

## Glossary of Spiritual Gifts<sup>1</sup>

<b>Administration:</b>	The special ability to understand clearly the immediate and long-range goals of a particular unit of the Body and to devise and execute effective plans for the accomplishment of those goals. (see Luke 14:28-30; Acts 6:1-7, 27:11; 1 Cor. 12:28; Titus 1:5)
<b>Apostle:</b>	The special ability to assume and exercise general leadership within God-assigned spheres such as ecclesiastical, territorial, functional, marketable, etc. accompanied by an extraordinary authority in spiritual matters that is spontaneously recognized and appreciated by those within the sphere. (see 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 2:20; 4:11)
<b>Celibacy:</b>	The special ability to remain single and enjoy it and not suffer undue sexual temptations. (see Matt. 19:10-12; 1 Cor. 7:7-8)
<b>Deliverance:</b>	The special ability to cast out demons and evil spirits. (see Matt. 12:22-32; Luke 10:12-20; Acts 8:5-8, 16:16-18)
<b>Discerning of Spirits:</b>	The special ability to know with assurance whether certain behaviors purported to be of God are in reality divine, human or satanic. (see Matt. 16:21-23; Acts 5:1-11, 16:16-18; 1 Cor. 12:10; 1 John 4:1-6)
<b>Evangelist:</b>	The special ability to share the Gospel with unbelievers in such a way that men and women become Jesus' disciples and responsible members of the Body of Christ. (see Acts 8:5-6, 26-40, 14:21, 21:8; Eph. 4:11-14; 2 Tim. 4:5)
<b>Exhortation:</b>	The special ability to minister words of comfort, consolation, encouragement and counsel to other members of the Body in such a way that they feel helped and healed. (see Acts 14:22; Rom. 12:8; Tim. 4:12; Heb. 10:25)
<b>Faith:</b>	The special ability to discern with extraordinary confidence the will and purposes of God for the future of His work. (see Acts 11:22-24, 27:21-25; Rom. 4:18-21; 1 Cor. 12:9; Heb. 11)
<b>Giving:</b>	The special ability to contribute their material resources to the work of the Lord with liberality and cheerfulness. (see Mark 12:41-44; Rom. 12:8; 2 Cor. 8:1-7, 9:2-8)
<b>Healing:</b>	The special ability to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to cure illness and restore health apart from the use of natural means. (Acts 3:1-10, 5:12-16, 9:32-35, 28:7-10; 1 Cor. 12:9,28)
<b>Helps:</b>	The special ability to invest their talents in the life and ministry of other members of the Body, most frequently leaders, thus enabling the leader to increase the effectiveness of his or her spiritual gifts. (see Mark 15:40-41; Luke 8:2-3; Acts 9:36; Rom. 16:1-2; 1 Cor. 12:28)
<b>Hospitality:</b>	The special ability to provide an open house and warm welcome for those in need of food and lodging. (see Acts 16:14-15; Rom. 12:9-13, 16:23; Heb. 13:1-2; 1 Peter 4:9)
<b>Intercession:</b>	The special ability to pray for extended periods of time on a regular basis and see frequent and specific answers to their prayers to a degree much greater than that which is expected of the average Christian. (see Luke 22:41-44; Acts 12:12; Col. 1:9-12, 4:12-13; 1 Tim. 2:1-2; James 5:14-16)
<b>Interpretation of Tongues:</b>	The special ability to make known in the vernacular the message of one who speaks in tongues. (see 1 Cor. 12:10, 30, 14:13-14, 26-28)
<b>Knowledge:</b>	The special ability to discover, accumulate, analyze and clarify information and ideas that are pertinent to the growth and well-being of the Body. (see Acts 5:1-11; 1 Cor. 2:14, 12:8; 2 Cor. 11:6; Col. 2:2-3)

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<b>Leadership:</b>	The special ability to set goals in accordance with God's purpose for the future and communicate those goals to others in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish those goals for the glory of God. (see Luke 9:51; Acts 7:10, 15:7-11; Rom. 12:8; 1 Tim. 5:17; Heb. 13:17)
<b>Leading Worship:</b>	The special ability to usher a congregation into the presence of God through music, prayer, dance and other visual forms. (see 1 Sam. 16:23; 1 Chron. 9:33; Ps. 34:3)
<b>Martyrdom:</b>	The special ability to undergo suffering for the faith even to death while consistently displaying a joyous and victorious attitude that brings glory to God. (see Acts 22:20; 1 Cor. 13:3; Rev. 2:13, 17:6).
<b>Mercy:</b>	The special ability to feel genuine empathy and compassion for individuals, both Christian and non-Christians, who suffer distressing physical, mental or emotional problems and to translate that compassion into cheerfully done deeds that reflect Christ's love and alleviate the suffering. (see Matt. 20:29-34; 25:34-40; Mark 9:41; Luke 10:33-35; Acts 11:28-30; 16:33-34; Rom. 12:8)
<b>Miracles:</b>	The special ability to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to perform powerful acts that are perceived by observers to have altered the ordinary course of nature. (see Acts 9:36-42; 19:11-20, 20:7-12; Rom. 15:18-19; 1 Cor. 12:10,28; 2 Cor. 12:12)
<b>Missionary:<sup>2</sup></b>	The special ability to minister whatever other spiritual gifts they have in a second culture. (see Acts 8:4, 13:2-3, 22:21; Rom. 10:15; 1 Cor. 9:19-23)
<b>Pastor:</b>	The special ability to assume a long-term personal responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a group of Believers. (see John 10:1-18; Eph. 4:11-14; 1 Tim. 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-3)
<b>Prophecy:</b>	The special ability to receive and communicate an immediate message of God to His people through a divinely anointed utterance. (see Luke 7:26; Acts 15:32, 21:9-11; Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor. 12:10,28; Eph. 4:11-13)
<b>Service:</b>	The special ability to identify the unmet needs involved in a task related to God's work and to make use of available resources to meet those needs and help accomplish the desired goals. (see Acts 6:1-7; Rom. 12:7; Gal. 6:2,10; 2 Tim. 1:16-18; Titus 3:14)
<b>Teaching:</b>	The special ability to communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the Body and its members in such a way that others will learn. (see Acts 18:24-28, 20:20-21; Rom. 12:7; 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11-14)
<b>Tongues:</b>	The special ability (1) to speak to God in a language they have never learned and/or (2) to receive and communicate an immediate message from God to His people through a divinely anointed utterance in a language they have never learned. (see Mark 16:17; Acts 2:1-13, 10:44-46, 19:1-7; 1 Cor. 12:10,28, 14:13-19)
<b>Voluntary Poverty:</b>	The special ability to serve God more effectively by renouncing material comfort and luxury and adopting a personal lifestyle equivalent to those living at the poverty level in a given society. (see Acts 2:44-45, 4:34-37; 1 Cor. 13:1-3; 2 Cor. 6:10, 8:9)
<b>Wisdom:</b>	The special ability to know the mind of the Holy Spirit in such a way as to receive insight into how given knowledge may best be applied to specific needs arising in the Body of Christ. (see Acts 6:3,10; 1 Cor. 2:1-13, 12:8; James 1:5-6; 2 Peter 3:15-16)

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<sup>2</sup> This definition comes from "Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Your Church Grow" ~ Updated and Expanded by C. Peter Wagner, Regal Books, 2005. I highly recommend this book as it goes into much more depth on the subject of spiritual gifts.