
Date: January 15, 2023 **Message:** Spiritual Gifts for the Common Good
Series: The Blessing of Church **Scripture:** Rom. 12:1-8; 1 Cor. 12:7-11

Definition of spiritual gifts:

1. A theology of spiritual gifts:

2. How to discover and develop your spiritual gifts:

3. Why spiritual gifts are not the end goal:

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

1. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12:1, "Now about spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed." In what ways was the Corinthian church – to whom Paul was writing – uninformed about spiritual gifts? What was the result?
2. Pastor Steve mentioned that spiritual gifts are frequently misunderstood or misappropriated, which can lead to disunity and division in the church. Why might that be the case? Have you ever seen that dynamic play out among fellow Christians?
3. Practically speaking, what role *should* spiritual gifts have in the church? What role, if any, should they have in our daily lives?
4. Are some spiritual gifts "better" than others? Why or why not?
5. How can a person go about discovering their spiritual gift(s)? What should they keep in mind?
6. When attempting to discover your spiritual gifts, Pastor Steve mentioned the importance of considering factors like Affinity, Ability, and Affirmation from others. How do those 3 factors converge in your own life and in how you seek to serve the body of Christ?
7. Do you feel that it's ever legitimate for a person who learns about a ministry need to say, "Since I'm not gifted in that area, I don't have to worry about filling that need"? Why or why not? Are there examples of certain ministries that all Christians should be involved with, whether or not they are particularly gifted in those areas?
8. Why do spiritual gifts need to be considered within the broader context of the message of Romans 12:1-2?