

WHERE DO I FIT?

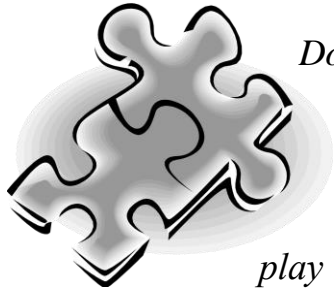


Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

four part video series

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INTRODUCTION



*Do you know that you are fearfully and wonderfully made? Do you realize that when you bowed your knee to Jesus Christ and asked Him to be your Savior and the Lord of your life, He gave you spiritual gifts that He wants to use to impact eternity? Do you understand the part God has called you to play in the Body of Christ? This four part study entitled, “Where Do I Fit? Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts” investigates some key Scriptural passages to see what God has to say about this exciting topic. Through this series, we will be **Painting A Picture** (Acts 6:1-7 & Romans 12:1-13) as we take a look at the first century church, **Playing Our Part** (I Corinthians 12:1-31) as we seek to understand how the different gifts God has given us work together. We will gain **Unity in Diversity** (Ephesians 4:1-16 as well as a study of the temperaments) as we begin to realize that it is our differences which force us to join together and rely on one another, and then be reminded that there is **No Time to Waste!** (I Peter 4:1-11).*

HOW TO USE THIS STUDY

*This study can be used by an individual, in a small group or in a large group setting. There are four video sessions and the **handouts** that go with each (plus some additional studies and information that allow us to dig deeper in our private times with the Lord) are included in this book, along **with permission to copy and distribute them**. The notes will appear in the videos as they appear on the handouts, making note taking simple. The “answers” or filled in blanks are also included.*

Whether alone or with others, it is always a good idea to begin each session of any Bible study with a time of worship in song and prayer. There is a drama that goes with each of the lessons which is designed to be viewed before the message. If doing this study in a group, a time of discussion can follow the videos.

*Are you ready to discover or be encourage in your spiritual gift? Are you excited to seek God’s thoughts and heart on this subject?
Then let’s begin!*



PAINTING A PICTURE Acts 6:1-7 & Romans 12:1-13

THE BASICS

- ♥ **What is a spiritual gift?** A _____ endowment of the Spirit given to Believers to _____ and build up the Body of Christ, advance the _____ and give glory to God. They are also called _____ gifts.

- ♥ **Why is it important to discover and understand our Spiritual gifts?** The Scriptures warn us not to be _____ about spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12:1). We need to know what our gifts are and how they work _____ so we can _____ serve our Lord.

- ♥ **What is meant by the term "gift-mix?"** Many people have more than one spiritual gift and they may or may not be of _____ measure. The _____ of those gifts in their differing measures is what we call our "gift-mix" and is what makes our service _____. (mintools)

- ♥ **Where can I find Spiritual Gifts in the Bible?** The major passages where Spiritual Gifts are listed in the Scriptures are Romans 12:3-8, I Corinthians 12-14, Ephesians 4:1-16 and I Peter 4:10-11.

- ♥ **How many spiritual gifts are there?** There is no _____ list given in the Scriptures. Some Bible scholars include things like craftsmanship and music while others include the sign gifts (like tongues and healing). Although there is not a _____ list of spiritual gifts, there is definitive teaching on their _____ and our _____ regarding them.

- ♥ **What is the difference between spiritual gifts and natural talents?** God created each of us _____ and we were born with natural _____ and abilities. When we are born again, we are given spiritual gifts. Although spiritual gifts are supernatural endowments, they may be an _____ of an ability we already have.

- ♥ **Because these gifts are supernatural, is it easy to serve in them?** _____! It is a joy to work hard for the Lord in our giftedness but it is still _____ work. (1 Cor. 9:23-27, Col. 3: 23-24, II Cor. 6:3-10, Rev. 2:1-3)

A PICTURE PAINTED (Acts 6:1-7)

Clarification: In the NIV, Acts 6:2 says... *"It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables"* but a better translation is that it is not desirable or _____. It is not a matter of right and wrong but what makes the most _____.

Realization: Although the bulk of our time should be spent _____ in our giftedness, we cannot use our spiritual gifts (or lack thereof) as an _____ not to serve in other areas.

Truth: No matter what our gifts are, we need to use them through the _____ and _____ of the Holy Spirit.

Result: When Believers are working _____, side by side in their gifting, God _____ in power and might.

The Choice: God's purposes will ultimately be accomplished but we have the _____ of whether or not we want to be a _____ of them.

ATTITUDE IN SERVING (Romans 12:1-13)

Starting Point: It is important for us to understand that our service for the Lord begins with becoming a _____ sacrifice and _____ our will, pride, desires, dreams and _____ else to Him. (Rom. 12:1-2)

Sober Judgment: "An honest _____ of our own capabilities, without conceit or false _____, is one of the first essentials of a useful life." (Barclay, pg 159).

Requirement: If our service is not motivated by _____, it has no _____.

And _____ you do, whether in word or _____, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving _____ to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

Other verses referenced in this message: Num. 14:26-29:3, Phil. 2:14-15, I Tim. 3:8-13