

15 Spiritual Gift Descriptions

Not every Biblical passage quoted below deals directly with the Spiritual Gift listed. They help serve as examples of the Gift being used by those within Scripture or a teaching from the Scriptures.

Administration

To steer God's people into effective channels of service by understanding the resources needed to accomplish goals and plans

Scripture: Luke 14:28-30, Acts 6:1-7, 1 Corinthians 12:28, Titus 1:5

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhUb47Z2vkA>

Discernment

To know with confidence if individuals, teachings, or motives are from God

Scripture: Matthew 16:21-23, Acts 5:1-11, Acts 16:16-18, 1 Corinthians 12:10

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ou7-w-Tjyw>

Evangelism

To share with non-Christians the way a person becomes a Christian and to create in those people a desire to become a Christian

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40, Acts 21:8, Ephesians 4:11-14, 2 Timothy 4:5

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODY7GdyM3Fo>

Exhortation/Encouragement

To encourage and console the distressed and provide positive and practical steps for others to follow

Scripture: Acts 14:22, Hebrews 10:25, Romans 12:8

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKV7391HCNg>

Faith

To believe God's promises and act with unwavering confidence in carrying out his will

Scripture: Acts 11:22-24, Acts 27:21-25, Romans 4:18-21, 1 Corinthians 12:9

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pE_qIpk2TY

Giving

To give possessions and finances above a tithe to God's work with a cheerful and willing spirit

Scripture: Mark 12:41-44, Romans 12:8, 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 2 Corinthians 9:2-8

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkplyP78DBs>

Helps

To help other members be more effective in using their Gift(s) within the Body

Scripture: Mark 15:40-41, Acts 9:36, Romans 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 12:28

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoiEVrXe8ic>

Hospitality

To cheerfully provide an open house to those in need of food and lodging

Scripture: Acts 16:14-15, Romans 12:9-13, Romans 16:23, 1 Peter 4:9

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8iHt7iFzAs>

Knowledge

To acquire deep insights into God's Word and bring illumination of these insights that cannot be explained through human reason

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:14, 1 Corinthians 12:8, 2 Corinthians 11:6, Colossians 2:2-3

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SXMRRHmk9ro>

Leadership

To provide direction and goals to a group, and bring together resources and people that work together to accomplish those goals

Scripture: Romans 12:6-8, 1 Timothy 5:17, Hebrews 13:17

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5G2Dho18Zb4>

Mercy

To feel the hurt of others and genuinely express sympathy and provide comfort for those people

Scripture: Matthew 20:29-34, Mark 9:41, Luke 10:33-35, Romans 12:8

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMrIOEKPup4>

Pastor/Shepherd

To guide, protect, nurture, and feed a group of believers into growing spiritually

Scripture: John 10:1-18, Ephesians 4:11-14, 1 Peter 5:1-4

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tX9eQO5UmW8>

Prophecy

To proclaim the Word of God boldly and with confidence

Scripture: Acts 15:32, Romans 12:6, 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28, Ephesians 4:11-14

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4j7aeJfAqY>

Service

To identify, assist, and support ministries within the Body thereby allowing those ministries to effectively accomplish their desired results

Scripture: Acts 6:1-7, Romans 12:7, Galatians 6:2, 10

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoiEVrXe8ic>

Teaching

To communicate Biblical truths in a manner through which others can learn and understand these Biblical truths

Scripture: Acts 18:24-28, Romans 12:7, 1 Corinthians 12:28, Ephesians 4:11-14

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqcvMUdIsXM>

Wisdom

To understand and discern Biblical truths and apply these truths

Scripture: Acts 6:3, 1 Corinthians 12:8, 1 Corinthians 2:1-13

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqcvMUdIsXM>

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