



How on earth do we do this?

The truth about spiritual gifts

*Laying the foundation: **6 Things***

- ❖ **Everyone** has gifts
- ❖ **All gifts** have a Giver
- ❖ We don't **all** get **the same gifts**
- ❖ Gifts come with **responsibilities**
- ❖ The **gifted** can have **problems**
- ❖ God's gifts have **a purpose**

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Everyone has gifts

- ❖ **Psalm 139:13-16**

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All gifts have a Giver

- ❖ **James 1:17**, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

- ❖ **I Timothy 6:17**, "...the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy."

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We don't **all** get **the same gifts**

- ❖ **I Corinthians 7:7**, "But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that."
- ❖ **I Corinthians 12:11**, "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills."

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Gifts come with **responsibilities**

#1 – Being like Him

- ❖ **Genesis 1:26-27**, "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness... So God created man

in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

❖ **Matthew 10:24-25**, “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master.”

❖ **John 13:12-17**

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❖ We **cannot honor Him** with His gift by **being unlike Him**

❖ Refusing to honor the giver is costly

❖ **Matthew 25:14-18** (14-30)

❖ **Hiding** your gift will not make **you or Him** happy

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The **gifted** can have **problems**

❖ **Not recognizing them** keeps us from being **thankful**

❖ (That doesn't work well either)

❖ **Some gifts** can tempt to **pride**

❖ **I Corinthians 4:7**, “For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did

indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?”

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❖ **Ephesians 4:11-16**

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Looking Forward

❖ What about **“Spiritual”** gifts?

❖ Things like: **deliverance, tongues, divine protection and healing**

❖ Jesus said they will **“follow”** those who believe

❖ (Mark 16:14-18)

❖ Don't expect them to lead

❖ I will also tell you what **The Greatest Gift** is

❖ It **may not be** what you think!

❖ I'll list **some of yours**