

Understanding “THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

The following is an alphabetical listing of the Spiritual Gifts utilized at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Definitions and Scriptural references are also listed. You are urged to use this material as a reference as you continue in the development and use of your Spiritual Gifts. These pages could also serve as an excellent guide for a series of personal Bible studies concerning Spiritual Gifts.

Administration: The gift of administration will benefit you in understanding and setting goals for various groups and organizations. It will give you direction in making plans to achieve those goals. You will be able to plan programming, work with facts and/or figures and see that goals and ideas are accomplished.

Scriptural References: 1 Corinthians 12:28, Romans 12:8, Acts 6:1-7.

Craftsmanship - Arts and Crafts: This “gift” or glorified talent will give you the ability to use your hands, thoughts, and mind to further God’s Kingdom through artistic, creative means. You may also serve as a trainer for others to develop their abilities in this area.

Scriptural References: Exodus 30:3-11, Ezekiel 27:4, 1 Chronicles 4:14

Craftsmanship - Manual: This “gift” or glorified talent will give you the ability to use your hands and ideas in the areas of maintenance and upkeep of God’s physical blessings.

Scriptural References: 11 Chronicles 34:9-13, 1 Chronicles 4:14, Ezekiel 27:4-9

Discernment: The gift of discernment will give you the ability to distinguish between truth and error, to discern the spirits, differentiating between good and evil, right and wrong. People with this gift: distinguish truth from error, right from wrong, pure motives from impure; identify deception in others with accuracy and appropriateness, are able to sense the presence of evil.

Scriptural References: 1 Cor. 12:10, Acts 5:1-4, Matt. 16:21-23

Evangelism: The gift of evangelism will give you the power to share the Good News of the love of Jesus with the lost in such a way that those with whom you share will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Scriptural References: Ephesians 4:11, Acts 5:42, Acts 8:5-8, Acts 13:42-43, Acts 11:20-21

Exhortation: The gift of exhortation will allow you to speak words of comfort, encouragement, admonition or counsel to members of the Body in such a way that they will be strengthened and built up.

Scriptural References: 1 Corinthians 12:9, Romans 4:20-21, Acts 27:21-25

Faith: The gift of faith will allow you to see with confidence what God’s will is for your life and, more importantly, for the Body of Christ you are a member of. You will have no fear of moving ahead even though everything around you seems to be holding you back.

Scriptural References: 1 Corinthians 12:9, Romans 4:20-21, Acts 27:21-25

Giving: The gift of giving will allow you to give liberally of your treasures and time. As you give you will experience much joy and satisfaction.

Scriptural References: 1 Cor. 12:9, Romans 4:20-21, Acts 27:21-25

Helps/Serving: The gift of helps will give you the opportunity to help other members of the body grow in their service. You will feel needed as you relieve others of tasks that are burdening them. Assuming the role of the servant will bring you much joy and will build up the Body of Christ.

Scriptural References: Romans 12:7, II Timothy 1:16-18, Romans 14:18-19, Mark 2:3-4

Hospitality: The gift of hospitality will give you the opportunity to be open and caring to those in need. You will enjoy having people in your home and will feel good as you provide food and lodging.

Scriptural References: 1 Peter 4:9-10, Acts 16:15, III John 1:5-8

Intercession: This 'gift' or unique role will allow you to pray for other members of the Body in such a way that your prayers will be of benefit to them. You will enjoy praying regularly and, perhaps, for extended periods of time. You will be able to see frequent and specific answers to prayer that many of your fellow Christians who do not have the "gift" cannot see.

Scriptural References: James 5:14-16, Colossians 4:12, Acts 6:4, Acts 12:5, Ephesians 6:18

Knowledge: The gift of knowledge will give you the ability to use information and ideas you have learned and thought out for the well-being of the Body. Your sharing of your gift of knowledge will allow the church to become healthy and grow.

Scriptural References: 1 Corinthians 12:8, 1 Corinthians 13:8, 1 Corinthians 13:2

Leadership: The gift of leadership will allow you to be a goal-setter and leader of God's people. They will look to you for guidance and direction. Your leadership will bring glory to God and growth to His church.

Scriptural References: Romans 12:8, Hebrews 13:17, Acts 7:10

Mercy: The gift of mercy allows you to reach out to people who are in need. Your words of care and concern, your actions, will aid in building up those who may have physical, mental or emotional problems. The things you do will allow those you serve to see the love of Christ in you and through you.

Scriptural References: Romans 12:8, Acts 9:36, Luke 10:33-35.

Music - Vocal: This "gift" or glorified talent will allow you to use your voice to sing praises to the Lord in such a manner that those around you will feel strengthened and built up.

Scriptural References: Colossians 3:16, II Chronicles 5:12-13, Nehemiah 12:42, James 5:13

Music - Instrumental: This 'gift' or glorified talent will allow you to play an instrument in such a manner that it will bring praises to God and build up those around you.

Scriptural References: I Chronicles 16:42, psalm 150:4-5, Isaiah 38:20.

Shepherding: The gift of shepherding (pastoring) will give you the ability to reach out and care in a spiritual manner for an individual or for a group. You will serve as one who is a counselor, an encourager, a shepherd. You will see that God's Word is fed to those in your care and you will also feel a responsibility for the general well being of the individual or group.

Scriptural References: Ephesians 4:11, I Thessalonians 5:12, Acts 20:28

Teaching: The gift of teaching will give you the ability to share knowledge with members of the Body (children and/or adults) that will serve in building them up in Christ. Your teaching will aid the growth and health of the Body.

Scriptural References: 1 Corinthians 12:28, Romans 12:7, Ephesians 4:11, Acts 20:20-21.

Wisdom: The gift of wisdom will allow you to have a special understanding of situations which arise in people's lives. You will be able to offer counsel and advice. As you do this the Body of Christ will become healthier and grow.

Scriptural References: 1 Corinthians 12:8, Acts 6:3-10, 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Writing: This 'gift' or glorified talent will allow you to put your thoughts and ideas into words that will be meaningful and relevant to those who read them. As they are read people will find guidance, knowledge, courage or edification.

Scriptural References: Psalm 45:1, Philipians 3:1, Jude 3:1.

SPIRITUAL GIFT ASSESSMENT

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Spiritual Gift Assessment Key

- A = Administration**
- B = Craftsmanship – Arts & Crafts**
- C = Craftsmanship – Manual**
- D = Discernment**
- E = Evangelism**
- F = Exhortation**
- G = Faith**
- H = Giving**
- I = Helps/Serving**
- J = Hospitality**

- K = Intercession**
- L = Knowledge**
- M = Leadership**
- N = Mercy**
- O = Music - Vocal**
- P = Music - Instrumental**
- Q = Shepherding**
- R = Teaching**
- S = Wisdom**
- T = Writing**

