

Caring for One Another

1 Corinthians 12:25

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Shepherd's Community Church

An Overview of Spiritual Gifts

I. Getting a Grip on Caring

II. Concerning Spiritual Gifts

III. Understanding Your Gift

IV. Using Your Gift

The Speaking Gifts

- Wisdom – One who is able to make Biblical Truth relevant to everyday life
- Knowledge – One who has extraordinary knowledge and understanding of Scripture
- Prophecy – One who proclaims God's Word with a call to action, a preacher
- Teaching – One who can accurately and clearly communicate Biblical truth to others, effective at studying and explaining Scripture
- Encouragement/Exhortation – One who can comfort and encourage others

Gifted Men - Those Who Equip Believers to do the Work of Ministry

- Apostles* – Missionaries, Church Planters
- Prophets* - Preachers, Teachers (publicly proclaim the Word of God)
- Evangelists* – Sharing the word and bringing people to Christ
- Teaching Pastors* – Elders, Flock Leaders, Small Group Leaders

The Serving Gifts

- Faith – One who spends time in prayer for others, has confidence in God, gets excited about the possibilities, and can envision God accomplishing great things.
- Discernment – One who is able to discern teaching, opinions, or actions that are incorrect and protects the church from error; able to discern good from evil.
- Helps – One who is eager to help, aid, or assist others who have a need or are unable to help themselves.
- Administration/Government – One who oversees a group or ministry to see that things get done, and keeps people working together to accomplish their goals.
- Service – (diakonia) – one who carries out the instructions of another and gets the job done, a worker
- Giving – One who shares what they have well above a tithe to help others in need, give to missions, and further the Lord's work.
- Leadership – One who can see what needs to be done, identifies problems and opportunities, and comes up ideas and plans, and motivates others to join in.
- Mercy – One who has an unusual ability to show kindness and come to the aid of those who are suffering, shows compassion to others.

The Signifying (or Supernatural) Gifts

- Healing – One who can restore sight, remove sickness, heal the lame, etc
- Miracles – One who has power to do miraculous things like raise people from the dead and cast out demons
- Tongues – One who can speak in a different language to communicate Biblical Truth
- Interpretation of Tongues – One who is able to translate tongues spoken by others
- Prophecy – receiving and communicating direct revelation from God, including 100% accuracy in predicting specific future events.

(Key passages on spiritual gifts: 1 Peter 4:10-11; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12:8-10,28; Romans 12:4-8;)