**50 Days of Unleashing**

**HOPE**

**The Great Adventure**

**DISCOVERING AND DEVELOPING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-7**

“For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” **Ephesians 2:10**

##### What is a Spiritual Gift?

*A God given ability that enables the Christian to function in God's family with ease, efficiency and a sense of accomplishment*

“As **each one** has received a special gift, **employ it** in serving one another...” **1 Peter 4:10**

##### Does EVERY Christian – (Without Exception) Have at Least One Gift?

*“Now to* ***each one*** *the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”* **1 Corinthians 12:7**

*“He gives them to* ***each one****, just as he determines.”* **1****Corinthians 12:11**

##### What are the Benefits of Spiritual Gifts?

***Direction***

***Accomplishment***

***Resources***

***Encouragement***

*“Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.”* **1 Corinthians 12:1**

##### What Does the Bible Teach About Spiritual Gifts?

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| CATEGORIES OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS  *“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another ….”*  **1 Peter 4:10** | |
| Guiding gifts *(Make Things Happen)* | Pastor-Teacher  Apostleship  Leadership  Administration |
| Influencing gifts*(Communicate God’s Word)* | Evangelism Teaching Preaching (Prophesy) |
| Fellowship gifts*(Care for God’s People)* | Mercy  Pastoring  Hospitality  Healing  Encouragement / Exhortation |
| Task gifts*(Support God’s Work)* | Helps  Giving  Craftsmanship  Intercession |
| Support gifts*(Complement Other Gifts)* | Wisdom  Knowledge  Discernment  Faith  Tongues  Miracles |

**Nine Summary Principles**

1. Every Christian has at least **ONE** gift - **1 Corinthians 7:7**
2. Only **BELIEVERS** have spiritual gifts - **1 Corinthians 2:14**
3. No one receives **ALL** of the gifts - **1 Corinthians 12:27-30**
4. No single gift is given to **EVERYONE** - **1 Corinthians 12:29-30**
5. The **HOLY SPIRIT** decides what gifts I get - **1 Corinthians 12:11**
6. The gifts I’m given are **PERMANENT** - **Romans 11:29**
7. I am to **DISCOVER/DEPLOY** the gifts God gives me - **1 Timothy 4:14**

8. An **UNUSED** gift will result in a wasted life - **1 Corinthians 4:1-2, Matthew 25:14-30**

9. Using my gifts **HONORS** God and **GROWS** me - **John 15:8**

##### How do I get Started Using my Gifts? ROMANS 12:1-8

**STEP 1: DEDICATE MY LIFE TO CHRIST**

*“I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to give yourselves to God…”* **Romans 12:1**

**STEP 2: ELIMINATE ANY DISTRACTIONS**

*“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is…”* **Romans 12:2**

**STEP 3: EVALUATE MY AREAS OF GIFTEDNESS**

*“For through 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.”* **Romans 12:3**

**STEP 4:**  **ACTIVATE MY GIFTS BY STARTING TO SERVE**

*“And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly.”* **Romans 12:6**

*“Do not* ***neglect your gift****….Be* ***diligent in these matters****; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Stay true to what is right and God will save you and those who hear you!”* **1 Timothy 4:14-16**

**1 Corinthians 12:4-6**

*“There are different kinds of* ***gifts****, but the same Spirit.*

*There are different kinds of* ***service,*** *but the same Lord.*

*There are different kinds of* ***effects****,*

*but the same God works all of them in all men.”*

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| **how to use your spiritual gifts**  **1 corinthians 12** | | |
| **VS. 4**  **GIFTS**  *“different kinds of gifts”* | **VS. 5**  **MINISTRY**  *“different kinds of service”* | **VS. 6**  **EFFECTS**  *“different kinds of effects”* |