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## **What Are My Spiritual Gifts?**

1Cor 12:1; Rom 12:6-8

What are the seven spiritual gifts categories mentioned in Rom 12:6-8?

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5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
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Here's one way to discover your spiritual gifts, to see if they tend toward one of the above.

1. Would I consider it more loving and caring to:
  - P help a person change for the better
  - S do something to meet a special need he or she has?
2. Am I more likely to find fulfillment in a:
  - T teaching career
  - G business venture?
3. To form an opinion about something, I would probably:
  - P go by what you feel and/or believe already
  - T research it until you are confident about the information?
4. Would I rather encourage people to:
  - G give generously to a ministry
  - C minister directly to those who are hurting?
5. Would I rather:
  - P pray for someone
  - G provide for him or her?
6. In counseling people, do I:
  - P tell them where they are wrong and what to do
  - E accept them for where they are, and then suggest change?
7. Would I rather:
  - T train other to do a job
  - A delegate the work to others?
8. Would I rather spend time:
  - P in prayer
  - A organizing a Christian project?
9. Is my decision-making:
  - T based on research
  - C difficult for me?
10. Would I rather:
  - G financially assist an ongoing project
  - A organize the next project?

11. Would I rather participate in:
  - P an intercessory prayer group
  - C a program to help the poor?
12. Would I rather help someone in need by:
  - S doing something for him or her
  - G anonymously giving money?
13. Would I prefer to:
  - E do individual counseling
  - A manage a group project?
14. Would I rather:
  - S help set up for or serve a church dinner
  - T speak to the group after dinner?
15. If a room needed to be cleaned, would I:
  - S get a broom and sweep it
  - A figure out who could best do the job?
16. Do I encourage others by:
  - E sharing my own experiences
  - G giving practical help?
17. Would I prefer to spend my time:
  - A organizing people and projects
  - C ministering to someone in distress?
18. Am I:
  - E likely to see a problem as a challenge
  - C sometimes be overwhelmed by a problem?
19. Would I rather:
  - S help with a church work party
  - C visit the shut-in?
20. At a meeting, do I feel it is more important to:
  - S Make sure the room is left in order
  - E spend more time greeting the people?
21. Would I prefer to:
  - T read a good book
  - E be with other people?

Place your total for each letter on the corresponding lines next to the categories they represent.

1. Do you have questions about your spiritual gifts? Have you taken those questions to the one who gave you your giftedness?
2. Rom 12:6-8. What do these verses tell you about the attitude God wants you to have when using your gifts and talents?
3. Rom 12:1-2. What relationship does God's will have to the gifts He has given you?
4. Rom 12 30-5. How might an awareness of your gifts lead to pride? How can you stay humble about them?

Why would some Christians seem to lack the desire to serve in a ministry?

What are some reasons we should want to know our gifts?

Let's conclude with reading: Psalm 139: 13-14.

<sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.

End notes: Description of the people who exhibit Romans 12 Gifts:

*P Prophecy.* Truth-oriented. Forthright, outspoken, uncompromising. Open to 'inspired messages' from God, and called to pray about what is perceived. Desperately need and potentially dangerous.

*S Serving.* Needs-oriented. Practical. Hardworking and conscientious. Is satisfied when things get done, regardless of who gets the credit. Can be resentful when others don't serve.

*T Teaching.* Concept-oriented. Systematic and logical. Has good insights into Scripture and makes things clear to others. Can be too intellectual.

*E Encourager.* Growth-oriented. Good at setting goals and motivating others. Disciplined and single-minded. Can be demanding, hard on self and others.

*G Giver.* Cause-oriented. Loves to give. Able to see the 'big picture' and assess resources. Handles money wisely. Can be impatient with others who misuse time and/or money.

*A Administrator.* Task-oriented. Organized, decisive, and thrives under pressure. Good at delegating responsibility and getting things done through others. Can be pushy.

*C Compassion.* Feelings-oriented. Highly sensitive to others in need. Compassionate and affirming. Good at listening, caring and 'being present' when someone is hurting. Can get drained.

