**Brief Descriptions of Spiritual Gifts, 2025**

**Administration/Management:** divinely gifted to understand the immediate and long-range plans of a particular component of the body of Christ and to develop and execute the steps to accomplish the plans. Acts 6:1-7; Philippians 2:19-25

**Apostle:** divinely gifted to define and articulate the vision for a body of Christ beyond the local congregation; is empowered with spiritual leadership that is spontaneously recognized and appreciated. 1Corinthians 12:28, 15:5, 7; Ephesians 4:11; Matthias, Acts 1:26; Barnabas, Acts 14:14; Paul, Romans 1:1; Andronicus & Junia, Romans 16:7, Timothy & Silas, 1Thessalonians 1:1, 2:6; Acts 15:6-12

**Compassion/Mercy:** divinely gifted to feel genuine empathy and mercy for people who suffer distressing physical, emotional, mental, and financial problems and to translate that compassion into cheerfully done deeds which reflect Christ’s love and alleviates suffering. Romans 12:8; 2Corinthians 1:3-7; Luke 10:33-35

**Discernment:** divinely gifted to know with assurance that certain behavior or ideas are divinely inspired, or of human development, or grounded in evil. 1Corinthians 12:10; 1Thessalonians 5:20-22; Philippians 1:9-11

**Evangelist:** divinely gifted to share the gospel with unbelievers in such a way that they become disciples of Christ; ability to use any other spiritual gifts, talents, or abilities one has in a different culture introducing the gospel and nurturing new converts in the faith. Ephesians 4:11; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 16:22-34

**Exhortation:** divinely gifted to minister words of comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counsel to other members of the body in such a way that they feel helped and healed. Romans 12:8; 1Timothy 4:11-14; Acts 14:21-22; Ephesians 6:21-22; 2Corinthians 13:11

**Faith:** divinely gifted to discern with extraordinary confidence the will and purposes of God for his work. 1Kings 18:16-46;1Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 11; Acts 9:10-19; Acts 27:21-25

**Giving:** divinely gifted to contribute their material resources to the work of the Lord freely and cheerfully. Romans 12:8; Mark 12:41-44; 1Timothy 6:17-19; Exodus 35:1-36:7; 2Corinthians 9:5-13; Acts 10:1-2; Philippians 4:14-19

**Giving Aid:** divinely gifted to see needs in the community and provide leadership in meeting those needs. Genesis 41:25-57; Mark 2:3-4; 1Corinthians 16:15-18; Titus 3:14

**Healing:** divinely gifted to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to cure illness and restore health apart from the use of natural means. 1Corinthians 12:9, 28; Acts 9:17-19; Acts 9:32-35; Acts 14:8-10; Acts 5:15

**Helps:** divinely gifted to invest their talents in the life and ministry of other members enabling them to increase their effectiveness of their own spiritual gifts. 1Corinthians 12:28; 2Timothy 1:16-18; 1Peter 5:12; Titus 3:13; 2Timothy 4:11

**Hospitality:** ability to provide an open atmosphere ad warm welcome to those in need. Genesis 18:1-8; 1Samuel 30:11-12;

**Intercession:** divinely gifted to pray for extended periods of time on a regular basis and see frequent and specific answers to prayer, to a degree much greater than that which is expected of the average Christian. Acts 10:1-2; Acts 12:1-17; Acts 14:23; Colossians 4:12-13; Ephesians 6:18-20;1Thessalonians 5:16-18; James 5:13-18

**Knowledge:** divinely gifted to discover, accumulate, analyze, and clarify information and ideas which are pertinent to the well-being of the congregation. 1Corinthians 12:8; Matthew 16:16-17; Romans 15:14; 1Samuel 30;

**Leadership:** ability to set goals in accordance with God’s purposes for the future and to communicate these goals to others in such a way that they will voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish those goals to the glory of God. Exodus 35:4-29; Joshua chapters 3 & 4; Judges 7;

**Miracles:** divinely gifted to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to perform powerful acts that are perceived by observers to have altered the ordinary course of nature. 1Corinthians 12: 10, 28; Acts 9:36-43; Acts 16:22-26

**Pastor/Shepherd:** divinely gifted to assume a long-term personal responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a group of believers. Ephesians 4:11; 1Timothy 3:1-13; 1Peter 5:1-4

**Prophecy:** divinely gifted to receive and communicate an immediate message of God to his people through a divinely-appointed utterance. All of the Old Testament Prophets; Romans 12:6; 1Corinthians 12:19, 28; Ephesians 4:11; 1Timothy 4:11-16; 1Corinthians 14:18-19, 29-33; 1Corinthians 14:29-33

**Service:** divinely gifted to identify unmet needs involved in a task related to God’s work, and to make use of available resources to meet those needs and help accomplish the desired results. Romans 12:7; 2Tim 4:13

**Teaching:** divinely gifted to communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the body and its members in such a way that others will learn. 1Cor 12:28; Ephesians 4:11; Acts 18:24-28; Acts 17:16-34

**Wisdom:** divinely gifted to know the mind of the Holy Spirit in such a way as to receive insight into specific needs arising in someone’s life or the life of the congregation. 1Corinthians 12:8; 1Corinthians 2:1-13; The Book of Proverbs

**Uncommon Spiritual Gifts**

**Tongues:** divinely gifted to speak to God in a language they have never learned and/or to receive and communicate an immediate message of God to his people through a divinely-anointed utterance in a language they never learned. 1Corinthians 12:10, 28, 30; 1Corinthians 14:18-19; 1Corinthians 14:1-28

**Interpretation of Tongues:**  divinely gifted to make known in the vernacular the message of one who speaks in tongues. 1Corinthians 12:10, 30; 1Corinthians 14:1-28

**Voluntary Poverty:** divinely gifted to renounce material comfort and luxury and adopt a personal life-style equivalent to those living at the poverty level in a given society in order to serve God more effectively. 1Corinthians 13:3; 1Kings 17:7-16

**Celibacy:** divinely gifted to remain single and enjoy it; to be unmarried and not suffer undue sexual temptation. 1Corinthians 7:7-9

**Exorcism:** divinely gifted to cast out demons and evil spirits. Acts 5:16; Acts 16:16-18

**Martyrdom:** divinely empowered to suffer for the faith even to death while consistently displaying a joyous, faithful, peaceful, and/or victorious attitude that gives glory to God. Acts 7; Acts 16:22-26

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