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Spiritual Gifts 1 Corinthians The first is that far too few Christians are involved in any kind of ministry. They conceive of themselves as spectators rather than participants. We shall assume that on the basis of our study in Ephesians 4: A second problem is with those who are actively involved in the ministry of the local church, but who are not functioning in a ministry which corresponds to their spiritual gifts. Their dilemma is illustrated by the story of a certain sea captain and his chief engineer who were having an argument as to which one of them was the more important to the ship. Failing to agree, they resorted to the unique idea of swapping places. The chief ascended to the bridge, and the captain descended into the engine room. After a couple of hours, the captain suddenly appeared on the deck covered with oil and soot. The primary qualification for most tasks in the church is a willingness to try, or at least too little fortitude to turn down the job. The solution to both these problems is a proper understanding of the subject of spiritual gifts. You will understand that many books on the subject of spiritual gifts have been written and that no one message will deal with every important issue. But it is my contention that Bible expositors have often made of this subject something far more mystical and mysterious and complicated than it really is. And you know that if there is anyone who can look at a matter with simplicity, it is me. My friends often remind me how simple I really am! The Importance of Knowing Your Spiritual Gift For various reasons, many have played down the importance of knowing your spiritual gift. The prominence of spiritual gifts in Scripture. One of the ways we can measure the importance of a principle or a doctrine is to determine the amount of space devoted to it in the Bible. Subjects or doctrines which are merely implied are surely of less significance than those clearly stated. Matters mentioned infrequently should not be regarded as crucial as those frequently dealt with. Using this standard of measurement, the subject of spiritual gifts is a vital one, for we find gifts addressed specifically in four major portions of Scripture: In addition to these central passages, spiritual gifts are mentioned elsewhere in the Bible. Spiritual gifts must be important to the Spirit of God Who inspired the writing of the Word of God and thus they should be important to us. The elementary nature of spiritual gifts. When the book of First Corinthians was written, it was addressed to those who were obviously not very mature in the faith. There were many forms of carnality cited by Paul in this epistle. Due to the emphasis on spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians, we conclude that the doctrine of spiritual gifts is important and that it is foundational and fundamental to the Christian life. Spiritual gifts are a matter of individual stewardship. When Peter spoke of spiritual gifts in his first epistle, he considered them a matter of personal stewardship: As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God 1 Peter 4: Peter meant that just as we must give account of our use of the material things God has placed under our control, and just as we must give account of the use of our time, so we must also be accountable for the use of our spiritual gifts. Now it is very hard to be a good steward of something we know nothing about, and of something which we do not even know we possess. If you were given the responsibility of managing the assets of someone else, the first thing you would do is to take inventory of what resources were at your disposal. You would demand to know what assets you were to use wisely. So, also, the Christian cannot be a good steward in the matter of spiritual gifts without knowing what his gifts are: Spiritual gifts are of great practical value and benefit to the believer. Spiritual gifts are of such great practical value to the Christian he simply cannot afford to be ignorant in this matter. Let me suggest some areas of practical benefit. Knowing your spiritual gifts will enable you to find your place of ministry in the local church. Since every Christian has a particular function in the body of Christ, and since your spiritual gifts equip you to carry out this function, knowing your gifts help you to plug in to the ministry of a local church. Knowing your spiritual gifts will enable you to determine your priorities. One of the most common problems we all face is having more things to do than we have time to do them. Paul indicates in Romans chapter twelve, verses six through eight, that we should make the use of our spiritual gifts

a priority in our lives. In simple terms, when we have too many things to do we must choose to function in the area of our spiritual gifts. You must know your spiritual gifts to set these priorities. To extend our last point just a little bit further, knowing your spiritual gifts can be of great help in discerning the will of God. There is a very distinct relationship between knowing the will of God Romans The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts Probably the simplest definition of a spiritual gift would be this: A spiritual gift is the God-given capacity of every Christian to carry out his function in the body of Christ. The thrust of the first half of Ephesians chapter four is that the effective functioning of the body of Christ is dependent upon the contribution of each individual part of the body. Spiritual gifts enable us to carry out our task within the body of Christ in a way which no one else can. Using the analogy of the physical body in 1 Corinthians chapter twelve, Paul reinforced this same concept. Every part of the body is essential to the well-being of the body. When one member fails to do his part, the body suffers. There are two important corollaries to this truth that spiritual gifts equip the Christian to carry out his unique contribution to the body. First, spiritual gifts are not primarily given to benefit the individual, but the entire body. Perhaps this is the most serious criticism of the contemporary tongues movement. Not only has one gift been exalted above all the others, but the primary purpose of this gift seems to be self-edification. Second, if spiritual gifts are given to enable us to carry out every essential function of the body then we should expect spiritual gifts which correspond to every function described in the Scriptures. This is precisely the case. While we can see that all are to engage in the exercise of these functions, there are gifts which overlap these functions. It is those who are gifted in these various capacities who will excel in this particular function. If for every area of ministry there are those specially qualified for that ministry, it is vital to that ministry that those specially gifted in that area should be involved in that ministry. The Nature of Spiritual Gifts In order to accurately describe the nature of spiritual gifts we will make two major assertions, both of which appear paradoxical. Until we understand the truths contained in these paradoxical statements, we shall not understand spiritual gifts. Spiritual gifts intertwine the Divine and the Human. To view spiritual gifts in a merely human dimension leads to a gross misunderstanding of their divine element. Each gift is a manifestation of the Spirit 1 Corinthians In addition to the divine element in spiritual gifts is the human counterpart. The gift of teaching involves the study of the lesson and the preparation of what is going to be taught. Administration involves sitting down and making plans, calling meetings and evaluation of progress. The gift of giving includes the making of the money, the choice of where it is to be distributed and the actual follow-through of giving. It has been said that spiritual gifts must not be confused with natural talents, and surely we must agree. But we must also insist that spiritual gifts not be divorced from natural talents and abilities. In Psalm , we are reminded that it was God who fashioned us in the womb. Whatever our capabilities or weaknesses, they were given to us by the omniscient God who designed us not only in the matter of spiritual gifts, but also in the matter of talents and abilities to carry out a certain task. Human abilities alone will never produce eternal fruit, but our abilities when empowered by the Holy Spirit can bring about spiritual fruit. It is no accident that Billy Graham is a gifted speaker in the human sense. But there are countless gifted speakers who have never seen a soul won to Christ. Finally, spiritual gifts should be viewed on the human plane in that they, just as natural talents and abilities, must be developed. One may have the gift of teaching but that gift needs to be developed, perhaps by seminary studies, certainly by some kind of training and much experience. Paul told Timothy, "Kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands 2 Timothy 1: Perhaps the best analogy of this interweaving of the divine and the human in the matter of spiritual gifts is that of the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He was fully human and yet at the same time He was fully God. Divinity and humanity in one person. So also the Scriptures are the work of both God and men. Men spoke and wrote, revealing their backgrounds, education, personalities and styles, and yet these men were moved along by the Holy Spirit in such a way that every word these men wrote was the Word of God 2 Peter 1: Spiritual gifts produce unity through diversity. Most Christians have failed to grasp the great diversity revealed in spiritual gifts. The key text is found in 1 Corinthians chapter And there are varieties of ministries, but the same Lord. Most Christians would agree that there is diversity in the gifts which are given to men. One may have the gift of helps, while another the gift of administration, and so on. I am no longer completely convinced that the New Testament necessarily records every possible spiritual gift, so perhaps there is even

greater diversity in gifts than we have thought. But the point I wish to underscore is that even among those who possess the same gift there is great diversity. This is what Paul meant in verses 5 and 6 when he said that there are varieties of ministries and effects. There are infinite possibilities for ministry for those who possess the gift of teaching. One may use his gift of teaching in a pastoral role in the local church, while another teaches in a seminary. One may teach a junior Sunday school class while another may teach informally around the lunch table at his place of work.

Chapter 2 : Spiritual Gifts Bible Study - I Corinthians 12 - Free Sunday School Lessons

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A spiritual gift is a divine enablement that makes you valuable to the body of Christ. It involves your personality, but is much deeper. Your giftedness comes from the Spirit of God, not a refined personality. You cannot define and discover your spiritual gifts in personality traits alone. He assumed that the Corinthians believers knew what he meant. He decides how you will be gifted and how you will contribute to the spiritual health of the Body of Christ. He will choose your purpose and place in His Kingdom. The Church is one body. Though a physical body has many different parts, it still forms only one body. How many parts are in a human body? The Lever commercial says that there are ! Yet, all the parts of our bodies have unique, important functions to work together to make every single body function. With Christ we are all included in His body. We were all baptized by one Spirit We were all given one Spirit to drink This happened when they became followers of Jesus. In the church, when a person acknowledges that Jesus is his Lord they receive the forgiveness of sins. They receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. We call this new birth; regeneration; being baptized by the Holy Spirit. Every member of the body belongs. When my wife was in grade school, her class would play softball in physical education. The teacher would choose two students to be captains of the teams. The captains would choose their teams - one student at a time. Peggy vividly remembers the humiliation of always being the last chosen. However, she had exactly the opposite experience when the class had spelling contests. Peggy was the first person chosen. Now, she belonged on that team! What she lacked in softball she had in spelling. God designed the body of Christ to have an immense variety of members - and everyone belongs. Every member of the body is indispensable. You have no double. No one can take your place. Some people serve within the four walls of a church building. Some people serve in their communities. Some people serve in another country. Now that we know that we have a spiritual gift, we are naturally curious as to what it is. How do we find out what spiritual gifts we have? There are many questionnaires and studies designed to do this. One simple way is to simply ask several people who know you well, "What am I good at? Ask God to show you where He can use you to His glory. If God has given you children, He will give you the skills and the heart that are necessary. He is also developing the fruit of the Spirit in you. A spiritual gift is from the Holy Spirit. Are you willing to be offered for the work of the faithful - to pour out your life blood as a libation on the sacrifice of the faith of others? Suppose God wants to teach you to say, "I know how to be abased" - are you ready to be offered up like that? Are you ready to be not so much as a drop in a bucket - to be so hopelessly insignificant that you are never thought of again in connection with the life you served? Are you willing to spend and be spent; not seeking to be ministered unto, but to minister? Some saints cannot do menial work and remain saints because it is beneath their dignity. What was part of this "Spiritual Gifts Bible Study" applied the most to you? How does realizing that the Holy Spirit is a person, not a force help you? How you find out how the Holy Spirit has gifted you? How does comparing yourself to others hinder your acceptance of your spiritual gifts? Please email us with questions or comments. If you enjoyed "Spiritual Gifts Bible Study" check out our many inspirational devotions. They all have discussion questions and are fully illustrated.

Chapter 3 : Activating the Gifts (Manual)

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A glance at these lists clearly indicates four facts: This variation in the lists indicates that gifts are not limited to those actually mentioned in these lists, but to any God-empowered use of God-given abilities in the ministry of his Kingdom. As we have seen, in the Old Testament artistic ability and craftsmanship were referred to as the coming from the Spirit of God [Exodus]. When we read these passages discussing the gifts we learn: There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. God decides their distribution and appointment [Romans]. No individual is so multi-gifted as to live independently of other believers [1Corinthians]. These Scriptures outlaw some contemporary Christian beliefs and practices: Belief that a particular gift is mandatory for either salvation or spirituality. The exaltation of a particular gift over and above other gifts, and a parallel quest for that gift. Pride over the possession of a specific gift or gifts. Feeling of inferiority if lacking specific gifting. Over-emphasis and over-use of a specific gift or gifts. Neglect or disregard of a wide range of gifts. About their role and purpose: Although they are obviously given to individuals, their purpose is not focused on the individuals to whom they are given but on the body of which the individuals are part, that is, the church. They are other-directed; specifically, they are to be used for the good of others in the church – the instruction, encouragement and strengthening of other believers [1Corinthians]. They are not intended for individual personal use but for use within the body [Romans]. In fact, they are meaningless if they are not exercised towards others; they are meaningless exercised in isolation apart from the body context. The speaking gifts imply an audience; the sign gifts imply that there are observers; the service gifts imply that there are people being served. The gifts simply have no point in isolation. The gifts are for the body, the church, not the individual. They are to be used with diligence, cheerfulness and faithfulness [Romans]. They are to be used in an orderly and fitting way [1Corinthians]. The verbal content expressed in their use will express genuine acknowledgement of the deity of Christ [1Corinthians]. They are to be used for the good of the church [1Corinthians]. The possession of a specific gift should never be a cause of personal pride, boasting, individualism or isolationism [Romans]. It is also clear from the Corinthian passage that there were counterfeit gifts [1Corinthians]. Some may not be. A spiritual gift analysis is simply a tool to help you come to an awareness of your gifts. It is not a perfect tool. This is because the questions were formulated by humans with their own particular perspectives, and in addition, your answers have a degree of subjectivity. Whatever it is actually bringing to light, and however imperfect it may be, it does serve to make you aware of the things you have an ability in, or a leaning towards.

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The passage states that each of these gifts are dealt to each person in differing measures of faith verse 3. That measure is a specific amount and type of faith that Our Heavenly Father apportions to all people throughout the earth, allotting these gifts as are necessary to fulfill his sovereign will on earth. Each of us has gifts differing according to the grace given us by God in His unsearchable wisdom. These gifts are given to people, each person having one primary one. That gift is put in us at conception, and determines the course of our lives, regardless of whether we become Christians or choose to reject Christ. Many have studied the soul of man in an attempt to categorize and understand the ways of man. There are many types of gifts, and assessment tests to help determine what each of us might be. Father God installs these gifts in us to fulfill His plan of redemption on the earth. When we understand our gifts and function in it under guidance of the Holy Spirit, there is a redemptive result for mankind. Good comes when you operate in these gifts. Good not only for you, but also for the many around you. They are designed not for you, but for you to be a part of a large whole, functioning as a body part. Let us look at each of them. After the description of the gift, I will use it in an ongoing example showing how they differ from one another, and in a practical application how that gift would cause a person to respond. This situation will be each of these different people visiting someone sick in a hospital. Each will respond differently, according to their varied natural gift. You will understand more fully as we continue.

Prophet This temperament quickly and accurately identifies good and evil, hating the evil. They see everything as black or white with no gray or indefinite areas. They are eager to see their own blind spots and keen to help others see theirs also, tending to being introspective. Their downside is that they forget to praise partial progress due to goal consciousness. They often struggle with self-image issues. Katie Fortune calls this gift the gift of perceiver to differentiate it from the office in a church called prophet, which is quite another thing, and we will deal with that in the next chapter. The term perceiver is not Biblical, but does serve to well to differentiate this concept from the other. Biblical examples of this is John the Baptist Matthew In the case of John the Baptist, we see a man who preaching repentance of sins, and courageous to challenge even the King as necessary. His main fervor was to prepare the way for the Messiah, helping people to understand its imminence. When a prophet visits someone in the hospital, it looks like this. This is not right!

Servant This temperament easily recognizes practical needs and is quick to meet them, especially enjoying manual projects, jobs and functions. They are usually more interested in meeting the needs of another rather than long range goals, and may become pushy or interfering in eagerness to help. They need to feel appreciated. Biblical examples are Martha, sister of Mary and Lazarus John It was Esther you willing risked her own life and position that she might serve to save her people. It was Mordecai, uncle, who taught her administrative skills that fit her to be a Queen. They thrive on the fact there is clear need.

Teacher This temperament present truth in a logical, systematic manner, enjoying word studies and reading. They are concerned that truth be established in every situation. They have strong convictions of facts, and can tend to neglect the practical application. They are self-disciplined, and usually only has a close circle of fiends. They can tend to be dogmatic and legalistic. Biblical examples of this trait are Aquilla and Priscilla who taught the great scholar Apollos Acts He could not help it. It was part of his God-given nature of teacher. It was the way he was wired by God. Jesus was very gracious with Thomas, knowing his temperament, and offered to allow Thomas to touch the scars of his crucifixion. When the teacher-natured person visits the ill person in the hospital, they walk up to the bed and begin to ask questions like: Did you get a second opinion on the diagnosis? They love good conversation, and find it all fascinating.

Exhorter This temperament loves to encourage others to live victoriously. They want a visible response when they are speaking, teaching or preaching to others. They far prefer to apply truth rather than research it. They are very quick to accept other people as they are without judging them. They want to clear up problems with others quickly. They often

interrupt others in an eagerness to give opinions or advice. Biblical examples of this personality are Aaron Exodus who stood beside Moses and acted as priest on behalf of the children of Israel, and Barnabas Acts 4: This he demonstrates by the show of his passion to stand by and under gird young John "Mark when he failed Paul and Barnabas in their first missionary journey. He even allowed the Paul-Barnabas team to split up over his insistence upon encouraging Mark. As a result, he took Mark down to Jerusalem and introduced him to Peter and some of the other leaders. Over the years, his encouragement paid off. When the exhorter visits the hospital patient, they begin by telling stories that might cheer the person up. Everything that the patient says, reminds the exhorter of another story, and both laugh the time away. The exhorter will come equipped with scripture and often messages from other people. He has tendency to insist that the person feels better right away, not wants this problem to persist. Giver The temperament of giver freely gives of money, possessions, time, energy and love. They love to give without other people knowing about it. They want to feel they are a part of the ministry to which they are contributing, and handle their finances with wisdom and frugality. They tend to be very industrious and are often successful. Hospitality is one of their hallmarks. They may try to control how contributions are being used. They may upset family and friends with unpredictable patterns of giving. Biblical examples of this are Dorcus Acts 9: She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. When the give visits the infirmed in the hospital, they always come bearing a gift to encourage. It is usually something thoughtful, showing time has gone into its planning, presentation and timing of delivery. They desire for the patient to be reminded in a tangible way that they are loved. Ruler This temperament, or gift, is highly motivated to organize that for which he is responsible. They can express ideas and organization in ways that are easily understood. They prefer to be under authority, in order to have authority. They love to work on long-range goals and projects " they are visionary with a broad perspective. In time, they can develop callousness due to being the target for criticism. They tend to drive themselves that can easily lead to neglect of personal and family needs. He organized the outcasts together into an army, and eventually, he organized a nation, both militarily and in worship. Gift of Mercy This temperament had tremendous capacity to show love, always looking for the good in other people. They are attracted to people who are hurting or in distress. They take care with words and actions to avoid hurting others. They try to avoid conflicts and confrontations. In the case of Joseph, you see great compassion toward Mary, his betrothed, who is now pregnant with the Son of God. This is extravagant grace on the part of Joseph to continue to embrace her, and not shame her or hurt her in any way. When the person with this dominant trait walks into the hospital, they begin to softly weep with compassion, seeing their loved one in such a state. They will come close and comfort them, wiping their forehead and speaking soft words of sympathy. They will stay endless hours to keep the patient company, supporting in any way possible.

Chapter 5 : Gift Ideas for Scholars, Students, and for People with Unique Taste

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Did a colleague do something worthy of a reward? Do you have a favorite student in your life? Why not give your favorite student, professor, or scholar something they will appreciate receiving for their hard work at school. Researchers, educators, and students at all levels are known to wear clothes, jewelry, and other adornments expressing their disciplinary leanings. Here is a list of places from which you may order something special for that special person. And, yes, there are academic and disciplinary slants for the resources. Some of the gift sites listed here contribute portions of their revenues to organizations in their fields. A few of these gift sites are in the Buffalo area. All are lots of fun! And please, tell all your colleagues and friends. Want to give that special grad a lifetime gift that will boost their career endeavors? Biologists might find necklaces and keychains to their liking and you can find their gift at Taylor Custom , while microbiologist just might get giddy with delight from something by GIANTMicrobes. While digging around for those special gifts for the archeologists and anthropologists in your life, you can start with the Museum Store , specializing in all sorts of items, from T-shirts and mugs, to reproduction artifacts. Archaeology, Art, History, and more gifts are also found at the Museum Store Company , where reproduction jewelry, sculptures, models, and all sorts of great items can be bought. Sorted by type of gift and by historic period e. Find reproductions and artifacts from prehistoric through Art Deco. The paleontologists in your life might really dig the unusual stuff available at another related site, Bone Clones , which has some interesting ideas and resources, including artifacts see left. For the hikers and lovers of the outdoors, as well as for naturalists, botanists, and all sorts of scholars of the wilds, several great gift places exist online. The Ultimate Appalachian Trail Store is the source for official Appalachian Trail guides and maps official guidebooks and maps and many other Trail-related products. They carry lots of new items and gift ideas, including: You can also give someone a membership in the Appalachian Trail Conference. ATC members receive a substantial discount while also helping to keep the Trail and the environment healthy. Cartographers, map and geography enthusiasts can find all sorts of great gifts at Cartographic Associates. They carry Christmas ornaments, Antique and Facsimile maps from notable time periods Civil War, WW2 , and of various places in the World, among many other ideas. Trailhead Graphics produces wonderful maps for the Civil War enthusiast. Their series of battlefield maps combine current topography with plots of all monuments and important features of the key battles of the war. The maps are useful for hiking, siteseeing, and also for framing on the wall. So you want to reward your favorite geologist or climber with a memorable item noting their expedition? MountainClimb produces reproduction USGS benchmarks those plates that get fixed to spots across our country that correspond to the topo quads. They have paperweights, earrings, and other neat items, AND they do custom work at your request. Just choose a geographic region and enjoy. Geography and cartography are not forgotten by a few other gift producers. In addition to the National Geographic and Canadian Geographic stores, a number of companies are producing map-related items, some custom-tailored to someone you care about. Maps, customized to your personal interest, may be found in the Signals catalog, where other map-gifts appear. Maybe you want tea towel showing where you live , or a World Map Shirt. They have those too. My favorite items are the Personalized Hometown Jigsaw Puzzles and gifts, showing whatever place in the US that you ask for. One great geographic-gift outlet is Zazzle. You can choose from T-shirts, hats, key-chains, mugs, posters, and more, in a variety of colors and tastes. There are many items that will suit any budget and interest. Or want to get into the Medieval World? Take a look at the Renaissance Store , or Medieval Collectibles. Find everything from armor to pirate pants, boots, chemises, gowns, helmets, swords, music, jewelry, and a whole lot more. You can find more than the usual T-shirts here, in fact, some of the shirts are made of chainmail. There are gift ideas for kids to grandparents. Be ready to fight off those hordes of bill collectors with a complete medieval defense system! Acorn Naturalists has ideas for gifts that also boost awareness to the Earth. Products include something for everyone and everything from aprons to sweatshirts, mugs, lunch boxes, clothing, and a wide array of items, all with environmental themes or statements. Give a

Gift That Matters. Not all gifts need to be to family and friends. Sometimes giving includes giving to charities or to groups that support projects to help us all. Many organizations sell unique gifts and use the proceeds to help fund charitable or in this case, beneficial programs on Earth. An example is the Endangered Species Chocolate Company , producers of something that everyone loves, whose sales help the Earth who loves us. So chocolate really is good for you! The WWF has a new gift catalog and philosophy about making a contribution to the critical nature of the world. Visit their Gift Shop where you can donate to "adopt" an endangered animal AND get a plush version of that animal to give as a gift. There are also ways to give gifts related to WWF activities and this is something that all sentient beings will appreciate. While you are there, view the various programs that WWF sponsors and see how your contributions are making a difference. This is the ultimate in gift-giving. Visit their guide " Shop to Support " for ideas on how to help wildlife year-round. Oxfam America Gift ideas that will give a gift and help theWorld. Cloudy Skies Are Cool! The Cloud Appreciation Society has not only a great visual database of cloud types and formations, plus unique identifying guide, it also has a gift section so you can wear your Altocumulus with pride. Physicists and engineers might get a delight with a gift from Zero Toys. Check out their Hot New Items section for things like a T-shirt with a graphic equalizer that is sound-sensitive! For some thought-provoking and fun learning experiences--take a look and enjoy! There are an abundance of science-related gifts at the Science Mall where almost anything is available for that scientist who is hard to buy for, OR for someone who would just love to receive something scientific as a gift. Educators in general will appreciate this web mall too as there are loads of items that would enhance the classroom and invite young scientists to get involved with their world. Items include mugs, toys, star charts, astronomy and space exploration DVDs and software, posters, and science kits, among a list of other possibilities.. If looking for neckties , you will find designs for the chemist, molecular biologist, physicist, science historian, and book lover. There are a great number of categories on the site to provide scholarly gifts of all sorts. Make sure to see the page of pencil sharpeners. USABEST provides the treasure chest of science-oriented T-shirts with categories for geology, dinosaurs, chemistry, biology, computer-geekology, and other.. Looking for a creative way to express your academic interests with a VERY specialized disciplinary acknowledgement? If you have a favorite book from your childhood, or a favorite text book from your college years, or just a special book that has been near and dear to you Rebound-Designs will convert your book into a unique tote or purse. They are all made from real old hardback books, the pages are removed and the cover is left intact. The spine becomes the bottom of the purse, so the longer the book, the wider the purse. Math for your feet. Make counting more fun and give the gift of numbers to your favorite toes. Also visit Joy of Socks. One particular pair of socks for comes from Gadgetica: Visit the Math T-shirts page at Teespring. Included in the T-shirt area are shirts for all types of Engineers. You are certain to bring holiday happiness to that special hacker in your life by finding an appropriate Geek gift at ComputerGear IT. Microbiologists, epidemiologists, and public health officials would certainly enjoy a gift from Infectious Awareables , providing unique science-based awareness and health promotion products, such as neckties West Nile virus shown at left , scarves, scrubz, boxers and note cards all with infectious microbe as a theme. Military History Gifts , Collectibles, office Items, more. Excellent selection of military history gifts especially for the Napoleonic Wars. Buttons, lapel pins, other reproductions of artifacts for use today. Got a favorite history teacher? History Teaching Gifts has cartoons and humor that teachers will enjoy. TeacherGifts provides a number of creative scarves depicting great scientists and science themes. Another great site for teachers is: There are also a number of items for the Biblical scholar or student. The Mount Washington Observatory has a supply of gifts for the budding meteorologists out there. Go to their online store for a selection. Bibliophiles will find an assortment of books, library resources, clothing, posters, and other ephemera at this site. If your librarian has a "weird" sense of humor or wants to make a statement, try Unshelved. If you have ever seen their "bubble show" you can replicate it here! The San Diego Zoo shop also has an eclectic collection of gifts for all ages and tastes, from aesthetic to fun, games, and learning.

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Other Spiritual Gifts Developing and Using Your Spiritual Gift - [TOP] A spiritual gift is a significant ability given to each believer by the Holy Spirit, who thus equips and moves members of the church to serve in special ways for Christ and his kingdom. God bestows natural talents to all people, and he also bestows spiritual gifts to believers. Both talents and gifts can be used for the glory of God, but spiritual gifts are somewhat unique by their powerful nature and in their dedication to the service of the Lord. Spiritual gifts should be discovered, developed, and used freely and willingly. The object is not to use the gifts to preserve Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, but to further the life of Jesus Christ in this place. Members of the congregation are encouraged to discover, develop, and use their gifts and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to find their ministry and help the church be more intentional in its ministry. There are many different gifts identified in scripture. Some of the spiritual gifts that were not included are: Anyone desiring to know more about any of those gifts is invited to seek spiritual direction and guidance from the pastor. Discovery of a spiritual gift is a wonderful beginning upon which to build. However, inventory assessment results may seem improbable or even inconclusive to you - varying interpretations of questions may lead to different responses. Therefore it is important to test any findings you have been given through further study, prayer, evaluation and confirmation. If you wish, you may want to try other more extensive inventories - one free inventory source on the Internet which provides an immediate analysis is located at: Follow these eight steps to fully explore each gift that you think you may have: Study scriptural passages on gifts in general as well as specific gifts you feel you may have been given. Gain a full understanding about your gift by reviewing the kinds of things that characterize persons who have this gift and the ways the gift can be employed. Believe that you are gifted see 1 Pet. This will open passageways for Godly insights and strengthen your faith for use of the gift. Make a commitment to do whatever God asks of you, and trust in him to give you what you need for the task. Be willing to use your gift for God. Look at how God has already been at work in your life. Review past accomplishments and present interests. What needs catch your eye? Do other Christians who know you recognize particular giftedness within you? Ask for the counsel of friends and family and especially from people who seem to have the same gift. Do they see this gift in you? Test the waters as soon as you can using all the above steps as support, and volunteer in a way that you can use your gift. Always keep in mind that you are using your gift to help other Christians, to bring others to Christ, and to glorify God. If you have accurately identified the spiritual gift, use of it will produce results. You should be able to discern that your initial efforts have been at least modestly fruitful. Continue working to develop your gift, and the blessings will become apparent to all. If evaluation reveals that your service has been ineffective, then seek anew to find your gift s. Even though your gift sets you up in a very real way for empowered use of it in ministry, nothing much will happen unless it is used. Through use you are able to develop the gift to a level of effectiveness. Once you know what your gift is, you should be prepared to take advantage of formal learning and training opportunities that may strengthen you for ministry. Study of biblical persons, saints, or more current witnesses who seemed to have a similar gift can be helpful. Expand your knowledge at every opportunity by reading books and articles related to your gift or listen to audio tapes and videos by scholars in the field. Seek out and speak with other Christians who have the same gift, and find out what they have done with it. If there are conferences or workshops that would help you develop your gift, try to attend. Continually pray for guidance and strength in the use of your gift and ask God to open your eyes to the needs of others that your gift might address. Prioritize around your gift so that you can focus your efforts on ministry for which you are gifted and minimize involvement in areas for which you may not be equipped. The support of a small Christian group can be very helpful as an instrument for sharing - look for avenues for this kind of sharing in the family, church committees, or Bible study or fellowship groups. Love is evident in all true spirituality, and it must be present for effective use of spiritual gifts. Expect to sacrifice personally in the service of the Lord, and do not

be afraid. Support other members in the church in the use of their gifts by confirming with them that you see good fruit from their efforts. The feedback you give will help them in their pilgrimage to discover and develop their gifts, and it will contribute to an overall communal spirit of congregational ministry, which is important in the building up of the church. Resources used in the development of this document and individual spiritual gift information sheets: *Spiritual Gifts*, by Neal R.

Chapter 7 : Use Your Spiritual Gifts to Help Your Church Grow

Practical studies in the gifts, illustrated with characteristic exercises. By Jeannette Gregory West.

Consider giving that special student in your life a present they will find invaluable during their time abroad. Two of my nieces will be among them - one a sophomore at Elon University, the other a freshman at Temple University. To help them choose their first study abroad program, I had already given them each a copy of my latest book, *A Student Guide to Study Abroad*, and I was inspired to go beyond the easy, even if always appreciated, gift of cash. With the gift-giving season now in full swing, consider giving that special student in your life a present they will find invaluable during their time abroad. Keeping travel documents safe and organized is easy with a passport holder that has zippered pockets to separately stash various important items, such as a passport or a copy, money, credit card and a key. Those with a strong lanyard to wear around the neck and tuck inside a shirt for safekeeping are the most practical for student travelers; a small messenger bag for women that can also serve as a purse works in a similar fashion. Brookstone, Lewis N. It should be waterproof, have multiple pockets inside and out, and come equipped with a waist strap for extra balance and security. The Swiss Army knife generally has a sharp blade, as well as various tools stowed inside the handle of the knife through a pivot point mechanism. The beauty is the size: The Hiker or Mountaineer seem to be most popular and practical, but it must be stored in checked luggage when flying. Digital cameras, mobile phones and laptops will need to be charged and most other countries have different-sized plugs. Neck pillow and sleep mask: Sleep is essential yet can be difficult in a new environment, on long plane rides, and even train and bus rides. Shared showers and bathrooms are common on campuses here and abroad, and staying in hostels often necessitates keeping your toiletries all in one place. The nylon hanging toiletry bag with multiple pockets for maximum organization comes in many different sizes, with the hang strap fitting over most hooks and towel bars. One extra gift to stuff inside is an REI Multitowel Lite, which measures 54" x 25", takes up to eight times its weight yet wrings out completely dry to fold up into a 5x5 square. A Pashmina scarf can serve multiple functions for women: For both men and woman, an oversized scarf serves as a wrap for extra warmth, a pillow as needed, and protection against cold, wind, smog or pollution. All-weather jackets should be durable yet small enough to be rolled up and stashed in a backpack for unpredictable weather changes. Although a bit pricey, Nau offers plenty of choices that are both practical and stylish, with many no thicker than a cotton shirt for easy packing. All students should be encouraged to keep a journal when abroad to log all thoughts, impressions, emotions and hesitations. To add a heartfelt touch, include a few special photos and write a few sentiments on random pages to give your adventurers some warm memories to reflect on their experiences. A set of small notebooks can be given as a complement to keep in a purse or back pocket so as to be handy when out and about to take notes, jot down names of people met, write a special memory, or tag photos taken. Reading material is a necessity for any traveler, be it for pleasure or information while on the road. Consider one or all four of these ideas to ensure your student is prepped and ready for an international adventure. A good country or city-specific guide to where the student is going; Lonely Planet is known for its first-hand approach, up-to-date maps and great budget-traveler tips. Learning about culture, history, geography and language through literature is a wonderful way to explore a country; GoodReads offers its list of "Around the World in 80 Books" and writer Ann Morgan provides a list of titles from her "A Year of Reading the World". The best format for all of these would be either paperback or digital, the lighter the better. Travel guides, in particular though, are best taken as paperbacks. Camera or video camera: Although most students have smartphones with a camera or video capability for casual photos, a digital camera offers much better image quality. Look into the equivalent of a 35mm Canon or Nokia for more advanced features, additional lenses and greater memory. Despite the excitement of studying abroad, your young traveler will miss the creature comforts of home, as well as friends and family. Rather than promising to Skype everyday not a gift, but a distraction, give the gift of encouragement, coupled with some treasured items from home: Happy gift-giving, and, if you have other ideas to share, please do!

Chapter 8 : Practical Studies in the Gifts : Jeannette Gregory West :

Shopping 18 Awesome Gifts Any College Student Will Totally Love. Pray for my GPA. The products in this post were updated in October

How corporate gift-giving can be ethical By Judith Irwin on Dec 18, The ethics of giving and receiving corporate gifts can be confusing, and require care and attention to cultural sensitivities The end of year festive season can have an impact on business life beyond office parties and time off work. Ethics and compliance specialists may dread this time of year, as the subject of gifts and hospitality bring up a number of ethical challenges. You may feel like the office Grinch dictating that gifts and hospitality cannot be given or accepted. There is no doubt that the giving and accepting of gifts and hospitality has an important role in facilitating business relationships and practice. At times however, the line between what constitutes a gift or hospitality and what constitutes a bribe, can be unclear and the acceptance of gifts, services and hospitality can leave an organisation vulnerable to accusations of unethical, or even unlawful conduct. When is a gift not a gift? First, consider what the point of the gift or hospitality is. Is it to influence a relationship or induce improper conduct? Or is it simply a token of thanks? Timing is also of key importance. Are you on the brink of closing a large deal with a customer that if secured, would increase your end of year bonus by a not insignificant amount? Or are you being offered a gift shortly before or during a tendering process? It is not just giving but also the accepting of gifts and hospitality that is punishable under the UK Bribery Act. Consider the appropriateness of the gift and whether it is proportional to the level of the recipient. If a middle manager seeking a new job offers centre court Wimbledon tickets to a senior manager in another company, would that be considered appropriate or proportional? Common sense would suggest not. For example, the duties of senior staff may require them to attend or sponsor events where hospitality is generous. What may seem minor to a senior manager could be significantly more valuable to a junior employee. Sometimes, the exact value of a gift or hospitality can be hard to determine. Pick the person Who is the gift for? Giving gifts or hospitality to certain persons, for example public officials, is often construed as a facilitation payment and arouses suspicions. However, definitions of what constitutes a public official can vary. In many countries, it can be difficult to tell the difference between an employee in a state owned enterprise and a member of the government who is also working within the state owned company. A principle sometimes applied to determine what is an appropriate level of gift giving or hospitality is that of reciprocity, ie if I accept an offer, am I able to offer the equivalent in value in return? How can companies support staff? Many companies take a zero tolerance approach to gift and hospitality giving and receiving. This is particularly true for employees of multinational companies operating in countries where gift giving is an important cultural tradition and instrumental in building professional relationships such as the giving of red envelopes for Chinese new year. Some companies have opted not to implement a global blanket ban, but rather they have set out locally determined limits for the value of gifts and hospitality that may be given or received. This includes seeking approval from their line manager or someone more senior, recording it in a gifts and hospitality register. Sometimes gifts of a high value might be required be donated to charity or to the company. Gifts of high value can then be auctioned at the end of the year to raise funds for charity, for example. Communicate your gifts and hospitality policy to employees and others you do business with; encourage employees to consider the ethical implications before giving and receiving gifts; and offer additional support for those who work in cultures with different gift-giving norms. Judith Irwin is a senior researcher at the Institute of Business Ethics.

Chapter 9 : THE SEVEN REDEMPTIVE GIFTS GIVEN BY FATHER GOD

One may have the gift of teaching but that gift needs to be developed, perhaps by seminary studies, certainly by some kind of training and much experience. Paul told Timothy, kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands (2 Timothy).

Introduction God has given each believer a combination of opportunities and gifts that is perfectly suited to his or her situation in life. Every Christian is really a minister with a unique contribution to make to the body of Christ. The central thrust of your ministry depends on the spiritual gifts you have received. In this booklet, we will look at the definition, design, desirability, and description of the gifts of the Spirit. We will also see how to discover and develop spiritual gifts and consider the danger of their abuse and directions for their use. This organism consists of all those who have received the gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus. By virtue of both adoption and new birth, we have become sons and daughters of God. This organism is also called a holy temple in Ephesians 2: But the most frequently used metaphor for this new creation is the body of Christ see Rom. The three major New Testament lists of the gifts are all introduced by a description of the unity and diversity in the body of Christ. All believers have been baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ 1 Cor. Christ is the head, the ruler of the body Eph. In this analogy, each Christian has been given a special function to perform and the ability to fulfill it in a way that will benefit the other members. There is quantitative and qualitative growth when believers discover and actively use their spiritual gifts. Each part of the body depends on the rest for its well-being, and there are no useless organs. This is why edification through teaching and fellowship is so necessary in the local church. The biblical concept of koinonia or fellowship communicates the fact that isolation leads to atrophy. Just as no organ can function independently of the others, so no Christian can enjoy spiritual vitality in a relational vacuum. The Spirit has sovereignly distributed spiritual gifts to every member of the body, and no single member possesses all the gifts. Thus, growth does not take place apart from mutual ministry and dependence. The body of Christ is an organism, not a dictatorship or a democracy. As such, the local church is best structured around the distribution and function of the spiritual gifts found in its members. What are the seven points of unity found in verses ? Verse 12 speaks of quantitative corporate growth, while verse 13 speaks of qualitative individual growth. Definition and Design of Spiritual Gifts A. Definition The Greek word most frequently used for spiritual gifts is *charismata*, a word that relates to the grace *charis* of God. Concerning these gifts, Paul writes, But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of the gift of Christ Eph. Another word, *pneumatikos*, means spiritualities, or spiritual things. William McRae defines a spiritual gift as a divine endowment of a special ability for service upon a member of the body of Christ. Peter Wagner offers a similar definition: Every Christian has one or more spiritual gifts. To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the benefit of all 1 Cor. It is one and the same Spirit, distributing as he decides to each person, who produces all these things 1 Cor. But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of the gift of Christ Eph. Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of the varied grace of God. Spiritual gifts are not limited to a sub-group of believers; they are distributed by the Spirit to all Christian men, women, and children. Many believers have evidently received more than one spiritual gift. Because there is such a variety of gifts, the number of possible combinations is great. Each multi-gifted Christian has received a combination of spiritual abilities that is perfectly suited to his or her God-given ministry. Spiritual gifts may be given at the moment of regeneration, but they may lie undiscovered and dormant for a long period of time. Multi-gifted Christians often discover their combination of gifts through a gradual process. Spiritual gifts can be abused and neglected, but if they are received at regeneration, it would appear that they cannot be lost. The Corinthian church illustrates the fact that believers can be highly gifted but spiritually immature. Spiritual gifts are not the same as the gift of the Spirit. The gift of the Spirit has been bestowed on all believers John The gifts of the Spirit, on the other hand, are distributed as he decides to each person 1 Cor. Spiritual gifts are not the same as the fruit of the Spirit. Spiritual fruit is produced from within; spiritual gifts are imparted from without. Fruit relates to Christlike character; gifts relate to Christian service. The fruit of the Spirit, especially love, should

be the context for the operation of the gifts of the Spirit. Paul made it clear in 1 Corinthians 13 that spiritual gifts without spiritual fruit are worthless. Fruit is eternal, but gifts are temporal 1 Cor. Spiritual gifts are not the same as natural talents. Unlike the natural abilities which everyone has from birth, spiritual gifts belong exclusively to believers in Christ. In some cases, the gifts of the Spirit coincide with natural endowments, but they transcend these natural abilities by adding a supernatural quality. Both are given by God Jas. All Christians are called to a ministry, but not all are called to an office. Ministry is determined by divinely given gifts and opportunities Eph. Some spiritual gifts are more desirable in the church than others because they result in greater edification of the body. Paul exhorted the Corinthian church to be eager for the greater gifts 1 Cor. Charismata literally means grace-gifts--they are sovereignly and undeservedly given by the Holy Spirit. There is no basis for boasting or envy. Every member of the body has a special place and purpose. Whether more or less prominent in the eyes of men, the same standard applies to all: Work with what God has given to you 2 Tim. They are not bestowed for the self-aggrandizement of the recipient, or as an evidence of a special endowment of the Spirit, but for the profit and edification of the Body of Christ. The possessor is only the instrument and not the receiver of the glory J. Gifts were given so that in everything God will be glorified through Jesus Christ 1 Pet. High mobilization of spiritual gifts was the key to the rapid multiplication of the church in the New Testament cf. Desirability of the Gifts It is important that every Christian discover and develop the spiritual gifts that have been bestowed on him or her by God. These gifts are desirable for three basic reasons: You Will Be Satisfied Knowing and using your gifts will give you an understanding of the unique and indispensable ministry you have been called to accomplish in the body of Christ. You will discover a significant part of your purpose for being on this planet and realize that God has made you competent to produce something that will last for eternity. You will have a sense of fulfillment and joy in the service of others as you become an available instrument through which the Holy Spirit can work. In addition, knowledge of your spiritual gifts will greatly assist you in discerning and affirming the will of God at various points in your life. God will not call you to accomplish anything without giving you the power and enablement to do it. You will be able to make more intelligent decisions about possible involvement in specific opportunities and training in light of your God-given function in the body Rom. You will also use your time more effectively by focusing on the things you have been equipped to do well rather than expending your energy in areas of minimum potential. Others Will Be Edified Knowing and using your gifts will lead to the edification of other members of the body of Christ. As you exercise your spiritual gifts, you will play a substantial role in building up other Christians and leading them into maturity Eph. If you fail to develop your gifts or let them decline through disuse, your brothers and sisters in Christ will actually be hurt because they will be deprived of the unique ministry that only you could perform in their lives. This is your highest calling, and it relates to all three Persons of the Godhead. As you use your spiritual gifts in conjunction with the power and fruit especially love of the Holy Spirit and in the name and Lordship of Jesus Christ, the Father receives the glory. Digging for the Gifts Romans 12, 1 Corinthians , and Ephesians 4 are the three primary biblical passages on spiritual gifts. Before moving to the next section, use this chart to list the gifts you find in these passages. Then ask yourself these questions: Description of the Gifts A spiritual gift is a manifestation of the Spirit â€ given for the benefit of all 1 Cor. As a supernatural endowment, its source is always the Holy Spirit, and its purpose is the building up of others to the glory of God. The Gifts in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4 1. This could involve the foretelling of future events, though its primary purpose as seen in 1 Corinthians This gift provides a word from God to a specific group, not the normative Word of God to all believers. Some maintain that prophecy is still operative in this sense today, while others say that the nearest current equivalent is Spirit-empowered preaching. The Greek word for this gift is the same as that for ministry or deacon, but the gift should not be confused with the office. This requires the capacity to accurately interpret Scripture, engage in necessary research, and organize the results in a way that is easily communicated. Christians with this spiritual gift need not be wealthy. A person with this gift is effective at delegating tasks to followers without manipulation or coercion. Those with this gift manifest concern and kindness to people who are often overlooked. The exercise of this gift skillfully distills insight and discernment into excellent advice. With this gift, one speaks with understanding and penetration.