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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 Gifts

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
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8. Look for the wisdom and advise 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