

**“Spiritual Gifts” – Part I**  
**Lesson 45**

1. Spiritual gifts are DIVINE enablements for MINISTRY given by God, the Spirit. Ephesians 4:11
2. The PURPOSE of spiritual gifts is to EDIFY or BUILD UP the church. Ephesians 4:12; 1 Corinthians 12:7
3. The SPIRIT gives DIFFERENT gifts to DIFFERENT believers. 1 Corinthians 12:4 & 11
- Special Notation: Spiritual gifts are found in four lists in the following passages: 1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12:3-8; Ephesians 4:7-12; and 1 Peter 4:10 & 11
4. We are not to SEEK FOR a PARTICULAR gift. The gifts are GIVEN by God, the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:7, 8, 11 & 18
5. Spiritual gifts are exactly that ... GIFTS. Just as SALVATION is a free gift, so are your SPIRITUAL gifts. Just as in salvation there is no room for either JEALOUSY or BOASTING. Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 6:23
6. EVERYONE has at least ONE spiritual gift even if that gift is DORMANT. Romans 12:3-6 (EVERYONE); 1 Corinthians 12:11 (EACH ONE); Ephesians 4:7 and 1 Peter 4:1 (EACH).
7. All spiritual gifts are not only IMPORTANT, they are all NECESSARY. 1 Peter 4:10
8. Every believer receives the EXACT gift he/she needs to FULFILL HIS/HER ROLE in the body of Christ and the FAITH to exercise it. Romans 12:3
9. The following is the Bible listing of spiritual gifts found in Romans 12:3-8:
  - A. PROPHECY is the gift of PROCLAIMING God’s Word.
    - a. It is FORTHTELLING, not FORETELLING.
    - b. There are NO foretelling PROPHETS in the world today.
    - c. To foretell is to REVEAL some new TRUTH from God. God has ALREADY REVEALED His truth to us in His Word. Rev. 22:18 & 19
  - B. MINISTRY is the gift of SERVING others. It is from the SAME WORD which gives us deacon and deaconess.
  - C. A third spiritual gift is TEACHING which is the ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE the truths of God’s Word.

- D. EXHORTATION is the ability to CALL others to OBEY or to FOLLOW God's truth.
- a. It can be NEGATIVE when it is used to ADMONISH or CORRECT a person in sin.
  - b. It can be POSITIVE when it is used to ENCOURAGE or COMFORT a fellow believer.
- E. The person with the gift of GIVING is one who SHARES his resources to MEET THE NEEDS of others.
- F. The gift of LEADING is also known as the gift of ADMINISTRATION in another of the spiritual gifts listing. It also has the meaning of one who GUIDES or steers a ship.
- G. The final gift listed here is the gift of MERCY which has to do with SENSITIVITY and showing SYMPATHY.