



...I see the last day revival ushering in the precious fruit of the earth. It will be the greatest revival the world has ever seen and will be a wave of the gifts of the Spirit... — Smith Wigglesworth 1939

Part 2 | THREE EXPRESSIONS

There are two great days in our lives: the day we were born and the day we discover why. It's when we discover why that a life of purpose begins. However, discovering why is only a part of the process. We must overcome personal obstacles based on being self-conscious rather than God conscious — insecure feelings about our abilities; a fear of failure and risk; unwilling to do what it requires; not knowing where to begin; etc.

A change in paradigm is required... "I'd like to do that," must become, "I WILL do that and I will do whatever is necessary to see that become a reality in my life!" *Everything is halted until we make this decision.*

Created with three specific attributes

We are designed to make a significant contribution in life and in the Kingdom of God. God created all of us in multiple ways to accomplish His will through us and in this way experience true personal fulfillment. Here are three ways that reveal how He created us.

NOTE: When we say, "spiritual gifts," we do not mean a gift given to us, for us, but abilities empowered by the Holy Spirit that, when exercised, bring joy and fulfillment to us and to God's people.

1. Our "spiritual gifts" or **abilities** given by the Holy Spirit indicate WHAT we do best. They are abilities and activities given by the Holy Spirit which bring us joy and enhance the Body of Christ.

2. Our **personality or temperament** tells us HOW we can serve with confidence.
3. Our **passion** tells us WHERE we have a strong desire to make a significant impact.

Three expressions

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 *There are different kinds (a great variety) of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men...*

1. GIFTS — The basic spiritual drive God places in us empowered by the Holy Spirit to enrich His Church. This is the Greek word charis, the joy we experience in being the person God created us to be.
 - Read Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-31
2. SERVICE — The opportunities which are open to us to exercise our basic motivation. Diakoneo is the word from which we get the word deacon or servant and literally means to be an attendant, to wait upon.
 - Matthew 20:28 *...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*
3. WORKING — The effect in the lives of those to whom we minister as directed by the Holy Spirit. This is the Greek word energema from which we get our word energy or energetic.

Same gifts, different expressions, different results

Someone with the gifts of evangelism and teaching may have a burden to introduce children to the Savior and will teach Sunday school. Another with the same gifts may have a burden for natives in the Amazon and will begin to develop a curriculum in the language of the target group.



Click the QR code and read the basic definitions of spiritual gifts from Romans 12:3-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-31. *More next week...*