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# *The Best Spiritual Gifts*

## *The Main List:*

*Faith*

*Grace*

*Prophecy*

*Ministry (service/and attendant)*

*Teaching*

*Exhortation*

*Giving*

*Leadership*

*Mercy*

*Word of wisdom*

*Word of knowledge*

*Healings*

*Miracles*

*Discerning of spirits*

*Tongues*

*Interpretation of tongues*

*Apostles*

*Prophets*

*Helps (relief)*

*(Administrations – service)*

*Evangelists*

*Pastors*

*The Holy Spirit*

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- ❖ *Everyone gifts and not everyone gifts*
- ❖ *Required gifts and elective gifts*
- ❖ *Faith is the “doorway” gift*
- ❖ *The Holy Spirit distributes and operates the gifts*
- ❖ *Both are essential, everyone gifts*
- ❖ *Some are for everyone, but not required...*
- ❖ *We get to seek them*

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- ❖ *Which ones have you desired?*
  - ❖ *Or wanted to ask for?*
  - ❖ *I Corinthians 12:31, “But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.”*
  - ❖ *I Corinthians 14:1, “Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.”*
  - ❖ *Which ones are the Best gifts?*

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- ❖ *What would determine some gifts as the best?*
  - ❖ *Which ones does the Lord identify as most important?*
  - ❖ *Could we desire anything better than being like Jesus?*
  - ❖ *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.”*
  - ❖ *Mark 10:35-45*
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  - ❖ *We are invited to desire to be like the Lord Jesus!*
  - ❖ *The world and the flesh do not desire to be servants.*
  - ❖ *But the Spirit of God invites us to see ourselves,*
  - ❖ *As He saw Himself...*
  - ❖ *A servant to God,*

- ❖ *And a servant in God’s behalf to others*
- ❖ *Philippians 2:3, “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.”*
- ❖ *There is no higher, godlier calling.*

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- ❖ *What distinguishes servants?*
  - ❖ *Servants don’t choose their place of service*
  - ❖ *They are assigned*
  - ❖ *John 5:19 & 30, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.”*
  - ❖ *“I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.”*
  - ❖ *John 6:38, “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”*

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- ❖ *Servants seek only the approval of their master*
  - ❖ *Matthew 25:21, “His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’”*
  - ❖ *Godly servants are happy and thankful to serve*
  - ❖ *Also Matthew 25:21 & 23*
  - ❖ *The best restaurant servers -*
  - ❖ *Their customers know they are happy to serve them*
  - ❖ *Psalms 40:8, “I delight to do Your will, O my God,*

- *And Your law is within my heart.”*
- ❖ ***Psalm 100:2***, “*Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.*”

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*What shall we do in faith?*

- ❖ ***Embrace His will and desire the best gifts***
- ❖ ***Recognize that Jesus revealed the best gifts***
- ❖ ***Receive the high calling to be like Him***
- ❖ ***See yourself as a servant***
- ❖ ***Serve where you are needed or assigned***
- ❖ ***Be happy in God’s joy for you***

**Next Week**  
***The next Best Gift***