

Screenshots of Jesus

A companion study to the podcasts of Amber Albee Swenson

Bonus Study: Spiritual Gifts

When we talk about spiritual gifts we are talking about abilities God has given the members of the church in order that the church on earth can function. Read Romans 12:4-8.

1. Who is given these gifts?
2. Look at verse five. Why does God give certain gifts and abilities to certain people?
3. List the gifts in verses 6-8.
4. Look again at verse eight. What adverbs does Paul use to describe how we should serve?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. How do we get these gifts?
6. What then do we do if we want a gift that we haven't been given?
7. List the gifts in verses 8-11. Do you have any of these gifts?

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.”
1 Corinthians 12:4

8. Read Ephesians 4:11-13. How might you find out you have a spiritual gift to do something? Whose job is it to help you figure it out?

Start here: If you really don't know what your spiritual gifts are start here:

What have people told you that you do well?

What comes "naturally" to you?

Google "free spiritual gift inventory" and take one.

If you really want to get serious, read Dr. Bruce Becker's book, "Gifted for More" or Lori Lorig and Marilyn Sievert's book, "Faith Unleashed: Utilizing Your Gifts for Greater Kingdom Impact." Faith Unleashed would be a great study to do with other people.

Big Idea: God gifts his people with the unique traits and abilities to continue the work of the church. Each of us should use whatever we've been given for the work of the church on earth.

Action Item: Take a spiritual gift inventory. Pray God helps you discover and use your gifts.

Prayer: God, thank you for creating us each with unique talents and abilities in order to serve you in your kingdom. Help us to serve you well. Give us opportunities to use what you have given us for your glory. In Jesus' name, amen.