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Understanding Spiritual Gifts (Part 1)

The subject of spiritual gifts was very important in the life of the E church.

The modern church is not as effective as it could and should be because most Christians don't know their spiritual gift/s.

Every child of God has a gift or gifts. Our gifts are assigned us when we are B by the Holy Spirit into the family of God. (Eph. 4:7)

What Is A Gift?

There are two Greek words used in the N.T. for spiritual gifts. The first word is *pneumatikon*, which means S (1 Cor. 12:1).

Second, the normal word for spiritual gifts is *charisma* (plural, *charismata*). The term has three uses in the N.T.:

1. It means God's gift of S (Rom. 6:23)
2. It refers to B, encouragement (Rom. 1:11)
3. It relates to a special ability to minister with E and P that the Holy Spirit endows on the believer. (Rom. 12:6)

Definition: A spiritual gift is a divine, supernatural A given by God to E a Christian to serve and to minister.

The Difference Between Gifts and Talents

Talents—are natural-born abilities

Gifts—are abilities that one receives from God (1 Pet. 4:11)

* Talents can be, and often are, avenues through which God uses individuals in His service.

* Sometimes a person's talent can be avenues through which the Holy Spirit may choose to give them a spiritual gift.

Every Believer Has a Gift

1. Every child of God has a gift or gifts

Though gifts may lie dormant for months or years, they are given at our spiritual

B_____ (Eph. 4:7; 1 Cor. 12:7)

2. The Holy Spirit sovereignly A_____ gifts to every believer as He wills (1 Cor. 12:11)

3. We don't have a right to B_____ or B_____ about our gifts (1 Cor. 4:7)

4. We should never I_____ or become devotees of any human leader out of admiration for his gifts (1 Cor. 3:3-7, 21-23)

5. We should never E_____ anyone else's gifts

6. Your gift is not for your S_____ (1 Cor. 12:7; Eph. 4:12)

7. Youths are not E_____ from the exercise of gifts (1 Tim. 4:12-14)