

A Catalogue



Of Spiritual Gifts

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Administration: The ability to sort out resources and persons for effective ministries and to organize and implement ministries to completion.

- Do I feel energized and joyful when organizing a project, working out details, and getting others in the right place to reach a goal?
- Is it easy for me to organize people, resources and schedules?
- When I take on a project, does my planning result in smooth operation?
- Do I believe that all ministries should be amply planned, sufficiently staffed, and carried out to the fullest detail?
- Is carrying the responsibility for organizing group activities toward stated goals something I enjoy and do well?
- Do I feel the Spirit working through me to empower and enable others to do God's work?



Apostle: The ability to be a spiritual diplomat and to cultivate receptivity toward the Spirit in new places and new people.

- Does leaving the comfort of home and friends to serve elsewhere appeal to me?
- Are people inclined to accept what I say in spiritual matters?
- Do I enjoy visiting other churches and aiding them in serving God?
- When I visit from church to church and have occasion to speak, do I feel a sense of authority in spiritual matters that comes only from God?

Artist / Artisan: The ability to use physical materials and artistic skills to create, mold, carve, sculpt, draw, design, paint, repair or photograph items necessary for spiritual nurture, faith development and caring ministries.

- Do I feel special closeness to God when I build, make or repair something for my spiritual community?
- Do I have a special sense of how physical surroundings enhance a spiritual community?

Assistance: The ability and eagerness to aid or assist others in need to such an extent that the helper receives as much as the person helped.

- Do the needs of others excite me to action?
- Do I feel that doing routine tasks is not dull for me if it helps others?
- Am I satisfied just to serve others even if I never get recognized for what I do?
- Do I feel close to God when volunteering at a homeless shelter or food bank or when doing activities that assist others?

Celibacy: The ability to offer God and the spiritual community a life free from marriage, family responsibilities, and sexual needs in order to spend time and energy necessary for ministry.

- Do I feel that I can be a whole person without a social or legal bond with a partner?
- Do I feel that being single frees me to serve the spiritual community more fully?
- Do I feel that God has given me relief from sexual needs?

Discernment of Spirits: The ability to differentiate between right and wrong, good and evil, what is of God or of human nature, and to use this knowledge for the protection and health of the spiritual community.

- Does a strong inner feeling tell me what is real or phony in other people or situations?
- Am I deeply disturbed when something seems wrong, and exuberant over what seems right, without needing logical reasons for my judgments? Do these feelings eventually prove to be correct?
- Do I sense spiritual truth or error when others may see no cause to question the difference?
- Do I feel the Spirit teaching me to recognize false teachings, erroneous judgments, and insincere or dishonest behavior?



Evangelism: The ability to nurture spiritual growth in others and to give such a persuasive witness to God's love that it moves others to accept that love and to draw near to God.

- Do I feel the love of Jesus working through me as I speak to others?
- Do I take joy in helping others deepen their spiritual lives?
- Am I interested in the spiritual welfare of others?
- Am I able to interpret and share the good news of God's love as expressed in the Bible so that others may understand it?



Exhortation: The ability to counsel, inspire, motivate, encourage and strengthen others in their efforts to live out God's will and calling in pain or pleasure, want or plenty.

- Do I delight in working with and encouraging depressed or apathetic persons?
- Do I inspire and motivate other to do things for their spiritual well-being?
- Do I feel God working through me to give others strength and comfort?
- Does the Spirit show me how to help others believe their sufferings and trials will develop their patience, strength and hope?

Exorcism: The ability to use love, faith, prayers, music or other spiritual gifts to liberate persons from debilitating and hindering forces.

- Does God use my obedience to free others from evil or negative forces?
- Do I feel God's love working through me as I counsel those suffering from depression, addiction or other personal demons?

Faith: The ability to know and feel God's presence with a certainty that strengthens the spiritual community.

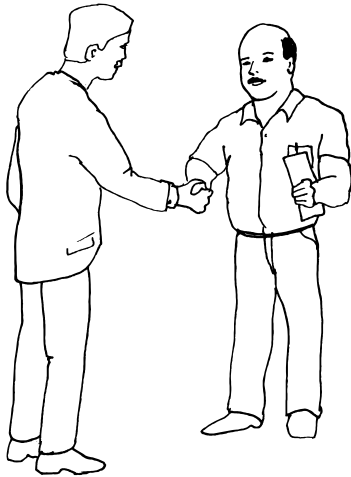
- Do I know that God actively and purposely works in every event and circumstance?
- Do I know that God is real? Though circumstances appear hard, cruel and impossible to others, do I take joy in living close to God?
- Even when wrong prevails and situations threaten with hopelessness, do I sense that God's blessing is forthcoming?

Healing: The ability to cure or to be cured of ill conditions that hinder effective ministries and to bring wholeness to individuals and to the spiritual community.

- Are my prayers a source of healing for others?
- Does God heal the physically, mentally, socially, financially or spiritually sick through my efforts?
- Do I feel God working to bring wholeness through my counseling, touch or prayers?

Hospitality: The ability to welcome persons beyond one's intimate circle to demonstrate the belief that there is that of God in everyone.

- Do I offer friendship and other services to strangers without hesitation and fear?
- Do I sense a special opportunity for ministry when my normal routine is interrupted by guests or strangers?
- Do I make newcomers comfortable in my presence?
- Do I love to meet new people and learn from them? Am I eager to greet them and make them feel welcome?



Humor: The ability to bring laughter and joy to situations and relationships to relieve tension, anxiety or conflicts and to heal and free emotions and energies.

- Do I enjoy making others laugh?
- Is it easy for me to spot humor in most situations, even serious or painful ones?
- Do I experience fun and entertainment as vital parts of the life of the spiritual community?
- Do I have the ability to use wholesome jokes and laughable situations to relieve tension?

Intercessory Prayer: The ability to know when and for what to pray with effective results.

- Do know when others need my prayers?

- Am I eager to pray when others request prayers?
- Am I moved to pray for others even though I may not know them, and even for conditions about which I know very little or nothing at the time?
- Do I feel close to God when praying for others?



Interpretation: The ability to hear, understand and translate non-verbal spiritual messages or messages from another who speaks in a language unknown to the interpreter.

- Do I have a sense of where words come from, even if a message is not clearly articulated?
- When others deliver inspired messages non-verbally or in words or sounds not known by the hearers, can I explain them?
- Do I receive direct clarifications of divine messages for the good of the spiritual community through persons who, to others, speak in unintelligible gibberish?

Knowledge: The ability to ascertain and to understand the universal and timeless truths of God and to link them with the spiritual community. The ability to bridge gaps between unavoidable realities: the gaps between religion and science, the spiritual and the material, the biblical message and the modern mind.

- Is it easy for me to discover or recognize spiritual meanings and divine principals?
- Do I have special insights concerning God's will?
- Is it clear to me how biblical and spiritual teachings relate to universal and timeless needs of humans?



Leadership: The ability to discern and envision God's will and purpose for the spiritual community and to inspire others to work together to accomplish God's will.

- Do I feel God working through me to inspire others to work for God?
- Do I have dreams and visions of new ministries for my spiritual community? Do I enjoy helping to set long-range goals for these ministries?
- Do others say that my influence has guided them to gain new directions and achievements in life?
- Do people seek me out to lead them?

Martyrdom: The ability to stand firm on divinely inspired convictions and divinely directed ministries without equivocation or ulterior motives.

- Am I willing and able to endure any hardship to demonstrate God's love and power to others?
- Does the prospect of loss or gain because of my faith or ministry cause me no abiding concern?
- Would I prefer dying painfully in obedience to God's will than to not experiencing a close relationship with God?
- Whatever the cost, do I not hesitate to witness to God's love?

Mercy: The ability to identify with and feel the physical, mental, spiritual or emotional distress of others and to feel the need to do something to relieve the suffering.

- Do persons with problems and pain attract my attention more quickly than others without apparent needs?
- Do I have immediate compassion for persons who have spiritual, emotional or physical pain?
- Do I feel close to God when doing something for persons in nursing homes, hospitals or hospices?



Miracles: Powerful works that transcend the natural to demonstrate God's power to individuals or to the spiritual community.

- Have I experienced an event or occurrence that demonstrates the power of God?
- Do I experience unsolicited and unexpected inner promptings to do some service and later learn of unbelievable results?

Missionary: The ability to go beyond race, culture, subculture, creeds, nationality or life-style to serve the basic human and spiritual needs of neglected peoples.

- Do I feel that other cultures, races and languages offer no hurdles for my service?
- Do I have something of value to contribute to peoples in socioeconomic, racial or language situations radically different from mine?
- Do I daydream about living and serving God among people of other nations, races, and cultures?

Philanthropy: The ability to manage one's resources of income, time and energy in order to give abundantly an amount that brings joy and power to do more for further service.

- Is it easy for me to manage my income so that I may give liberally to God's work?
- Is giving of my time, money, energy and talents a cheerful experience?
- When there is a call for donations, do I feel excited enough to give all that I can?
- Am I unconcerned about how my contributions are used as long as they support God's work?



Prayer-Praise Language (speaking in tongues): The ability to pray or to praise God with beneficial wordless phrases or utterances not familiar as a known language with a joyful intimacy with God that strengthens faith.

- Do I pray in words or thoughts that I do not understand?
- Do I experience a spiritual presence and power when I pray or chant in wordless form?
- Do I experience and share with others a sense of praise for God that is too deep for words?

Prophecy: The ability to interpret and articulate God's will for the spiritual community as it applies to righteous and just living in today's world.

- Do I have a sense of right and wrong, justice and injustice that I need to express to others?
- Am I moved to articulate the modern relevance of biblical teachings and principles?
- Do messages that I share (in worship or in private opportunities) prove to be timely and needed by others?
- Do I receive insights for warnings, cautions, instructions and encouragements to give to the spiritual community?

Service: The ability to elevate any deed or service that aids the spiritual community, its ministries or another person to a form of worship without concern or desire for rank, popularity, position or recognition.

- Do I enjoy doing almost anything for the spiritual community?
- Do I think of washing dishes, cleaning, typing, caring for buildings, baby-sitting, setting up chairs and other acts as significant ways to worship God?
- Am I quick to volunteer to serve the spiritual community because of the special closeness to God that I feel when I perform the service no matter how menial the task?

Shepherd / Pastor: The ability to carry varieties of spiritual, physical and social concerns for groups and individuals over time with effective caring.

- Do I enjoy being with and serving the same people over long periods of time?
- Do I find sustained spiritual intimacies with a variety of people easy and enjoyable?
- Do I have special feelings for members of the spiritual community who have strayed or have become inactive?
- Do I feel God working through me to help me carry concerns for many people with a variety of needs?

Spirit-Music: The ability to create or perform music as messages from God to inspire others.

- Can I discern when music is a performance rather than a spiritual aid to worship?
- Does the music I share bring others to worship?
- When I sing or play music, do I feel spiritual energy flowing through me?



Strength / Courage: The ability to use spiritual, physical or psychological energies with righteous force enough to confront and overcome evil.

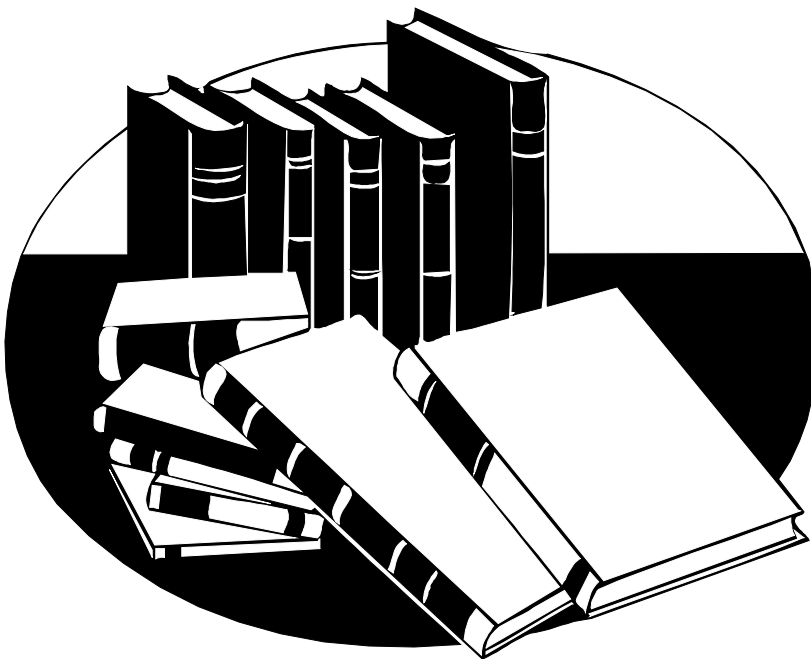
- Am I willing and able to speak truth to power?
- Am I unafraid to confront those who are unrighteous?
- Do I feel the Holy Spirit working through me as I take on difficult or unpleasant tasks requiring courage and moral fortitude?

Suffering: The ability to endure hardship, pain and distress with an amount of joy and fortitude to inspire others to endure their suffering and to lead others to accept God's offer of love through the suffering of Christ.

- Do I feel that suffering is one of God's ways of accomplishing a divine purpose in life?
- Do I identify my pains and tragedies as taking on the cross?
- Do I see God's powerful love in my sorrows and losses?
- Does God use my sorrows to bring about radical changes for the good of others?

Teaching: The ability to discern, analyze and articulate spiritual truths in such a way that others can understand and learn them.

- Am I able to organize and present information about the Bible and spirituality in a way that it can be comprehended by others?
- Do I enjoy devoting time to biblical and spiritual studies to share with others?
- Does the love of Bible study and spiritual learning flow through me to others?



Voluntary Poverty: The ability to live a simple and unencumbered life free of material responsibilities in order to devote large amounts of time, energy and skills to ministries.

- Do I feel that a fulfilling life should be simple and free from obligations that do not directly support living in God's kingdom?
- Do I enjoy having a minimal income and no debts so that my interests and energies can be used in ministries?
- Do I feel that God does not want me to have many worldly possessions?
- Do I feel that it is important to identify with the poor to build their confidence in my service to them?
- Do I feel that having few worldly possessions does not make me inferior to others or left out of God's grace?

Wisdom: The ability to make concrete, practical and specific applications of divine knowledge received directly from God.

- Is it easy for me to apply divine Truth to daily living?
- Do I intuitively understand and solve problems that seem complicated to others?
- Are the themes of love, righteousness, peace and discipleship easy and natural for me to apply to daily living?
- Can I clearly see God's will and how to apply it to personal living and to the ministries of Friends?

