

What is
your
spiritual
gifting?



Spiritual gifting is not for ourselves

Spiritual gifts are not given as badges of privilege or prestige but as tools for ministry. The Lord gives them to His servants so they can serve, and He gives them for a limitless variety of services. All gifts are for service, but the types of service are immeasurable. (MNTC)

The Bible doesn't tell us how to
know what our gifts are

I was initially more inclined to the pursuit
of knowing our gifts

The Bible does tell us how to
exercise our gifts

That means that to some extent we (and likely others around us) are aware of a spiritual gift we possess.

Romans 12:6-8 (ESV)

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching...

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the one who exhorts, in his exhortation;
the one who contributes, in generosity;
the one who leads, with zeal; the one
who does acts of mercy, with
cheerfulness.

How to exercise our spiritual gifts

- ✓ When it becomes clear the Spirit has gifted us for something for the present situation, then we are to diligently use our ability.
- ✓ It isn't because of our own merit, these are grace given spiritual abilities.

The Bible doesn't tell us how long
our gifts are given for

I ponder that sometimes spiritual abilities
may be given to us for a season

The Bible does tell us that we
have at least one gift

We may not have clarity on what exact gift(s)
we have for our current situation, but I must
be confident we have a function.

The Bible does emphasize a
Christians acting like a human
body

We have differing functions that are all
important.

The Bible does tell us to have a
proper perspective of ourselves

First, the heart of dedication, and then
the right attitude.

Romans 12:1-3 (ESV)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind...

Romans 12:1-3 (ESV)

that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think...

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but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

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It is critical to understand that spiritual gifts are not given for self-edification. A teacher who studies the Word and then writes lessons that only he reads, or records messages that only he hears prostitutes his gift. A person with the gift of discernment who...

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keeps his Spirit-given insights to himself is an unfaithful steward. Nor are God's gifts given for self-service. A Christian with the gift of helps must, by definition, be involved in serving others, just as service, by definition, involves helping others...

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In the broad sense, therefore, every gift is a helps gift because *every* gift is a service gift. A gift exercised in private is a perverted gift. God gives His gifts *to* us but *for* others...

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We are personally blessed when we use our gifts in the Spirit's power to serve others in His name, but that blessing is the by-product not the purpose.

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Are you missing out on one of
God's blessings?

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