

# **SPIRITUAL GIFT DEFINITIONS**

## **ADMINISTRATION / RULING**

The Spirit enables certain Christians to organize, administer, and promote the various affairs of the local church's ministry to direct them effectively. They are gifted to make plans and organize people to accomplish goals. See *Acts 6:1-7; I Corinthians 12:5 & 28; Romans 12:8, Titus 1:4-5.*

## **DISCERNMENT**

The Spirit enables some Christians to determine whether certain words and/or behavior is of God, satan, or man. See *I Corinthians 12:10, Acts 5:3-6, Acts 16:16-18, I John 4:1.*

## **EVANGELISM**

While all Christians are called to witness to Christ, the Spirit blesses particular Christians with a special ability to share the Gospel with unbelievers. See *Ephesians 4:11, Acts 8:5-12, Acts 21:8, Acts 8:26-40, Matthew 28:18-20.*

## **EXHORTATION / ENCOURAGEMENT**

The Spirit enables certain Christians to challenge others with encouraging words. They can convincingly comfort, counsel and console others. See *Romans 12:8, Acts 11:23-24, Acts 14:21-22, Acts 15:32.*

## **EXCEPTIONAL FAITH**

The Spirit provides some Christians with great confidence to believe and expect great things from God. These believers can see God's limitless possibilities. See *I Corinthians 12:9, Romans 5:1, Romans 12:3, Hebrews 11.*

## **GIVING GENEROUSLY**

The Spirit enables certain Christians to accumulate and willingly and joyfully give large amounts of their finances to the glory of God. See *Romans 12:8, Acts 4:32-37, Galatians 4:15, Philippians 4:10-18, II Corinthians 8:1-5; Malachi 3:10.*

## **HELPS / SERVING / MINISTERING**

The Spirit empowers certain Christians to render practical help in both physical and spiritual matters. Serving one another, like witnessing, is a calling of all Christians, but there are some who have a special desire to serve, and receive great blessing from it. They humbly identify unmet needs and make use of available resources to meet those needs. See *Romans 12:7, I Corinthians 12:28, Galatians 6:1-2.*

## **KNOWLEDGE**

The Spirit gives certain Christians the special ability to understand and clarify God's Word and effectively communicate it to others. See *I Corinthians 12:8.*

## **MERCY**

The Spirit enables certain Christians to minister to and have compassion for those who are suffering, afflicted or underprivileged. See *Romans 12:8, Luke 10:30-37.*

## **PASTOR / SHEPHERDING**

The Spirit enables certain Christians to preach and teach the Word of God and to take responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a body of believers. See *Ephesians 4:11, I Peter 5:1-11.*

## **TEACHING**

The Spirit enables particular Christians to communicate and clarify the details and truths of God's Word for others to learn. See *Romans 12:7, Ephesians 4:11.*

## **WISDOM**

The Spirit empowers particular Christians with a special understanding of God's Word and the will to apply it to life situations. See *I Corinthians 12:8, James 3:13-17.*