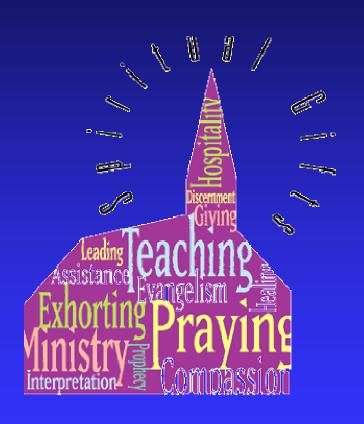
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Three Questions



Are all the spiritual gifts for today?

■ What are the spiritual gifts?

How do we discover our own unique area of gifting?

The Disputed Gifts

- Tongues
- Interpretation of tongues
- Healings
- Apostle
- Prophet
- Miracles



Two Camps

Charismatics-All the spiritual gifts are in operation today

Cessationists-Most of the spiritual gifts are in operation today

Cessationism

- Gifts that have ceased
 - ◆ Foundational (Eph 2:20)
 - ◆ Confirmatory (Heb 2:3-4)
 - ◆ Revelatory (Jude 3)

Edificatory gifts continue



This church teaches that the miraculous sign gifts, including the gift of tongues, (always the ability to speak in a previously unlearned, known language) along with the gift of healings were temporal gifts, given by the Holy Spirit solely to authenticate both the apostles and their message before the close of the canon of Scripture (1 Cor. 13:8-10). We do not believe that these are active as gifts today. However, we affirm that God is sovereign and may heal...today.

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Romans 12

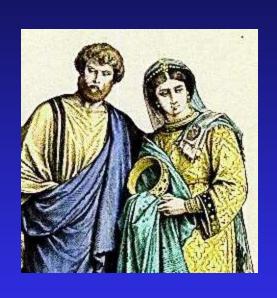
■ 1 Corinthians 12

■ 1 Peter 4

Ephesians 4

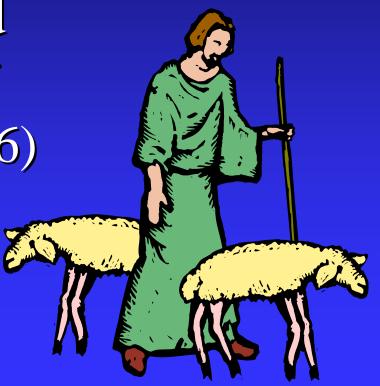
Prophecy: the ability to proclaim God's truth without compromise





Teaching: the ability to explain clearly what God has already revealed (1 Cor 12:28)

Pastor-teacher: the ability to equip and mature the body of Christ (Eph 4:11-16)

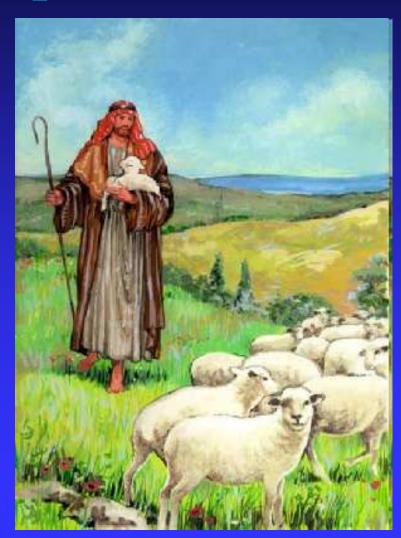


Shepherd/Pastor

Guide

Guard

Graze



Evangelism: the ability to share the good news of Jesus Christ with unbelievers



Exhortation: the ability to encourage others in the body of Christ





Discernment: the ability to detect moral or doctrinal error (Rev 2:2)

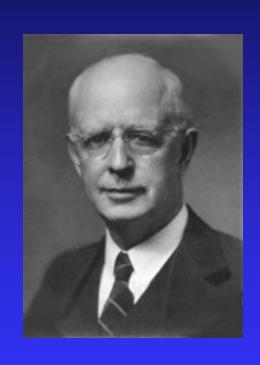
Administration: the ability to effectively run or manage a church program





Leadership: the ability to cast an organizational vision and motivate others toward the fulfillment of that vision

Knowledge: the ability to understand complex biblical truths (1 Cor 8:1)





Wisdom: the ability to find knowledge from the Scriptures and apply it to daily life (1 Cor 2:6-7)

■ <u>Service</u>: the ability to minister to others



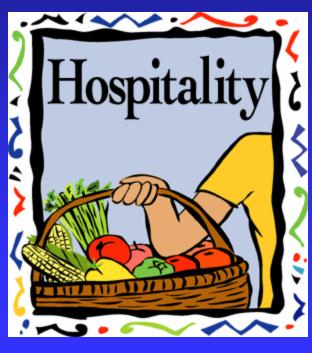
Giving: the ability to give material goods and financial resources with joy so that the needs of the Lord's work are met



Hospitality: the ability to make guests feel

comfortable and at

home (Rom 12:13)



Mercy: the ability to devote energy toward helping those in pitiable conditions





Helps: the ability to free up others from certain responsibilities so that they can exercise their gifts more effectively (Acts 6:1-4)



Faith: the ability to trust God in the midst of life's difficulties

Know what the gifts are and their purpose



Obey the known or revealed will of God to all believers (Luke 16:10; Rom 12:1)



What do you naturally gravitate toward?



What ministry or ministries do you enjoy doing?

Does anyone get
especially blessed
when you serve God
in a particular way?



Spiritual Gifts: Observation #6

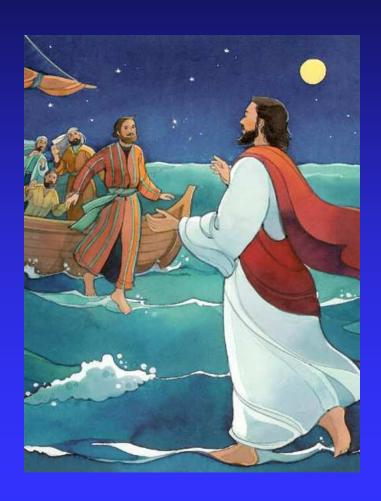


Spiritual gifts are given in order to edify the church (1 Cor 12:7; 14:12, 26; Eph 4:11-12; 1 Pet 4:10)

■ What are you most critical of?



Step out in faith (Rom 12:6)



Do not despise the day of small beginnings (Zech 4:10)

