

HOW TO GROW IN YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTINGS

God does not want us to be uninformed about the gifts of the Spirit.

The gifts are manifestations of God's grace.

The purpose of the gifts are to minister God's grace (unmerited favor) to others.

God did us a big favor by giving us His spiritual gifts.

Gifts are meant to be given away and your gift or gifts are needed.

Every believer is a part of the Body of Christ and all parts of the body serve a function and are necessary.

Another way to think of the spiritual gifts are in terms of tools.

Each tool has a specific purpose.

Even a tiny screwdriver serves a different purpose than a big screwdriver.

A big screwdriver is not more important than a tiny one, if you need to tighten eyeglasses, the big screwdriver is useless, you need the tiny one.

Your gift may be the only tool that can reach a particular person.

Like playing a musical instrument, a spiritual gift needs to be practiced for you to be good at it.

Practice your spiritual gift(s).

Practice patience.

God is love, follow the way of love.

Prophecy is a message from God.

Prophecy is a greater gift, although all gifts are necessary.

The purpose of prophecy is to strengthen, encourage and comfort.

Prophecy can also confirm and convict.

Every gift has a counterfeit from the enemy.

We need to stay close to God and depend on Him, so that we really hear from Him and not the enemy or our own imaginations.

We must spend time in the presence of God every day.

Just because a desire is strong in our heart does not necessarily mean it came from the Lord.

It is good to practice inside the church first (in a safe environment), then use your gift outside the church.

When we operate in love we will see things we did not see before.

You have an appointed time in history and that time is now.

Once you reach eternity you cannot change anything.

Only what you do now in this life can make a difference in eternity.

Ask the Lord what it means to seek Him with all of your heart.

Being led by the Spirit is a day by day, step by step, moment by moment process.

God wants you to be in the right place at the right time with the right gift to effect eternity.

1. Don't be uninformed about your gift(s).
2. Our spiritual gifts are capacities we can grow in.
3. To grow in your spiritual giftings, make love the motivation.
 - a. Be in close communion with the Lord.
 - b. Offer back to the Lord any word that you get from Him.
 - c. Make sure your message lines up with the word of God.
 - d. When you give a word be clear and concise, don't add to or take away from the word.
4. Attend to the fruit.
5. Seek the giver not the gifts.
6. Be led by the Spirit.

SCRIPTURE LIST

1 Corinthians 12:1

1 Corinthians 12:7

1 Corinthians 12:27

1 Corinthians 14:1

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

1 John 4:8

1 Corinthians 14:3

1 Thessalonians 5:19-21

Matthew 7:22-23

Galatians 5:22

2 Peter 1:5-10

Acts 17:26-27

Jeremiah 29:13

Romans 8:14-17

Romans 8:28

Galatians 5:25-26

Acts 8:26-31