

THE GIFTS OF HOLY SPIRIT

Welcome Holy Spirit Series • Week 5

SERIES OVERVIEW

- Week 1 — The Promise: Holy Spirit as Comforter and Helper, always with believers
- Week 2 — The Power: Resurrection power that raised Christ and gives us new life
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- Week 4 — The Fruit: How Holy Spirit transforms us from the inside out into true image bearers

KEY PASSAGE

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (NLT)

*“12 The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. 13 Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into **one body** by **one Spirit**, and we all share the **same Spirit**”.*

UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

What is a Spiritual Gift?

The moment you receive Christ, Holy Spirit enters your life and stirs, develops and forms spiritual gifts inside you — a God-given ability entrusted to you for a special purpose.

- Every believer has at least one spiritual gift.
- God knew us before we were born, so our skills and personality often align with our gifts.

Spiritual Gifts = Unity in Diversity

Jesus had a physical body for 33 years. When he left, he looked to the church to represent His body here on earth.

- One body, many diverse parts — each part needs the others.
- We stop projecting our gifts onto others and start appreciating different gifting.
- Key attitude: “I’m not threatened by you, and I don’t dismiss you. I need you.”



Where Are Gifts Listed in Scripture? (4 Main Passages)

1 Corinthians 12:7-10 (NLT)

“7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. 8 To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. 9 The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. 10 He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said.”

1 Corinthians 12:28 (NLT)

“You are Christ’s body—that’s who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your “part” mean anything. You’re familiar with some of the parts that God has formed in his church, which is his “body”: apostles prophets teachers miracle workers healers helpers organizers those who pray in tongues. But it’s obvious by now, isn’t it, that Christ’s church is a complete Body and not a gigantic, unidimensional Part? It’s not all Apostle, not all Prophet, not all Miracle Worker, not all Healer, not all Prayer in Tongues, not all Interpreter of Tongues. And yet some of you keep competing for so-called “important” parts.”

Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)

“6 In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. 7 If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. 8 If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.”

Ephesians 4:11-12 (NLT)

“11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.”

The List Is Not Exhaustive

Exodus 31:1-5 (NLT)

“1 Then the Lord said to Moses, 2 “Look, I have specifically chosen Bezalel son of Uri, grandson of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. 4 He is a master craftsman, expert in working with gold, silver, and bronze. 5 He is skilled in engraving and mounting gemstones and in carving wood. He is a master at every craft!”



DISCERNING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

When these three come together, we get a clear picture of our gifting:

MY PASSION	MY ABILITIES	AFFIRMATION FROM OTHERS
<i>Affinity / What do you love?</i> What makes you feel fully alive?	<i>Where do you excel?</i> Passion + ability together is key.	<i>What do others say?</i> The body affirms true gifting.

Not Sure of Your Gifts?

- Take the Spiritual gifts assessment
- Start serving. Try things. Roll up your sleeves and jump in.
- Let God redirect you along the way — be open.
- Use your known skills as a starting point (e.g. gift of administration → offer to help).
- Gift of faith? Pray for needs in the church.

Link: <https://www.michurch.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Spiritual-Gifts-Assessment-June-2026.pdf>

I think my gifts might be:

USING OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Develop Your Gift

2 Timothy 1:6-7 (NLT)

*“6 This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you.
7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”*

Paul’s challenge to Timothy: “You have this gift — don’t let it sit and rot. Develop it.”

- Read, learn, practise, seek mentors in your area of gifting.
- Attend training and conferences relevant to your gift.
- Clayton Kershaw (LA Dodgers): “You can’t control the talents He gives you. But you can control the effort you put forth with those talents.”



Use Your Gift

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- Don't envy other people's gifts — maximise yours.
- Leverage what you're good at for maximum impact.
- Guilt and jealousy over gifts are a waste of time — every gift is powerful.

Never Forget What It's For

1 Corinthians 12:7-10 (NLT)

“7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

“10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.”

- Your gift isn't primarily to make you rich or famous — it's to bless others.
- There is always someone depending on you to bring your A-game.
- To do this we need: the Fruit of the Spirit (the heart) + the Gifts of the Spirit (to bring it to life).

BRINGING YOUR A-GAME

Know it → Develop it → Use it faithfully for others

Your A-game is not the same as anyone else's, because we are one body with many parts.

As we each do this, something amazing happens: in our very imperfect way, we will actually be the body of Jesus Christ, right here in Melbourne — for our family, friends, and community.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Take a moment to reflect and respond:

- One gift I believe God has given me
- One practical step I will take this week to develop or use my gift(s).
- Who in my life could affirm (or benefit from) this gift?

CLOSING PRAYER

“Lord, take the way you have gifted me through Holy Spirit. Help me know it, develop it, and faithfully use it for the good of others — so that together we are the body of Christ right here in Melbourne and beyond.