

DISCOVERING YOUR GIFTS IN COMMUNITY

In discovering what gifts God has given us, it is often helpful to ask those that do life with us: people that we serve with, live with, share both joys and hardships with – the ones who know us. Scripture says that God gives gifts to us in order to bless the Body of Christ, and that He gets to decide how to do that.

I Cor 12:7-11

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.[b]11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Who are people that know you best, that have watched you step out in faith and trust God in different ways? Pick people that you think show spiritual maturity that would allow them to recognize it when God shows up through the gifts He gives to others.

List 3-5 people that you think show a maturity in their relationship with the Lord and who know you best.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Now, take a moment to pray for the conversation you will have with them where you will ask them to speak into your process of discovering the gifts that God has given you for the building up of His people. Then, ask them to complete the following Observation Sheet for you.



COMMUNITY CONFIRMATION

Your Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Because gifts of the Spirit are given by God in order to bless His people, they are usually able to be confirmed in community. People that know us can see how God manifests His presence most often through our lives. Therefore, in our journey to discover how God has gifted us, it's helpful to ask some of His people.

It is often difficult to tell the difference between a natural talent and a spiritual gift. Don't worry about that - God uses both. Just give the best observation from real life experience that you can.

1. When have you seen this person serving, what are they most often doing? _____

2. Do they seem fulfilled? _____

3. In looking at a list of spiritual gifts below, please pick the one that you think is the most common way that God manifests His presence through this person's life. _____

Can you describe a time when you observed this? _____

Wisdom

Teaching

Shepherding

Prophecy

Mercy

Leadership

Knowledge

Intercession

Hospitality

Helps

Giving

Faith

Evangelism

Encouragement

Discernment

Administration

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