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Steps to Discovering your Gifts

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Discovering your Spiritual Gift

One of the major changes that occurs when the Holy Spirit becomes an integral part of our lives is the empowerment to serve others in a variety of ways with an incredible motivation to meet their needs

Three Keys to Discover your gift

- **Desire**

- Which gift would you like to develop in your life?
- Phil 2:13 (1 Tim 3:1)

- **Joy**

- Which area of service appeals most to you?
- Phil 2:17-18; 4:4

- **Effectiveness**

- Which area of service seems to produce the most blessing or help to others?
- Where do people mostly respond positively to your service? 1 Cor 12:7; 14:12; Rom 1:11-12; Eph 4:12

How to discover your Gifts

1. Believe that you have at least one gift (1 Pet 4:10; 1 Cor 12:7, 11)
2. Focus on the needs that you note in others
3. Desire to know and to use your gifts (1 Cor 14:1, 12)

How to discover your Gifts²

4. Allow yourself to be controlled by the Spirit through your desire to obey (Eph 5:18-21; 4:30; Gal 5:16; 1 Thess 5:19)
5. Have confidence that you will want to serve (Phil 2:13)
6. Study all the gifts to know what God has given to men, and which gifts are most motivating your interest (Psa 37:4)
7. Be willing at all times to serve in the area of your gift, as well as the other areas of service required of all believers

How to discover your Gifts³

8. Look for the wisdom and advice from mature leaders that can observe your service (Heb 13:7,17)
9. Accept the chain of authority in your life (marriage, family, church, business, school, government, authorities, etc) as instruments to show how to serve the Lord (Eph 5:22; 6:1, 5)
10. Use your gifts as a priority in your life, to help others mature in their life's mission (Eph 2:10)

Obstacles to Discovering your Gifts

1. Root cause of unresolved problems in your personal life
 - Need for approval, acceptance, and importance
 - Insecurity about whether you can make a difference
2. Lack of participation or interest in helping others have their needs met
 - Who is going to meet my needs?
3. Attempt to imitate other gifts or areas of service
 - Do you want the fame and authority of others?
4. Fail to analyze why certain activities appeal to us