

Spiritual Gifts

The best way to determine your gifts is through witnessing them in action...by serving others in love!

ADMINISTRATION

Contributes: EFFICIENCY

Literal Meaning: To pilot or steer a ship

Definition: The divine enablement to organize information, events, people or materials to accomplish God's work

Desire: To avoid wasteful effort in accomplishing God's will

COUNSELING

Contributes: HEALING

Literal Meaning: To listen and guide

Definition: The divine enablement to effectively listen and give direction with Biblically sound advice

Desire: To help others feel spiritually whole

DISCERNMENT

Contributes: CLARITY

Literal Meaning: To separate or make a distinction

Definition: The divine enablement to know the difference between true and false teachings; insight into others' spiritual condition

Desire: To keep a group true to the Bible's teachings

EVANGELISM

Contributes: THE GOOD NEWS

Literal Meaning: To bring good news

Definition: The divine enablement to present the Bible in ways that produce new believers

Desire: To see people accept Jesus Christ as their Savior

EXHORTATION

or ENCOURAGEMENT

Contributes: AFFIRMATION

Literal Meaning: To come along side of

Definition: The divine enablement to present truth as to strengthen, comfort or urge to action those who are discouraged or wavering in their faith

Desire: To work with people one-on-one to inspire and build their confidence

FAITH

Contributes: CONFIDENCE

Literal Meaning: To trust, have confidence in, believe

Definition: The divine enablement to trust in God's power and working, even in the face of opposition

Desire: To have an unconquerable faith in the greatness of God and to help others increase their faith

GIVING

Contributes: RESOURCES

Literal Meaning: To give part of, share

Definition: The divine enablement to give generously, with a joyful heart

Desire: To use money, talents, and possessions wisely to accomplish God's work

HELPING

Contributes: SUPPORT

Literal Meaning: To take the place of someone

Definition: The divine enablement to see the needs of others and respond joyfully by helping in practical ways, often behind the scenes

Desire: To lighten the load for another person or to free them up for other things

HOSPITALITY

Contributes: ACCEPTANCE

Literal Meaning: To love strangers

Definition: The divine enablement to provide others with a warm welcome, food, shelter or fellowship

Desire: To include people, making them feel at ease

KNOWLEDGE

Contributes: AWARENESS

Literal Meaning: To know

Definition: The divine enablement to learn, understand and share new information and bring truth through a revelation or biblical insight

Desire: To learn and supply information that will be helpful to the body of Christ

LEADERSHIP

Contributes: DIRECTION

Literal Meaning: To stand before

Definition: The divine enablement to envision goals and inspire people to reach them

Desire: To help a group accomplish its goals

MERCY

Contributes: CARE

Literal Meaning: To have compassion

Definition: The divine enablement to offer care and comfort to the suffering

Desire: To help the hurting

PRAYER

or INTERCESSION Contributes: PROTECTION

Literal Meaning: To plead on behalf of someone

Definition: The divine enablement to persevere in intercession (prayer)

Desire: To see answers to prayer on behalf of others' needs

PROPHECY

Contributes: CONVICTION

Literal Meaning: To speak before

Definition: The divine enablement to speak God's truth directly and persuasively

Desire: To boldly proclaim and convince others of God's word to various groups

SHEPHERDING

or PASTORING

Contributes: NURTURE

Literal Meaning: To shepherd a flock

Definition: The divine enablement to guide and care for other Christians as they experience spiritual growth

Desire: To care for a group so they will grow spiritually

TEACHING

Contributes: APPLICATION

Literal Meaning: To instruct

Definition: The divine enablement to help others learn, making complicated things interesting and easy to grasp

Desire: To help others learn, understand and become excited about God's word so they will seek to apply it to their lives

WISDOM

Contributes: GUIDANCE

Literal Meaning: To apply truth practically

Definition: The divine enablement to apply God's truth to a specific issue or circumstance

Desire: To provide insight that will help the body of Christ