

Spiritual Gifts

(From a study at Community Bible Church Richardson, TX)

- Spiritual gifts are of great practical value and benefit to the believer.
- Spiritual gifts are of such great practical value to the Christian he simply cannot afford to be ignorant in this matter.

Let me suggest some areas of practical benefit.

Knowing your spiritual gift(s) will enable you to find your place of ministry in the local church. Since every Christian has a particular function in the body of Christ, and since your spiritual gifts equip you to carry out this function, knowing your gifts help you to plug in to the ministry of a local church.

Knowing your spiritual gift(s) will enable you to determine your priorities. One of the most common problems we all face is having more things to do than we have time to do them. Paul indicates in Romans chapter twelve, verses six through eight, that we should make the use of our spiritual gifts a priority in our lives. In simple terms, when we have too many things to do we must choose to function in the area of our spiritual gifts. You must know your spiritual gifts to set these priorities.

Knowing your spiritual gift(s) will be of great help in discerning God's will. To extend our last point just a little bit further, knowing your spiritual gift(s) can be of great help in discerning the will of God. The choice of your occupation, whether 'secular' or 'religious,' should take into account whether or not it will help or hinder the exercise and development of your spiritual gift. If you are not gifted to teach, you have a valuable insight into God's will when you are offered a teaching position. There is a very distinct relationship between knowing the will of God ([Romans 12:1-2](#)) and understanding your spiritual gift ([Romans 12:3-8](#)).

The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts

Probably the simplest definition of a spiritual gift would be this: A spiritual gift is the God-given capacity of every Christian to carry out his function in the body of Christ.