

Spiritual Gift Assessment Class – Week 2

1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-7 - Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

*Remember that Spiritual gifts are given so that we can be active members within a local community that is committed to Go'd Kingdom mandate for this earth. They are given to bless and ultimately bring glory to God alone. They help us identify our uniqueness in Christ.

What Spiritual Gifts Are Not:

A. Natural Talent

*Believers and non-believers are both gifted by God with natural talents. Some of the greatest minds, athletes, and world changing people have been non-believers.

Matthew 5:45 - For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

B. Fruit of the Spirit

*The fruit of the Spirit is not only expected of all believers, but should be the foundation of which all believers operate and function in their gifts. The gifts of the Spirit must be characterized by the fruit of the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 - If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

C. Christian Leadership Roles

*Just because you have a spiritual gift, does not mean you necessarily have a leadership role in a church. Positions of leadership with the Body of Christ are not just determined by one's spiritual giftedness. Spiritual giftedness must function within and under the covering of the leadership roles in the Body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 13:17 - Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you

D. Counterfeit Gifts

*A false gift is not a gift of the Spirit being mis-used.

Philippians 3:1-3 - 3 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. 2 Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. 3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh.

1 John 4:1 - Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Group Time:

- 1. Break into groups of Spiritual Gifting**
- 2. Read through all supporting Scriptures verses on your gifting**
- 3. Tell stories of how you feel God has used you in this gifting before**