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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

### 21 DAYS OF PRAYER + FASTING — through 25

*Let's pray together, Church! United across the globe, Foursquare churches are setting aside Jan. 5-25, 2026, for 21 Days of Prayer + Fasting. Sign up now at [FoursquarePrayer.org](https://FoursquarePrayer.org) to join in, and each day in January, you'll receive an emailed devotional to guide your time with Scripture, reflection, and prayer. Enjoy writing in the margins? You can download a free book or buy a full-color version from Amazon. There is even a book for kids and families!*

### FINDING YOUR DESTINY GROWTH TRACK — TODAY, 1:00-4:00 pm

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?** Pastor Valerie will be hosting the Finding Your Destiny Growth Track in January. We encourage you to attend. Especially new visitors who want to find out what we are all about, members who wish to learn more about themselves and how they can fit and serve in our body, and anyone who wants to lead a small group, volunteer team, or serve in hands-on ministry.

### GIFTED (SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASSES) — Wednesdays, 6:00 pm, beginning January 14

*Holy Spirit has provided each of us with spiritual gifts that we can use to bless others. Join us as we explore these gifts and grow in our capacity to partner with Holy Spirit in their use. Join us weekly on **Wednesday nights** or **monthly** on the **4th Sunday** (Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 22, and Apr. 26) from **1:00-6:00 pm**. Both classes will be led by Pastor Valerie in the office building.*

### WOMEN'S GAME NIGHT — Friday, January 16, 6:00 pm

*Join the ladies for an evening of fun, games, and fellowship. We will be meeting in the office building.*

### MEN'S GAME NIGHT — Saturday, January 17, 6:00 pm

*Bring your favorite family-friendly board or dice games and enjoy a night of gaming, fellowship, and snacks. There is no cost for this event. Snacks will be provided.*

### MEN'S BREAKFAST — Saturday, Feb. 7, 9:00 am

*Join us for a morning of food, fellowship, some worship and prayer. This event is free. Donations are welcome.*

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# MESSAGE NOTES

01.11.26 | GIFTED, Part 2: Your Spiritual Gifts

## THE SOURCE OF OUR GIFTS

Spiritual gifts are normal, \_\_\_\_\_, Holy Spirit empowerment for everyday followers of Jesus.

1. Spiritual gifts come from \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 NASB*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ believer has a gift.

3. There are many different gifts, but they all have the same \_\_\_\_\_.

*For just as the body is one and yet has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. For the body is not one part, but many. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 NASB*

## THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFTS

4. Spiritual gifts are given for others, not for \_\_\_\_\_.

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of a gift matters: **Inward** = ego, platform, recognition, control; **Outward** = service, humility, edification, love

*As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God. 1 Peter 4:10 NASB*

- Gifts are not proof of \_\_\_\_\_.

*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve... Mark 10:45a NASB*

5. Gifts function best when rooted in \_\_\_\_\_.

*If I speak with the tongues of mankind and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the GIFT of prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give away all my possessions to charity, and if I surrender my body so that I may glory, but do not have love, it does me no good. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 NASB*

## THE WISDOM OF THE GIVER

6. God distributes gifts wisely and \_\_\_\_\_.

*But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. 1 Corinthians 12:11 NASB*

*Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father... James 1:17a NASB*

- Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ what we cannot.

*But now God has arranged the parts, each one of them in the body, just as He desired... 1 Corinthians 12:18 NASB*

- Gifts are given with the whole \_\_\_\_\_ in mind.

*...God has so composed the body... so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same care for one another. 1 Corinthians 12:24b-25 NASB*

*All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:16 NIV*

- If God has given you a gift, He has also given you a \_\_\_\_\_; trusting His timing is part of that.

*We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. Romans 12:6a NIV*

7. Gifts grow with \_\_\_\_\_; clarity often comes after obedience.

# GIFTED

## WEEK 2 SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

Discovering How Holy Spirit Empowers You

### HOW TO USE THIS ASSESSMENT

This assessment is not a test, and there are no right or wrong answers. It is a tool for discovery, helping you notice patterns in how Holy Spirit already works in and through you. Answer honestly based on your *natural tendencies* and *lived experience*. Don't answer how you wish you were — answer how you are.

**Use the scale below for each statement:**

1 = Not at all true of me

2 = Rarely true

3 = Sometimes true

4 = Often true

5 = Very true of me

Write your score (1–5) next to each statement.

### SECTION 1: SERVING + SUPPORT GIFTS

#### GIFT OF SERVING (Helps)

\_\_\_ 1. I enjoy meeting practical needs without needing recognition.

\_\_\_ 2. I notice tasks that others overlook and feel compelled to help.

\_\_\_ 3. I find joy in supporting others so ministry can happen.

\_\_\_ 4. I'm energized by helping behind the scenes.

\_\_\_ 5. I feel fulfilled when I lighten someone else's load.

**Serving Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### GIFT OF MERCY

\_\_\_ 6. I am deeply moved by people who are hurting or broken.

\_\_\_ 7. I naturally offer compassion rather than judgment.

\_\_\_ 8. I'm drawn to those who feel overlooked or forgotten.

\_\_\_ 9. People often feel safe sharing pain with me.

\_\_\_ 10. I'm patient with people who are struggling.

**Mercy Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### GIFT OF HOSPITALITY

\_\_\_ 11. I enjoy creating welcoming environments for others.

\_\_\_ 12. I'm intentional about helping people feel they belong.

\_\_\_ 13. I enjoy hosting, greeting, or caring for guests.

\_\_\_ 14. I notice when someone feels out of place.

\_\_\_ 15. I believe presence and welcome are powerful ministries.

**Hospitality Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION 2: LEADERSHIP + INFLUENCE GIFTS

#### GIFT OF LEADERSHIP

\_\_\_ 16. I naturally see direction and help others move toward it.

\_\_\_ 17. People often look to me for guidance or vision.

\_\_\_ 18. I'm comfortable making decisions for the good of a group.

\_\_\_ 19. I enjoy empowering others to succeed.

\_\_\_ 20. I feel responsible for outcomes, not just ideas.

**Leadership Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### GIFT OF ADMINISTRATION

\_\_\_ 21. I enjoy organizing systems, plans, or details.

\_\_\_ 22. I naturally bring order to chaos.

\_\_\_ 23. I like managing timelines, resources, or logistics.

\_\_\_ 24. I feel satisfied when things run smoothly.

\_\_\_ 25. I notice inefficiencies and want to fix them.

**Administration Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION 3: COMMUNICATION + DISCIPLESHIP GIFTS

#### GIFT OF TEACHING

\_\_\_ 26. I enjoy explaining Scripture in clear, practical ways.

\_\_\_ 27. People often say I help them understand the Bible better.

\_\_\_ 28. I like studying Scripture deeply.

\_\_\_ 29. I feel responsible for accuracy and clarity.

\_\_\_ 30. I enjoy helping others grow spiritually.

**Teaching Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### GIFT OF ENCOURAGEMENT (Exhortation)

\_\_\_ 31. I naturally affirm and motivate others.

\_\_\_ 32. I enjoy helping people take next steps in faith.

\_\_\_ 33. My words often bring hope or courage.

\_\_\_ 34. I'm good at helping people see God's perspective.

\_\_\_ 35. I enjoy walking with people through growth.

**Encouragement Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 4: FAITH + SPIRIT-EMPOWERED GIFTS

### GIFT OF FAITH

- \_\_\_ 36. I trust God easily, even in uncertain situations.
- \_\_\_ 37. I often believe God will move before others do.
- \_\_\_ 38. My confidence in God strengthens others' faith.
- \_\_\_ 39. I remain hopeful during difficulty.
- \_\_\_ 40. I expect God to act powerfully.

**Faith Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

### GIFT OF GIVING

- \_\_\_ 41. I enjoy generously sharing my resources.
- \_\_\_ 42. I'm motivated to meet financial or material needs.
- \_\_\_ 43. I plan my giving intentionally.
- \_\_\_ 44. I find joy in helping fund God's work.
- \_\_\_ 45. I'm sensitive to opportunities to give.

**Giving Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

### GIFT OF DISCERNMENT

- \_\_\_ 46. I sense when something is spiritually off or right.
- \_\_\_ 47. I'm alert to truth and error.
- \_\_\_ 48. I often feel prompted to pray about situations.

- \_\_\_ 49. I notice spiritual dynamics others may miss.
- \_\_\_ 50. I value spiritual integrity and wisdom.

**Discernment Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 5: MISSIONAL GIFTS

### GIFT OF EVANGELISM

- \_\_\_ 51. I enjoy sharing my faith with others.
- \_\_\_ 52. I'm comfortable talking about Jesus with non-believers.
- \_\_\_ 53. I'm burdened for people far from God.
- \_\_\_ 54. I naturally build bridges with unchurched people.
- \_\_\_ 55. I celebrate when people respond to Jesus.

**Evangelism Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

### GIFT OF SHEPHERDING (Pastoring)

- \_\_\_ 56. I feel responsible for the spiritual well-being of others.
- \_\_\_ 57. I enjoy walking with people over time.
- \_\_\_ 58. People seek me out for spiritual care.
- \_\_\_ 59. I'm protective of people's hearts and faith.
- \_\_\_ 60. I desire to see people grow and stay connected.

**Shepherding Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

## SCORING + REFLECTION

### Step 1: RECORD YOUR SCORES

*Write your total score for each gift below.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Serving (Helps)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mercy
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality
- \_\_\_\_\_ Leadership
- \_\_\_\_\_ Administration
- \_\_\_\_\_ Teaching
- \_\_\_\_\_ Encouragement (Exhortation)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Faith
- \_\_\_\_\_ Giving
- \_\_\_\_\_ Discernment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Evangelism
- \_\_\_\_\_ Shepherding (Pastoring)

### Step 2: IDENTIFY YOUR STRONGEST AREAS

*Circle your top three highest scores. These are not labels — they are indicators of how Holy Spirit most often works through you.*

### Step 3: MY TOP GIFTS REFLECTION

#### My Top 3 Spiritual Gifts

1. \_\_\_\_\_

How this gift shows up naturally in my life: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Where I've already seen God use this gift: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

How this gift shows up naturally in my life: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Where I've already seen God use this gift: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

How this gift shows up naturally in my life: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Where I've already seen God use this gift: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Step 4: DISCERNMENT QUESTIONS

Which of these gifts brings me the most joy when I use it? \_\_\_\_\_

Which gift feels most connected to my heart and passions? \_\_\_\_\_

Which gift might God be inviting me to grow in? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Step 5: MOVING TOWARD ACTION

One place I could begin serving or exploring this gift:

\_\_\_\_\_

### PRAYER OF SURRENDER

*Holy Spirit, thank You for the gifts You've placed inside me. Help me steward them with humility, love, and faithfulness. Show me where and how You want to use my life for the good of others and the glory of Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.*