

# CALLED TO SERVE

## Share Your Strengths

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**1 Corinthians 12:1-7**—*Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ...There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

**1 Peter 4:10**—*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

## 3 REALITIES

### 1. God wants you to know about spiritual gifts.

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

**Motivational Gifts:** Romans 12

**Manifestation Gifts:** 1 Corinthians 12

**Ministry Gifts:** Ephesians 4

NATURAL ABILITIES	SPIRITUAL GIFTS
Inherited from parents	Given by the Holy Spirit
Present from natural birth	Present from new birth
God-given to all people	God-given to all Christians
Glorifies self	Glorifies God

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT	SPIRITUAL GIFTS
Defines what a Christian is	Determines what a Christian does
Same in every Christian	Different in every Christian
About character	About ministry to others
Focus is on maturity	Focus is on service

## 2. God has gifted you for service.

**1 Corinthians 12:4-7,11**—*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good... All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.*

- > Recognize that gifts are given by God.
- > Remember that gifts are given for the common good.
- > Respect that you are given a specific gift on purpose.

### KEY APPLICATIONS:

- > We serve in two vital ways: with our gift, and wherever most needed.
- > We must understand and leverage our God-given S.H.A.P.E.  
(*Spiritual Gifts, Heart Passion, Natural Abilities, Personality, Life Experiences*)

## 3. God wants you to discover, develop, and deploy your gifts.

**1 Corinthians 12:8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12ff**

**Romans 12:4-8**—*...We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.*

- > Discover
- > Develop
- > Deploy

See **1 Peter 4:10; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6; Ephesians 4:7,16; 1 Corinthians 12:18,27**

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*All verses quoted in New International Version unless otherwise noted.*

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# STUDY GUIDE: 9/8/24

Begin your group with prayer. Have one or two people share a testimony from their week. Keep it positive and reflect on the good things God has done.

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. One of the 4 major spiritual gifts passages is I Corinthians 12. Read this chapter and write down 10 things you learn about Spiritual Gifts in this passage alone.
2. What do you know about the gifts listed in Ephesians 4? We often call them Ministry Gifts as they depict the gifts God has given the church for ministry and growth. What do each of them mean? Are there 4 or 5? Discuss.
3. Romans 12:6-8 lists 7 “Motivational Gifts.” They can be called motivational gifts since they emphasize ways we are wired. God has shaped and made and gifts us to serve Him and others. Talk about the meaning and application of all spiritual gifts and these 7 specifically.
4. Per this week’s message, what are Spiritual Gifts? How are they different from Natural Abilities and Spiritual Fruit?
5. What does I Peter 4:10 mean to you? Write out a personal application of this important verse.