

Identifying Your Spiritual Gifts

Step 1: Please **prayerfully read** the following passages of Scripture in these ways for several days, weeks: Read silently; read out loud; read them in a different version from your normal Bible; Ruminates on them; Visualize people that you know who may embody them;

Scripture passages: Romans 12:1-8; 1Corinthians 12:1-13:3; Ephesians 4:1-16; 1Peter 4:10-11; 1Corinthians 1:5-7; 2Timothy 1:6-7

As you read these passages, think of this as God's opportunity to plant seeds, water, and nurture the growth of your spiritual gifts.

When you have the opportunity to participate in Holy Communion or attend a baptism, ask the Holy Spirit to give you guidance and wisdom regarding your spiritual gifts.

Questions Step 1: Please respond to at least 3 of the 5 questions to best of your ability.

1. When you first read the passages about the spiritual gifts, which gifts appealed to you? Why do you think they appealed to you?
2. After reading through the passages over a period of several days, has your interest in the spiritual gifts changed? Share more about this, why it has or hasn't changed?
3. Do you think there is a correlation between the current decline in the Christian faith in our culture and people's understanding and embracing their callings and spiritual gifts?
4. Ask a close friend or family member to read through the passages and ask them if they see certain gifts present in you?
5. If you are beginning to see your gifts and understand your calling, how do these two relate to one another at this particular time?
6. Please send your responses to these questions to me by Saturday, May 11.

Step 2: Please read Kenneth Kinghorn's book Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

Step 3: Take one of the spiritual gift inventories and share your results with me. Please read the book and take the inventory by Saturday, May 18.