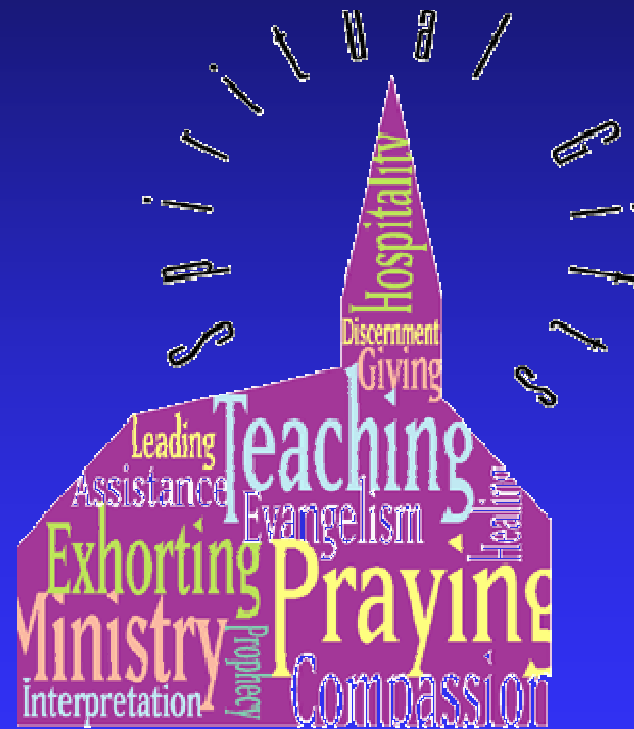


# Spiritual Gifts

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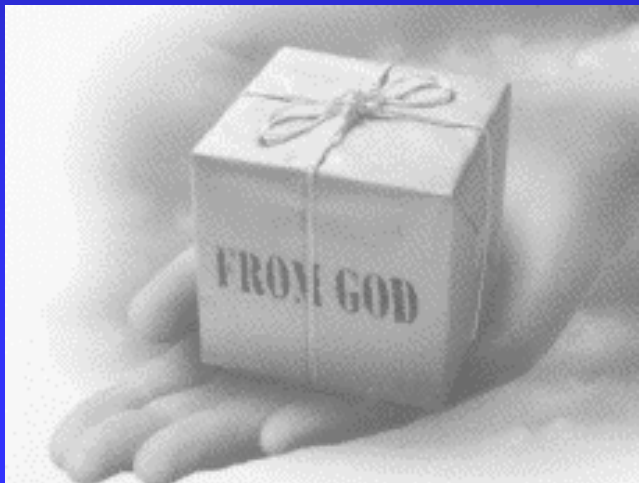
# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #1

- Spiritual gifts are Spirit empowered abilities for service (John 13:15)



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #2

- God sovereignly bestows the  
Spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12:11; Heb 2:4)



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #3

- Every believer has at least one Spiritual gift (1 Cor 12:7; Eph 4:7; 1 Pet 4:10)



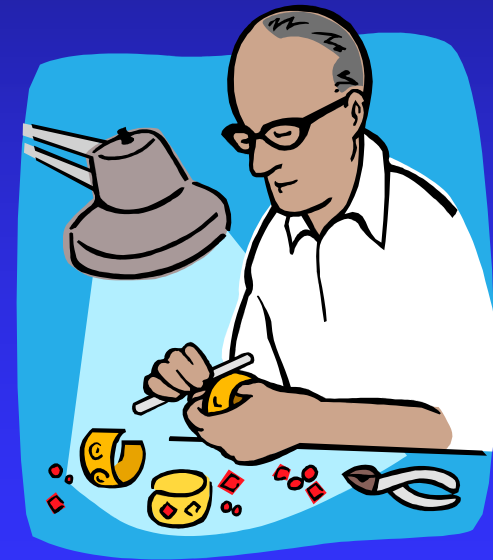
# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #4



- Believers obtain their Spiritual gifts at the point of salvation (Heb 2:4; Rom 8:9)

# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #5

- Spiritual gifts are not the same as natural abilities or talents



# Talents vs. Spiritual Gifts

## Natural Talents

## Spiritual Gifts

<b>Source</b>	<b>From God Through Parents</b>	<b>From God Independent of Parents</b>
<b>Possessed</b>	<b>From birth</b>	<b>From conversion</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>To benefit mankind in general</b>	<b>To edify the church</b>

# Talents vs. Spiritual Gifts

“The natural abilities of the unsaved are not spiritual gifts. This much is certain. However, it is likely that sometimes the Holy Spirit transforms a purely natural ability by channeling it into God’s work after conversion to Christ. In other cases, the Holy Spirit probably bestows brand new aptitudes, interests, and abilities.”

Steven Waterhouse, *Not By Bread Alone*, 291



# 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)

# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #7

- Spiritual gifts are diverse  
(1 Cor 12:4-6)

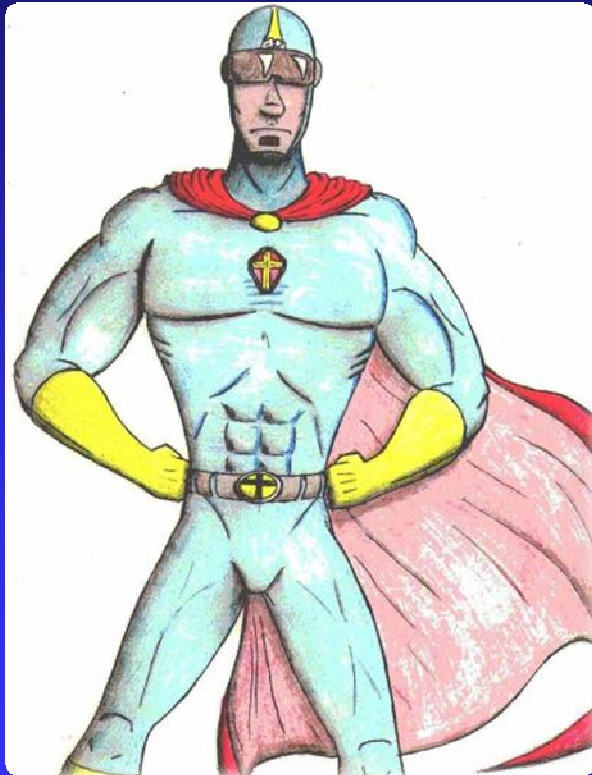


# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #8

- Spiritual gifts represent differing manifestations of God's grace  
(1 Pet 4:10)



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #9



- No single person possesses all of the Spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12:29-30)

# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #10

God uses Spiritual gifts to promote  
unity in His church (1 Cor 12)



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #11



- Spiritual gifts are not to be confused with the fruit of the Spirit (1 Cor 1:7)

# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #12

- Spiritual gifts are not always the same as an office



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #13

- Spiritual gifts is not always the same as a sphere of influence





# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #14



- Spiritual gifts are irrevocable this side of eternity (Rom 11:29)

# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #15

- Spiritual gifts do not cancel the basic duties of all believers



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #16



- Spiritual gifts need development  
(2 Tim 1:6)

# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #17

- Spiritual gifts can be neglected
  - ◆ 1 Tim 4:14
  - ◆ Matt 25:25-26



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #18



- Awareness of our Spiritual gifts render us accountable (Matt 25:19; Rom 14:12)