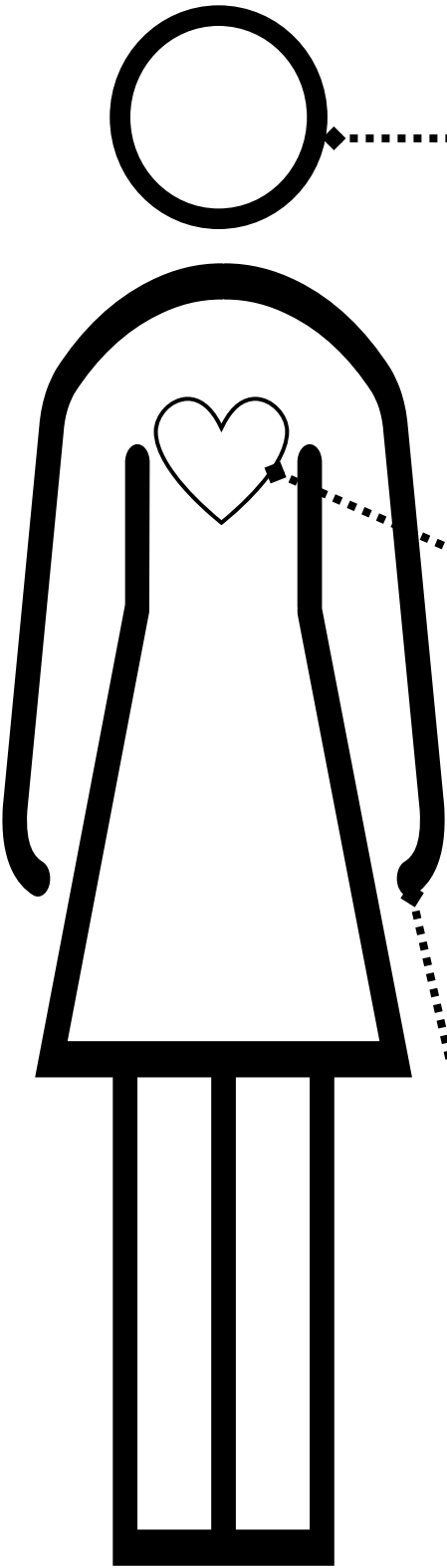


3. How do we discover & use our spiritual gifts?



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Discussion & Reflection Questions

Your group leader will choose 2-3 of these questions to discuss in the breakout meeting:

1. What did you find most helpful about this teaching?
 2. How have you been helped by someone else's spiritual gift?
 3. After hearing tonight's teaching, can you think of any other abilities that aren't necessarily listed in Scripture but could still function as spiritual gifts?
 4. Have you discovered your spiritual gift(s)?
 - a. If so, what are they, how did you discover them, and how have you been using them?
 - b. If not, what desires and abilities do you already have that may help you determine them?
What opportunities are available right now for you to serve the body of Christ?
 5. In your use of your spiritual gift(s), what can you do to fight against pride and pursue love as your chief goal?
 6. Out of all the "steps" for discovering our spiritual gift(s), which one do you think is the most difficult? Why?
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Weekly Challenges

In order to help you discover, use, and grow in your spiritual gift(s), consider completing the following challenges over the next 3 weeks.

Week 1: Focus on the "Head" Steps

1. Spend time each day this week reading and praying about your spiritual gifts.
 - a. Each day read one of the following spiritual gifts passages: 1 Cor. 12; 1 Cor. 13; 1 Cor. 14; Romans 12:6-8; Ephesians 4:7-11; 1 Peter 4:9-11
 - i. If you don't know what some of the gifts mean, use the resources at BlueLetterBible.org to look them up.
 - ii. Jot down anything that stands out to or resonates with you.
 - b. Turn the thoughts and meditations gleaned from your reading into prayer:
 - i. Thank God for His grace in giving us gifts.
 - ii. Submit to his will as the Giver of all gifts.
 - iii. Ask him to help you discover your gift(s).
2. After you pray, write down any new clarities or questions that arose during your time of prayer.

Week 2: Focus on the "Heart" Steps

1. Before each time of prayer, spend a few minutes thinking about and jotting down answers to one of the following questions. Focus on just one question per day.
 - a. What skills or abilities do I already have that I could use to build up the body of Christ?
 - b. What specific desires do I have to build up the body of Christ?
 - c. What are my motives for desiring (or not desiring) a specific gift? Be honest here about any pride, selfishness, fear, lack of faith, etc.
2. After jotting down your notes, turn these thoughts and meditations into prayer.
3. After you pray, write down any new clarities or questions that arose during your time of prayer.

Week 3: Focus on the "Hands" Steps

1. Continue praying about your spiritual gifts.
 2. In your prayer/reading notebook, make a list titled, "I think one of my spiritual gifts might be..."
 - a. Use what you've learned in the past two weeks from prayer, reading God's Word, and searching your own heart to write down at least 1 (and no more than 3) spiritual gifts that you believe God may have given you.
 - b. Circle the one gift that you'd like to focus on immediately.
 3. Seek out a trusted and mature brother/sister in Christ (your small group leader would be a good candidate) and share with them what you believe might be your gift and ask them for counsel/feedback.
 4. If this brother/sister sees the same potential gifting as you, now begin to look for opportunities to use your gift or needs in the church body that you might be able to meet with your gift. Your small group community is a great place to start. You can also look for serve team opportunities at severn.cc/serve.
 5. After your first opportunity to use this potential gift is complete, return to the same brother/sister and ask them for honest feedback (what you did well and what you could do better). Receive their feedback with gratitude, continue to pray that God would help you to grow, and look for more opportunities to practice this gift.
 6. After several months of practicing your potential gift and receiving feedback, answer the following questions:
 - a. Is there evidence that this gift is benefiting the body of Christ?
 - b. Have I enjoyed using this gift?
 - c. Is there evidence that I have grown in my love for the people I've been serving?
 - d. If you answer yes to all of these, it's probably wise to continue practicing this gift. If you answer no, it's probably time to re-evaluate whether this is truly your gift or whether you're using it with the right motive.
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Resources

Books

- [Systematic Theology](#) - Wayne Gruden
- [Understanding Spiritual Gifts](#) - Sam Storms

Articles

- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/essay/the-gifts-of-the-spirit/>
- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/how-not-discover-spiritual-gifts/>
- <https://www.samstorms.org/all-articles/post/life-in-the-spirit-experiencing-the-grace-and-gifts-of-the-holy-spirit--1-corinthians-12:4-7->
- <https://www.samstorms.org/all-articles/post/revelatory-gifts--all-for-the-common-good--1-corinthians-12:8-10->
- <https://www.samstorms.org/all-articles/post/are-miraculous-gifts-for-today---part-i>
- <https://www.samstorms.org/all-articles/post/are-miraculous-gifts-for-today---part-ii>

Video/Audio

- [Spiritual Gifts Interview w/Gavin Ortlund & Sam Storms](#) - Truth Unites
- [Spiritual Gifts Lecture](#) - Dr. Gerry Breshears for BiblicalTraining.org