

SPIRITUAL GIFTS (#1)

Teleiology is a theological term used to describe the study of spiritual growth maturity in CWL.

(Heb.5:14) “But solid food is for the mature (teleios), who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.” (Matt.4:4)

We are presently studying **12 Church Age doctrines** that are essential for spiritual growth maturity in CWL. Spiritual Gifts is the **seventh doctrine** in this series of lessons. (Grace, Dispensations, Spirituality, The Faith Cycle, The Will of God, Positional truth, and today’s study, **Spiritual Gifts**).

If you haven’t already done so, I would encourage you to review the audio and study notes on our previous five doctrines posted on our Church’s web site, www.doctrinalstudies.com they are: Grace, Dispensations, Spirituality, the Faith Cycle and The Will of God.

The doctrine of Spiritual Gifts is very important for understanding the function of the program of the local Christian church. (1 Pet.4:10) “As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

Every Church Age Believer (CAB) has a spiritually gifted ministry in the church. “Do you know what your spiritual gift is and its associated ministry here in DSBC?”

We will examine our lesson text by the following four homiletic points.

Spiritual gift message	(1 Cor.12:1-3)	Different than religion
Spiritual gift mandate	(1 Cor.12:4-6)	Different members of Godhead
Spiritual gift ministries	(1 Cor.12:7-10)	Different gifts (1 Cor.12:28)
Spiritual gift members	(1 Cor.12:11-13)	Different gifts but same distributor

Lesson one will study four aspects of the Introduction to Spiritual Gifts.

Pay attention to the next two lessons because you were given a spiritual gift at the moment of salvation and you can learn through that spiritual gift is.

- 1. Every CAB receives a Spiritual Gift as 1 of 8 works of the Holy Spirit accomplished at the moment of salvation by faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).**

(1 Cor.12:11-13) “But **one and the same Spirit** works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He will, For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”

Eight works of Holy Spirit

Adoption (Rom.8:14-17)	Sanctification (2 Thess.2:13-14)
Baptism (1 Cor.12:13)	Seal and Earnest (2 Cor.1:22)
Indwelling (1 Cor.6:19-20)	Spiritual gift (1 Cor.12:11-13)
Regeneration (1 Cor.3:16)	Spiritual life (Rom.8:9-11)

(1 Cor.12:1) “Now concerning **spiritual gifts** (pneumatikos) [belonging to the Holy Spirit], brethren, I do not want you to be unaware (agnoeo / p.a.infin).”

2. Every CAB receives a Spiritual Gift on the basis of God's grace and not on human merit or choice.

(1 Cor.12:4-6) "Now there are varieties of gifts (charisma) [results of grace], but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons."

(Rom.12:3) "For **the grace** given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith."

All spiritual gifts are charismatic gifts (charisma) [results of God's grace] (1 Cor.12:4).

All gifts belong to the Spirit (pneumatikos) [belong to the Spirit] (1 Cor.12:1).

3. Each spiritual gift is distributed on the basis of the master plan of God (Rom.12:3) [as God has allotted to each]

This means that the CAB does **not** get to pick or chose his Spiritual Gift nor can he lose or exchange it!

(Rom.11:29) "For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable (ametameletos)."

All three members of the Godhead are involved in your spiritual gift (1 Cor.12:4-6)

(1 Cor.12:11) "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually **just as He wills.**"

(1 Cor.12:18) "But now **God has placed** the members, each one of them in the body, just as He desired."

(1 Cor.12:24) "But **God has so composed** the body."

(1 Cor.12:28) "And **God has appointed** in the church."

4. God designed Spiritual Gifts to edify the church body and NOT the one possessing it.

(1 Cor.12:7) "But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

(1 Cor.14:12) "So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church." (1 Cor.14:3-5, 12, 17, 26)

Therefore the local church is never lacking of any Spiritual Gift (1 Cor.1:7). Spiritual gifts are the ministries of the local church.

Your Spiritual Gift is also the connective ministry link to the universal body of Christ.

(Rom.1:11-12) "For I long to see you in order that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established; that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine."

Therefore, it the responsibility of each CAB to align himself with a grace bible teaching local church (Heb.10:25).