

## ***Understanding your Spiritual Gifts:***

**Which gifts have you truly been blessed with? Discovering the answer to that question requires the following:**

### **Prayer:**

Seek the Holy Spirit's guidance while evaluating your gifts.

### **Study:**

Become familiar with the scripture references, definitions, and how each gift functions within the Body of Christ. This will provide you with a solid foundation from which to further evaluate your gifts.

### **Self-Examination:**

Explore your feelings about each of the spiritual gifts in your cluster. Examples of how each gift may be utilized in the church are provided below. As you read these examples, ask yourself how you feel about the types of ministry activity identified for the gifts in your cluster. You may expect to feel fulfilled through the use of your gifts.

### **Track Your Results:**

As you use your spiritual gifts, pay close attention to the results produced through your efforts. You can expect to experience positive results from the use of your gifts.

### **Listen For Affirmation:**

As you use your spiritual gifts, listen for affirmation from other Christians. They will recognize and confirm your spiritual gifts, through genuine expressions of approval and thankfulness for a job well done!

### **Putting Your Gifts To Use:**

All Christians are to work together, supporting one another. However, our gifts make us better prepared and equipped to perform in some areas of ministry over others. A person who is working within a ministry area they are gifted for, will be more effective in that ministry than one they not gifted for.

## ***What types of Ministry will you be most effective in?:***

What types of ministry will you be most effective in? A brief list of ministry examples follows. These examples have been provided merely as thought starters and should not be considered an exhaustive list. Use them as a starting point in exploring the possibilities for putting your gifts to use within your congregation and in your community.

### **Administration:**

Congregation Council, Finance Staff, Sunday School Superintendent, Vacation Bible School Coordinator, Business Manager

### **Artistry:**

Banner Making, Drama Club/Clown Ministry/Puppetry, Film/Photography Work, Crafts/Handicrafts, Decorating Team, Set/Props Design Team

### **Discernment:**

Congregation Council, Long Range Planning Team, Social Ministry Team, Peer Counseling, Support Group Facilitator

### **Evangelism:**

Prospective Member Visitation, Evangelism Team, Advertising and Marketing, New Member Sponsor, Community Visitation

**Exhortation:**

Mutual Ministry Team, Hospital/Home/Institution Visitation, Telecare Ministry, Peer Counseling, Small Group Leader

**Faith:**

Congregational President, Stewardship Team, Long Range Planning Team, Teacher/Bible study leader

**Giving:**

Capital Campaign Steering Team, Stewardship Team, Volunteer Coordination, Giving Personal Testimony

**Hospitality:**

Greeter/Usher, New Member Sponsor, In-Home Bible Study Host, Visitor Welcome/Information Center, Banquet Server, Fellowship Hour Host/Server

**Intercession:**

Prayer Chain, Prayer Partner, Prayer Families/Prayer Circles

**Knowledge:**

Parish Resource-Library Coordinator, Nominating Team, Long Range Planning Team, Congregation Council

**Leadership:**

Sunday School Superintendent, Committee Chairperson (all types), Fellowship Activity Coordinator, Vacation Bible School Coordinator, Congregational President, Speaker-Special Events

**Mercy:**

Home/Hospital/Institution Visitation, Transportation to Worship/Bible Study, Social Ministry Team, Support Group Leader, Telecare Minister

**Music-Instrumental:**

Band Leader/Member, Choir Pianist, Special Event Music, Substitute Organist, Vacation Bible School-Music Program

**Music-Vocal:**

Church Choir, Vocal Ensemble, Sunday School Song Leader, Vacation Bible School Song Leader

**Pastoring (Shepherding):**

Adult In-Home Bible Study Leader, New Member Sponsor, Young-Adult Counselor, Small Group Leader, Telecare Minister

**Service (Helps):**

Computer Programmer/Data Entry, Newsletter Collation, P.A./Sound System Technician, Tape Recording Worship Services, Child Care, Building/Grounds Upkeep, Kitchen Cleaning Team, Providing Transportation

**Skilled Crafts:**

Building Maintenance/Upkeep, Electrical/Masonry/Plumbing/Roofing, Mechanical Repair/Maintenance, Audio/Visual Operator and Repair, Computer Maintenance, Web-Page Developer

**Teaching:**

Adult Bible Class Teacher, Sunday School Teacher, Teen Bible Class Teacher, Vacation Bible School Teacher, Conference/Seminar Leader

**Wisdom:**

Long Range Planning Team, Congregation Council, Peer Counselor, Support Group Leader, Mutual Ministry Team

**Writing:**

Newsletter Article Writer, Newsletter Editor, Public Relations/Publicity Committee, Letter Writing