

**Forgotten God**  
**#3: The God Who Brings Gifts**

**Q: Why should I care?**

\*They energize your spiritual life

**Romans 12:11** *Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*

\*They help you discover your purpose

**Ephesians 2:10** *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

\*It's what you will be rewarded for

**Matthew 25:23** *Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness!*

**Q: What is a spiritual gift?**

**I Corinthians 7:7** *..Each man has his own gift from God; one has this gift; another has that.*

**Q: When do you get them?**

**I Corinthians 12:4** *There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit is the source of them all.*

**Q: Why does He give them to us?**

\*To build His church

**Ephesians 4:11,13-14** *It was He who 'gave gifts to men'...to build up the Body of Christ so we shall all come together to that oneness in our faith... and become mature...Then we shall no longer be children, carried by the waves and blown about by every shifting wind...*

\*To light our spiritual fires

**I Timothy 4:14** *Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received...*

\*To provide for the needs of others

**I Corinthians 12:7** *A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.*

**Q: What are some examples of gifts?**

Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; 27-31  
Ephesians 4:11-12; I Peter 4:9-11

**Q: How do I discover my gifts?**

KEY: Start serving!

**1 Peter 4:10** *God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessing.*

**Q: If I don't have the gift of mercy, do I have to be merciful?**

**Romans 12:6-8** *We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us . . . prophesy . . . serving . . . teaching . . . encouraging . . . contributing . . . leadership . . . showing mercy . . .*

**Matthew 20:28** *(Jesus) Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve...*

**2 Timothy 1:6** *This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you...*

**Romans 11:29** *For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn.*

**1 Corinthians 12:4-6** *There are different kinds of service to God, but it is the same Lord we are serving. The Holy Spirit displays God's power through each of us as a means of helping the entire church. All of you together are the one Body of Christ and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.*

## **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

*Is a special ability, given by the Holy Spirit to every believer at their conversion, to be used to serve others and therefore build up His Church.*

**HELPS** This is the special ability to invest your time and energy into furthering the work of other people. If you have the gift of helps, you actually enjoy doing work behind the scenes and under the radar.

**HOSPITALITY** This person prioritizes making people feel at home before making home look good. If you have this gift, you are energized by having people over.

**SHEPHERD** A person with this gift has a special ability to notice and care for peoples' spiritual and overall wellbeing.

**ENCOURAGEMENT** This is the special ability to see potential and fan the flames of spiritual greatness in the souls of others.

**ADMINISTRATION** The special ability to bring order to chaos. If this is you, you plan recreationally; creating systems, schedules, files, routines is energizing to you.

**LEADERSHIP** The special ability to communicate vision and inspiration to catalyze groups to achieve a mission

**EVANGELISM** The special ability to care for and connect with people who don't know God and help them find and follow Jesus.

**PROPHECY** The special ability to courageously declare God's truth into circumstances of confusion or resistance.

**MERCY** Mercy is the special ability to empathize with pain in others, so that you are moved to take action.

**KNOWLEDGE** The special ability to discover, explore, and clarify information that will build up the body.

**FAITH** A special ability to have a vision of and confidence in God's plans and direction for the future. You have a capacity to continue to trust God when the rest of us would be tempted to give up.

**TEACHING** The ability to explain and apply God's word to human life.  
**INTERCESSION** This is a special ability to engage in prayer for prolonged periods of time, and to trust and see God change things through praying.

**GIVING** The special ability to cheerfully and creatively give to God out of your material resources.

**WISDOM** The special ability God gives to some people in the body of Christ to have insight into problems, recognition of opportunities, and be able to recognize best options for the future.

**SERVING** People with the spiritual gift of serving have a special ability to identify – what are the unmet needs involved in this task or situation, and how can we make sure those needs are met?

This list is not exhaustive! See Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, and 1 Peter 4 for others

***“Each of us is a part of the one Body of Christ... The eye can never say to the hand, ‘I don’t need you.’ The head cannot say to the feet, ‘I don’t need you.’ And some of the parts that seem weakest and least important are really the most necessary!...So God put the body together in such a way that extra honor and care are given to those parts that might otherwise seem less important.” 1 Cor. 12:13, 21-22, 24b (LB)***

***“All of you together are the one body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it.” 1 Cor. 12:27 (LB)***

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***Gifts that communicate God’s Word***

***Preaching, evangelism, missions, teaching, encouragement, wisdom***

***Administration*** The gift of administration is the divine strength or ability to organize multiple tasks and groups of people to accomplish these tasks. *Luke 14:28-30; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Corinthians 12:28*

***Apostleship*** The gift of apostleship is the divine strength or ability to pioneer new churches and ministries through planting, overseeing, and training. *Acts 15:22-35; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Galatians 2:7-10; Ephesians 4:11-14*

***Craftsmanship*** The gift of craftsmanship is the divine strength or ability to plan, build, and work with your hands in construction environments to accomplish multiple ministry applications. *Exodus 30:22, 31:3-11; 2 Chronicles 34:9-13; Acts 18:2-3*

***Discernment*** The gift of discernment is the divine strength or ability to spiritually identify falsehood, to distinguish between right and wrong motives and the spiritual forces at work in situations. *Matthew 16:21-23; Acts 5:1-11, 16:16-18; 1 Corinthians 12:10; 1 John 4:1-6*

***Evangelism*** The gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to help non-Christians take the necessary steps to becoming a born-again Christian. *Acts 8:5-6, 8:26-40, 14:21, 21:8; Ephesians 4:11-14*

***Exhortation*** The gift of exhortation is the divine strength or ability to strengthen, comfort or urge others to action through the written or spoken word and Biblical truth. *Acts 14:22; Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:24-25*

***Faith*** The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe in God for unseen supernatural results in every arena of life. *Acts 11:22-24; Romans 4:18-21; 1 Corinthians 12:9;*

***Giving***

The gift of giving is the divine strength or ability to produce wealth and to give by tithes and offerings for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God on earth.

Mark 12:41-44; Romans 12:8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:2-7 65

### **Healing**

The gift of healing is the divine strength or ability to act as an intermediary in faith, prayer, and by the laying-on of hands for the healing of physical, mental and spiritual sickness.

Acts 3:1-10, 9:32-35, 28:7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28

### **Helps**

The gift of helps is the divine strength or ability to work in a supportive role for the accomplishment of tasks in Christian ministry with the ability to often see the need before others do.

Mark 15:40-41; Acts 9:36; Romans 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 12:28

### **Hospitality**

The gift of hospitality is the divine strength or ability to create warm, welcoming environments for others in places such as your home, office, or church.

Acts 16:14-15; Romans 12:13, 16:23; Hebrews 13:1-2; 1 Peter 4:9

### **Intercession**

The gift of intercession is the divine strength or ability to stand in the gap in prayer for someone, something, or someplace, believing for profound results.

Hebrews 7:25; Colossians 1:9-12, 4:12-13; James 5:14-16

### **Word of Knowledge**

The gift of knowledge is the divine strength or ability to bring truth to a situation by supernatural revelation. This is often accompanied by a word from God.

Acts 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:8; Colossians 2:2-3

### **Leadership**

The gift of leadership is the divine strength or ability to influence people at their level while directing and focusing them on the big picture, vision, or idea.

Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 3:1-13, 5:17; Hebrews 13:17

### **Mercy**

The gift of mercy is the divine strength or ability to feel empathy and to care for those who are hurting in any way.

Matthew 9:35-36; Mark 9:41; Romans 12:8; 1 Thess. 5:14

### **Miracles**

The gift of miracles is the divine strength or ability to alter the natural outcomes of life in a supernatural way through prayer, faith, and divine direction.

Acts 9:36-42, 19:11-12, 20:7-12; Romans 15:18-19; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28

### **Pastor/Shepherd**

The gift of pastor/shepherd is the divine strength or ability to care for the personal needs of others by nurturing and mending life issues.

John 10:1-18; Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-3

### **Prophecy**

The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to communicate God's truth and heart in a way that calls people to a right relationship with God.

Acts 2:37-40, 7:51-53, 26:24-29; 1 Corinthians 14:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 1:5

### **Service**

The gift of serving is the divine strength or ability to do small or great tasks in working for the overall good of the body of Christ.

Acts 6:1-7; Romans 12:7; Galatians 6:10; 1 Timothy 1:16-18; Titus 3:14

### **Teaching**

The gift of teaching is the divine strength or ability to study and learn from the Scriptures primarily to bring understanding and depth to other Christians.

Acts 18:24-28, 20:20-21; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-14

### ***Tongues (and Interpretation)***

The gift of tongues is the divine strength or ability to pray in a heavenly language to encourage your spirit and to commune with God. The gift of tongues is often accompanied by interpretation and should be used appropriately.

Acts 2:1-13; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 14:1-14

### ***Word of Wisdom***

The gift of wisdom is the divine strength or ability to understand and to bring clarity to situations and circumstances often through applying the truths of Scripture in a practical way.

Acts 6:3,10; 1 Corinthians 2:6-13, 12:8