

VARIETY OF GIFTS

1 Corinthians 12.1-13

WHAT THEY ARE, WHAT THEY AREN'T

1. **Gift:** Something given that is not earned or deserved. It is *not* a reward.

Gifts are not worked up to, but walked into.

2. Everyone has been given gifts of God's grace for the common good.
3. Gifts are given to be given.
4. This is not an exhaustive list, even when adding in **Romans 12.3-8** and **Ephesians 4.11-13**.
5. These are not *natural gifts* or talents.
 - a. Spiritual Gifts: any virtue that is a product of our faith and trust in Christ, and aim is the building up of others.

HOW TO IDENTIFY AND WALK IN THEM

Though there is no definitive "how to" for identifying and walking in our gifts, there are some things we can probe and examine. One way we might loosely categorize the gifts in order to understand them would be to place them under the three offices of Christ: Prophet, Priest, and King.

<u>Prophet: Speaking Into</u> Wisdom Knowledge Distinguishing Spirits Tongues, Interpretation Evangelism Teaching, Prophecy	<u>Priest: Walking With</u> Encouragement Shepherding Serving Sharing, Generosity Mercy Helping	<u>King: Leading To</u> Faith Founding/Starting Gifts Apostle, Missionary, Church Planting Leadership Multiplication Administration
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Questions to Consider:

What do you love? What unique life experiences do you have? What does your heart break for? What gives you life? What Scriptures have had a big impact on your life? Who do you think often of that you hope for or want to be a help to? How has God used you in the past? What natural talents, circumstances, or life events has God given you?

Most of the time, walking in our gifts is naturally supernatural.

THE GIVER OF THE GIFTS

Every gift has a giver. Paul tells us these are empowered by the Spirit, who gives to each as He wills. We are given this Spirit, and His gifts, because we have been made one with Christ.

James 1.17

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Colossians 1:21-22

²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **1 Corinthians 12.1-13**, **Romans 12.3-8**, and **Ephesians 4.11-13**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

What are your general views of the spiritual gifts?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

There is a whole lot of Gospel truth in these passages. What particular truth can you preach to yourself to bring encouragement and a reminder of the Good News?

Repent and Confess

It is very easy to neglect spiritual gifts that God has apportioned to us. Do you see any ways that you need to confess and repent in light of these passages and this sermon?

Ask for Provision

There is much to say about asking for spiritual gifts. Though we ought to be totally content and thankful for what the Spirit has given, Paul also says to "eagerly desire" the gifts. Are there particular gifts you have but want to become more adept in? Or gifts you would like to have in order to build others up? There is nothing wrong with asking, but we do need to say, not just with our lips but in our hearts, "but your will be done, not mine."

Your Life Mission

What conversations or social settings with non-believers are coming up that you could use prayer for? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for? What spiritual gift might you ask the group to pray for you that you might be able to encourage and build up those non-believing friends?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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