



## TRUTH 1019 Understanding Spiritual Gifts, Part I

I Corinthians 12:1-6

Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup>There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup>There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

Spiritual gifts are supernatural abilities, not merely talents given to all of God's children to bring God glory.

1. You are in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- God is \_\_\_\_\_ by nature.

Ministry is using whatever God has given me to serve him and the needs of others.

Matthew 7:11

*If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!*

Ephesians 2:8-9

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast.*

I Peter 4:10

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*

In architecture, form follows function; in ministry, function follows form.

Ephesians 4:7

*But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.*

- God has provided you with a gift. He has given you \_\_\_\_\_ to provide purpose for your gift, and he has given you \_\_\_\_\_ to operate your gift.

- You must be \_\_\_\_\_ filled to operate your \_\_\_\_\_ gift.

2. Growth is a byproduct of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ within your giftedness.

- It is difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in your giftedness apart from the local church.

Ephesians 2:19

*Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household,*

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the church is \_\_\_\_\_ God's glory to the nations.
- The role of the pastor is \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 4:11-12

*It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up*

- Fulfillment comes when you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with your giftedness.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ your God-given spiritual gifts allows you to experience maximum fulfillment with minimum frustration in your Christian life and ministry.
- You will be \_\_\_\_\_ on what you do with the \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 14:12

*So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.*

Matthew 25:23

*"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'*