

GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING



THEOLOGICAL QUESTION

What are spiritual gifts, and how do I discover mine?

BIG IDEA

Spiritual gifts are free gifts God has given to the body of Christ—that are different but all equally important—for the building up of the Church and for the glory of God.

SCRIPTURE USED

Romans 12:4-8: *Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. 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. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. 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.*

1 Corinthians 12:4-7,11: *There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other...It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.*

PRE-LESSON PREP

For this lesson you will need:

- A few wrapped gifts as “props.” Wrap the presents in an eye-catching manner with plenty of bows and ribbons.
- Multiple different types of candy. The aim here is variety. This need not be expensive or full bars of candy. Most bulk candy stores will allow you to create an assortment of different individually wrapped candies by weight. Ideally, there should be enough for each student to choose a different kind of candy (or different flavor/color) and a few extras to provide options.
- Copies of SCRIPTURE handout found at the end of the lesson.
- Writing utensils, including markers or colored pencils.