

DISCOVERING MY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Using the Spiritual Gifts Analysis key chart on which you have written the numerical values next to the corresponding gifts, enter below the five gifts receiving the highest numerical values (there may be more than five in the case of ties). This will give you a *tentative evaluation* of your gifts. It can serve as a guideline for you to follow as you experiment with the various gifts as a method of ascertaining what your specific gifts are.

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As you reflect on the spiritual gifts you have tentatively discovered through the Spiritual Gifts Analysis, you will now want to find which ones truly are and which are not your gifts. To do this you might want to follow what has been called the “5 E’s” of gift discovery:

Step one: **Explore the possibilities**

This you have been doing through a Bible study on spiritual gifts. Study again for yourself the three key gift chapters of Scripture – 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12:1-8, and Ephesians 4:1-16.

Step two: **Experiment with as many as possible**

If you do not try a particular gift you have tentatively discovered through the Spiritual Gifts Analysis, you will have a hard time knowing whether you have it or not. Volunteer to serve in an area of congregational work that can put your tentative gift into practice. The key is to get involved, if possible, with each tentative gift area.

Step three: **Examine your feelings**

When you experiment with a gift and enjoy using it, that is a good sign. You should find a measure of fulfillment in your service. It is a joyous thing to serve the Lord with one's gifts.

Step four: **Evaluate your effectiveness**

Spiritual gifts are meant to be used for the benefit of others. As you use your gift(s), you should see positive, though not necessarily fabulous, results taking place. If you are not seeing any results, it may be a sign that you do not have that particular gift.

Step five: **Expect confirmation from others**

Fellow believers can be very helpful in the discovery and implementation of your spiritual gifts. They may perceive gifts in you that you don't know you have and may then encourage you to put these gifts to use. They may also help you on occasion to see that you don't have a particular gift you think you have and then help to steer you into a different avenue of service.

Note: Follow through each of these five steps with prayer that the Lord himself will be the guiding and directing as well as motivating force in all your endeavors.