your time and talent?
- Do you feel joy or pain after sacrificially giving?
- Are you a cheerful or reluctant giver?

Lesson 3

- What is the Definition of Mercy?
 - The compassionate treatment of those in distress (especially when one has the power to punish or harm them)
 - In a Religious Context it also involves caring for the poor, sick & suffering
- What does the Bible teach about MERCY?
 - Those who are Merciful will be shown Mercy / We should be merciful because God is merciful / God's Mercies are new everyday / God desires Mercy above Sacrifice
 - Mercy is closely aligned with 'forgiveness'
- The Spiritual Gift of Mercy is something **God gives us for us to give others**.
- Let's go to our Workbook – Pg. 17

- WHAT ARE KEY ATTRIBUTES OF THE SPIRITUAL GIFT OF 'MERCY' ?
 - IT INVOLVES FEELINGS vs DEEDS
 - IT SHOWS GENUINE 'EMPATHY' AND 'COMPASSION' FOR OTHERS
 - IT IS A SUPERNATURAL ABILITY OF UNDERSTANDING OTHERS FEELINGS
 - IT CHEERS PEOPLE UP

Questions to Ponder re: Gift of MERCY

- Is it Easy or Hard for you to Forgive?
- Do you genuinely feel grief over the loss or pain of others?
- Are you comfortable reaching out to others in sympathy or empathy?
- Do you seek people out when they are having a tough time?
- Do you enjoy visiting hospitals, nursing homes, jails?
- Are you comfortable in 1 on 1 encounters or are you better in groups?
- Do you have a keen ability to 'sense' when people are hurting?
- Does the sight or hearing of misery cause you to hurt?
- What role does 'revenge' play in your life?

Which of the 2 Spiritual Gifts studied TODAY (if any) did the following people display?

- Jesus
- The Pharisees & Saduccees
- The Master of the Wicked Servant who owed his master money
- The Poor Widow (2 mites)
- King David
- Joseph of Arimathea
- Jonah the Prophet
- The Gentile Churches in Antioch and Macedonia
- Ruth
- Boaz

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- The Gift of GIVING – ‘the God-given ability to give cheerfully, eagerly, and generously, with no motive except to spread the Gospel & bring glory to God.’
- The Gift of MERCY – ‘the God-given ability to feel compassion for all kinds of hurting people, cheerfully ministering to them for the glory of God.’

LESSON 4

SPIRITUAL GIFTS OF HOSPITALITY AND FAITH

Lesson 4

- How do you define Hospitality or Hospitable?
 - The act of being friendly, kind, generous and welcoming to strangers or guests without any expectation of earthly reward
- What comes to mind when you hear the word HOSPITALITY?
- Where can Hospitality be shown?
- Is Hospitality only a 'Spiritual Gift' or also a 'Christian Role'?

Lesson 4

- What does the Bible teach about HOSPITALITY?
 - Heb 13:2 “We should show Hospitality even to strangers”
 - 1 Pet 4:9 “we are to show Hospitality without grumbling”
 - Rom 12:13 “we should look for opportunities to be hospitable”
 - Matt 25:34-46 showing hospitality to the poor, sick, etc. allows God to call us “blessed” and “good & faithful servants”
 - Titus 1:8 ; 1Tim 3:2 Church leaders should be hospitable people
 - Acts 28:2 Hospitality is an “unusual kindness”
 - Heb 13:16 we are to ‘do good and SHARE what we have’
- Hospitality can be done in the HOME, CHURCH & STREETS
- Let’s go to our Workbook – Pg. 19

Lesson 4

- What Biblical people demonstrated the Gift of HOSPITALITY?
 - Jesus (where did he provide hospitality?)
 - Martha, Mary, Lazarus
 - Lydia
 - Rahab
 - Simon the Tanner
 - Simon the Pharisee (???)
 - Zacchaeus
 - Matthew (Levi)
 - Peter's Mother in Law
 - Philippian Jailer

Questions to Ponder re: Spiritual Gift of Hospitality

- Do you enjoy having people over your house for a meal or do you dread the work to clean up before and after?
- Do you have a knack for making people feel welcome in any environment (home, church, work, sport activities)?
- Do people feel comfortable stopping by your home unannounced?
- Are you able to anticipate the needs of guests or strangers
- Are you comfortable opening your home to people who need a temporary place to stay while passing through?
- Do you have a tendency to be a peacemaker?
- Has your home been used as a place of ministry?
- Do you treat 'outsiders' like 'insiders'?
- At your church, are you considered to be a 'greeter' of people?

Lesson 4

- What comes to mind when you hear the word FAITH?
- Some see Faith in 4 categories
 - Saving Faith ○ Faith in Jesus that brings God's Grace (Salvation)
 - Living Faith ○ A lifestyle change made because of one's faith
 - Dead Faith ○ A Faith of words void of good works
 - Vain Faith ○ People who think they are going to heaven but aren't

Lesson 4

- What does the Bible teach about FAITH?
 - ALL BELIEVERS have SOME amount of Faith (Saving Faith)
 - Heb 11:6 “w/o Faith it’s impossible to please God”
 - Eph 2:8 “you have been saved by Grace through FAITH”
 - Rom 12:3 “each according to the measure of faith God assigned”
 - Faith without Works is Dead (Living Faith vs Dead Faith)
 - Faith comes by hearing God’s Word (Rom 10:17)
 - There is a ‘higher level’ of Faith (a ‘gifted Faith’) given to some Christians
 - 1 Cor 13:2 “a faith that can move mountains”
 - Acts 6:5 “they chose Stephen a man FULL of Faith”
 - Have you met anyone who’s shown an extremely high level of faith?
- Let’s go to our Workbook – Pg. 21

Lesson 4

- What did the below individuals do to demonstrate an 'extraordinary level of Faith?'
 - ABRAHAM
 - MOSES
 - JOSHUA
 - NOAH
 - REHAB
 - ELIJAH
 - PAUL
 - PETER
 - STEPHEN
 - JOHN THE BAPTIST
 - THE ROMAN CENTURION
 - THE CANAANITE WOMAN
 - THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD

Questions to Ponder re: Spiritual Gift of Faith

- Do you have more questions about your faith than you have testimonies about your faith?
- How often do you have doubt about spiritual things?
- Would people characterize you more as a nervous person or a bold person?
- Are you more content with things as they currently are or do you look for how things can be improved or done differently?
- Do you have a 'childlike faith' or are from Missouri and have to be shown?
- Do you pray for/ push for things that seem impossible?
- How do you handle personal adversity?
- Are you a powerful prayer warrior?

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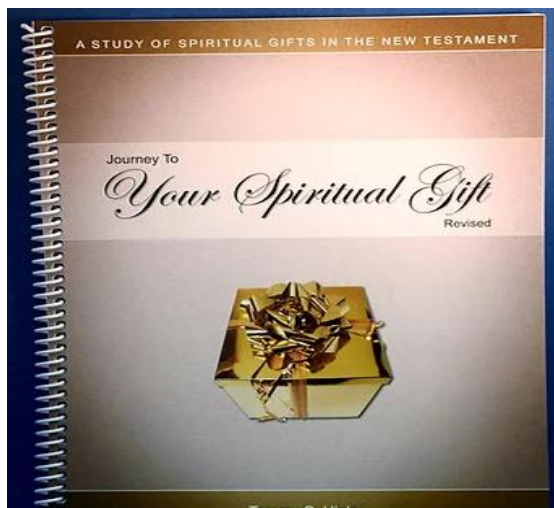
**BIBLE
STUDY**

WE WILL BEGIN AT 7PM (CST) !!!

[Please properly MUTE yourself]

AGENDA

- You will need your Workbook and Bible
- Open in prayer
- Lesson 4 Poll Questions (Gifts of Hospitality and Faith)
- Lesson 5 ‘Spiritual gifts of Discernment & Singleness’
- **PLEASE PLEASE** Properly Mute yourselves



POLL TIME

(5 minutes)

Prepare to use 'Raised Hand' feature to
answer questions for BONUS POINT

Last Week Recap:

- The Gift of HOSPITALITY – ‘the God-given ability to joyfully make people feel loved, appreciated, and accepted in your home, at church and elsewhere.’
- The Gift of FAITH – ‘extraordinary confidence God will keep His promises, regardless of the circumstances.’
 - 1. Saving Faith – All Christians have
 - 2. Living Faith – All Practicing Christians have
 - 3. Dead Faith – No Christian ‘should’ have
 - 4. Vain Faith – Folk who ‘think’ they are Christian have
 - 5. Spiritual Gift of Faith – Some Christians have as determined by the Holy Spirit

LESSON 5

SPIRITUAL GIFTS OF DISCERNMENT AND SINGLENES

Lesson 5

- What comes to mind when you hear the word DISCERNMENT?
- Greek “Diakrisis”- to see, consider, examine, judge closely
- Could ‘instinct’ or ‘intuition’ play a role in Spiritual Discernment?
- Unlike worldly Discernment, Spiritual Discernment is the God-given ability to make careful distinctions between: “good spirits” & “bad spirits”; “truth” & “error”; “right” & “wrong”; “prophecy & heresy”.
- Spiritual Discernment is necessary in Biblical Interpretation as well as in Life Application.
- Some believe this gift was only needed by early church to weed out false prophets and, therefore, no longer exists.
- Others believe this gift is to fight our spiritual warfare and is still needed today. [Read Eph 6:11-18]
- Most people think they have a ‘discerning spirit’ while, in fact, what many have is a ‘critical, judgmental, fault-finding, cynical, negative spirit’. [Prov 15:1]

Lesson 5

- What does the Bible teach about DISCERNMENT?
 - Spirits need to be ‘tested’ to see if they are from God” (1Jn 4:1)
 - Spirit of Divination- Acts 16:16-18 (witchcraft, sorcery, palm reading, tarot cards)
 - Familial Spirits Deut 18:9-12 (some forms of meditation, zodiac reliance)
 - Spirit of Jealousy
 - Lying Spirit
 - Perverse Spirit
 - Spirit of Haughtiness/ Pride
 - Spirit of Heaviness (excessing mourning, self-pity, despair, hopelessness)
 - Spirit of Whoredoms (fornication, adultery, prostitution, idolatry)
 - Spirit of Infirmity (mental weakness/ illness)
 - Spirit of Bondage
 - Spirit of Fear

Lesson 5

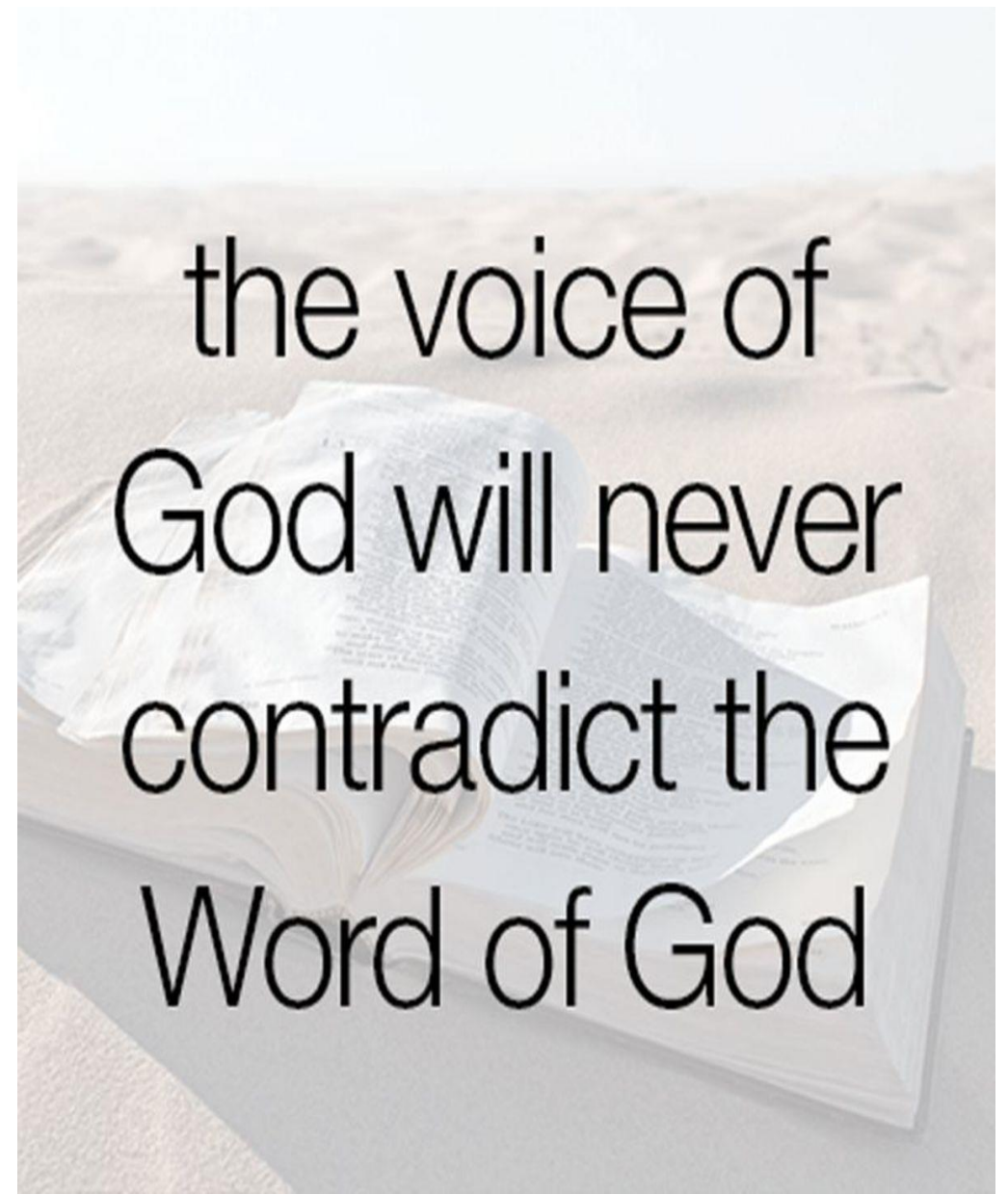
- What does the Bible teach about DISCERNMENT?
 - Spirits need to be ‘tested’ to see if they are from God” (1Jn 4:1)
 - While a Gift, Discernment requires practice & training (Heb 5:14)
 - Discernment helps us do the right things so we can appear ‘blameless’ before the judgment of Christ
 - Discernment helps us understand the ‘will of God’ (Rom 12:2)
 - Understanding Spiritual things requires someone to have Spiritual Discernment (1 Cor 2:14)
 - Having Discernment helps us refute philosophies and human traditions that sound good but are not sound (Col 2:8)
 - In the ‘sharp disagreement’ between Paul & Barnabus, who initially displayed the Gift of Spiritual Discernment? (2Tim 4:11)
- Let’s go to our Workbook – Pg. 23

Lesson 5

- Which of the individuals below either demonstrated OR failed to demonstrate the Spiritual Gift of Discernment?
 - ADAM & EVE
 - MOSES
 - KING DAVID
 - SOLOMON
 - REHOBOAM
 - PROPHET SAMUEL
 - APOSTLE PAUL
 - PETER
 - ANANIAS & SAPPHIRA
 - NICODEMUS
 - BARNABUS

Questions to Ponder re: Gift of Discernment

- Are you able to judge 'character' without judging 'people'?
- Do you have unusual spiritual dreams?
- When the majority of people want to go down a certain path, do you often feel the Holy Spirit telling you something different?
- Have you had, or do you have, a desire for the Spiritual Gift of Discernment?
- Do you constantly seek to discern the Will of God?
- Do you feel or see things that others rarely express to have felt or seen?
- Do you often have unusual events or manifestations occur in visions or literally?
- Have you exhibited the keen ability to see behind people's masks (their words, outward actions, how they present themselves)?
- Have others confirmed your discernments without you mentioning anything to them?
- Are you gifted in the areas of counseling and/or mentoring
- When you share your information with other believers, do they generally receive it positively?
- When you weigh into a matter, is it to show others what you know, or to warn others about what you sense?



Lesson 5

- What comes to mind when you hear the word SINGLENES?
- IS Singleness considered, by most, to be Positive or Negative?
- Does God want us to be single or coupled?
 - God looks at us 'individually' and determines it is best for some to be single and for others not to be single
 - God may determine it is best for some people to be single for a time and season but not forever
- Singleness can be a 1. Choice 2. Circumstance 3. Fate
- Is it Easier or Harder being single vs. coupled in:
 - Life
 - Ministry

Lesson 5

- What does the Bible teach about SINGLENES?
- Singleness is deemed to be a Gift from God (1Cor 7:7-9)
- Single people have easier time focusing the things of the Lord because Married persons have to also focus on pleasing a spouse (1Cor 7:32-35)
- There is a time for love & for refraining from love (Ecc 3: 5 & 8; Song of Sol 3:5)
- In the Resurrection marriage will not exist (Mt 22:30; Mk 12:25)
- We can find happiness solely with God as our partner (Ps 37:4)
- Philip the Deacon and Evangelist had 4 unmarried daughters (Acts 21:8-9)
- We are to walk to please God and not our flesh (1 Thess 4:1-8)
- Does the bible teach it is not good for '**anybody**' to be alone (single)?
- Let's go to our Workbook – Pg. 24

Who are some prominent Single People in the NT?

- Mary Magdalene
- Martha of Bethany
- Mary of Bethany
- Anna the Prophetess
- Timothy
- John the Baptist
- Apostle Paul
- Mary the mother of Jesus
- Jesus

Questions to Ponder re: Gift of Singleness

- Are you truly content being Single?
- Is Jesus enough for you or do you often wish you had Jesus and someone else?
- Do you see singleness as a Blessing or a Burden
- What is your level of activity on dating web sites (low, moderate, active)?
- Do you see having the Gift of Singleness as a spiritual badge of honor?
- Is Celibacy a challenge for you?
- Are you uncomfortable being around married or dating couples?
- Are you confident in the power & ability of God's Spirit to produce joy in your life?

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CRYSTAL MCDOWELL
ECCLESIASTES 3:5



DAUGHTERS
OF THE CREATOR

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Single

Isn't a status.
But it's a word
that describes a person
who is strong enough
to live and enjoy life
Without
depending on others.



IF *Singleness* IS
A GIFT, CAN I
EXCHANGE IT?

READ THE BLOG POST:

THEWOMAN.COM

Remember the Spiritual Gift of Singleness is not necessarily meant to be permanent. Here are 7 things you can do if you do seek to be in a Godly relationship:

1. Submit to God and put More Faith in his sovereign power, not less
2. Focus more on Solutions than the actual Problem of singleness
3. Don't use a lack of Godly men or women as an excuse to date godless men or women
4. Make sure your view of Biblical Masculinity/ Femininity is accurate
5. Make your self visible and don't use the thought that 'you should be pursued' as an excuse to "hide yourself at home"
6. Make yourself "presentable" (Ex: Esther/ Ruth/ Boaz).
7. Focus first and foremost on being the Godly Woman or Man that God wants you to be

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- The Gift of DISCERNMENT – ‘the God-given ability to discern between the things of God and things of Satan for the protection of believers and God’s truth.’
- The Gift of SINGLENESS – ‘the God-given ability to happily live the single life to the glory of God.’

LESSON 6

SPIRITUAL GIFTS OF KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM

Lesson 6 – Speaking Gifts

- What comes to mind when you hear the word KNOWLEDGE?
- Greek “GNOSIS”- means ‘to know’
- Worldly knowledge is necessary to function in the natural realm, whereas Spiritual Knowledge is necessary to function in the Spiritual realm.
- Spiritual Knowledge is not just about knowing ‘stuff’ (Jeopardy). It is about knowing God’s Word and Truths. (Not ability to ‘recite’ verses but to ‘explain/interpret/ rightly divide’ verses) [Prov 19:2]
- Spiritual Knowledge should not be confused with ‘Belief’.
- While a “speaking” gift, the Spiritual Gift of Knowledge is also a “sharing” gift.

Lesson 6

- What does the Bible teach about KNOWLEDGE?
 - People are destroyed for lack of Knowledge (Hosea 4:6-7)
 - Those with an intelligent heart & who are wise, seek Knowledge (Prov 18:15)
 - Knowledge and Wisdom go hand in hand (Prov 1:7; Prov 24:5; 1Cor 12:8; Isa 11:2)
 - To acquire the Spiritual Gift of Knowledge, one has to be seeking spiritual knowledge (Prov 15:14)
 - God intentionally withholds some things from us because he desires that we SEEK Knowledge then he reveals it to us (Daniel 12:4)
 - Knowledge is a great gift to have but must be used in love (1Cor 13:2)
 - Knowledge reveals Truth and Truth sets us free (John 8:32)
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Lesson 6 – Speaking Gifts

- What comes to mind when you hear the word WISDOM?
- Greek “Sophia”- one with expertise in particular domain or craft. Was central to the Hellenistic (worldly) Philosophy where this was seen as something ‘learned’ ‘practiced’ and ‘refined’.
- In the church, however, this term refers to Divine Wisdom from on high.
- Wisdom can be viewed as ‘knowledge applied’
- Wisdom is something that can be taught but not as a ‘recipe’, but rather as a ‘process of good habits’. People can be taught “how to think” but not necessarily “what to think”.
- The main source of Godly Wisdom is the Holy Bible and the main teacher is the Holy Spirit

Lesson 6

- What does the Bible teach about WISDOM?
 - The Proverbs of King Solomon were written to share his Wisdom so others could gain Wisdom (Prov 1:1)
 - The Fear of the Lord is the BEGINNING of Wisdom (Prov 1:7)
 - If you lack Wisdom in any area you should simply ask God for it. This is a Gift he gives GENEROUSLY to all believers who seek it.
 - We should be careful to live as one who is wise (Eph 5:15-17)
 - When we teach or admonish others, it must be done based on Godly Wisdom given us to intimately know his Word (Col 3:16)
 - Wisdom is better than Gold (Prov 16:16)
 - With the Boldness and Wisdom of God, your adversaries will not be able to withstand nor contradict you (Luke 21:15)
 - The Spiritually Wise are greater than the Wealthy (Ecc 8:1)
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- The Gift of KNOWLEDGE – ‘the God-given ability to understand, summarize, and explain biblical truth for the benefit of believers (& to convert non-believers).’
- The Gift of WISDOM – ‘the God-given ability to apply biblical truth for the benefit of believers and the glory of God.’
- The Gift of PROPHECY – ‘the God-given ability to build up, encourage, comfort, teach, reprove, correct, and train with Word of God.’
- The Gift of EXHORTATION – ‘the God-given ability to encourage and uplift discouraged believers.’

- The Gift of PASTOR – ‘the God-given ability to lead, feed, equip, build up, and oversee a local church or Bible study group.’
- The Gift of TEACHER – ‘the God-given ability to explain God’s Word so the hearers may understand and grow spiritually.’
- The Gift of APOSTLE – ‘the God-given ability to share the Gospel, make disciples, train leaders, and establish churches in new cities, cultures, or countries.’
- The Gift of EVANGELIST – ‘the God-given ability to share the Gospel clearly and persuasively so people respond in faith.’

- The Gift of MIRACLES – ‘the God-given ability to alter the laws of nature.’
- The Gift of HEALING – ‘the God-given ability to supernaturally cure illness and disability, and to raise the dead.’
- The Gift of TONGUES – ‘the God-given ability to speak an “unlearned” language.’
- The Gift of INTERPRETING TONGUES – ‘the God-given ability to interpret for someone who speaks in tongues.’

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