



...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

BASIC DEFINITIONS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

To read the main Scriptures click [Romans 12:3-8](#) and [1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-31](#)

IMPORTANT -- 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.

Administration — The ability to help determine long range goals and devise plans to see the goals carried out in the Body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:28)

Apostle — The ability to be sent into areas with no viable work and to begin one, and then to govern and assume the leadership for churches in a given region. (Ephesians 4:11)

Craftmanship — The divine enablement to facilitate ministry through various creative means and styles. (Exodus 31: 2-11, Acts 9: 36-39)

Creative Communication — The divine ability to communicate God’s truth through a variety of art forms. (1 Chronicles 25:1-7)

Deliverance — The ability to cast out demons and evil spirits. (Acts 8:5-8)

Discernment — The ability to know with assurance whether a behavior said to be of God is in fact of God or of flesh or of satanic origin. (1 Corinthians 12:10)

Encouragement — The ability to speak words of comfort, consolation, encouragement and counsel to people in such a way as to strengthen and help. (Romans 12:8)

Evangelism — The ability to share the gospel with people readily and naturally and seeing people respond to the message. (Ephesians 4:11)

Faith — The ability to discern with extra-ordinary confidence to the will and purposes of God for the future of His work. (1 Corinthians 12:9)

Giving — The ability to contribute material resources to the work of the Lord with liberality and cheerfulness. (Romans 12:8)

Healing — The ability to pray the sick or injured and see them healed. (1 Corinthians 12:9)

Helps — The ability to invest time and talents into another ministry to increase another ministries effectiveness. (1 Corinthians 12:28)

Hospitality — The ability to provide food and shelter to anyone in need. (1 Peter 4:9-10)

Intercession — The ability to pray for extended periods of time on a regular basis to see specific answers to prayer. (Colossians 4:12)

Interpretation of tongues — The ability to interpret utterances in tongues given in a public gathering. (1 Corinthians 12:10)

Knowledge — The ability to receive and communicate specific facts relating to people and situations. (1 Corinthians 12:8)

Leadership — The ability to set goals, communicate them to others and then place people in areas best suited to accomplish these goals. (Romans 12:8)

Mercy — The ability to feel sympathy and compassion to individuals suffering and then to translate to those feeling to cheerfully done deeds of service. (Romans 12:8)

Miracles — The ability to serve as human intermediaries of God to perform powerful acts that alter the ordinary course of nature. (1 Corinthians 12:10, 28)

Missionary — The ability to minister to people of another culture and even adapt to that culture for the ministry of the gospel. (Acts 13:2-3, Romans 10:15)

Pastor/Shepherding — The ability to assume a long term personal responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a group of people. (Ephesians 4:11)

Prophecy — The ability to receive and communicate a message from God to His people. (Romans 12:6, Ephesians 4:11)

Service — The ability to recognize and resolve needs in a task related to God's work. (Romans 12:7)

Teaching — The ability to clearly communicate information relevant to the health and ministry to the Body and its members. (Ephesians 4:11)

Tongues — The ability to speak in a language not known by the speaker. This is done in the context of a public gathering. (1 Corinthians 12:10, 28)

Wisdom — The ability to receive and communicate God given insight to specific needs arising in the Body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:8)