

SERVING | WEEK 1

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Discerning my gifts

The Bible says everyone has spiritual gifts given by God to be used for the good of the Church. Since we have been given these gifts, we are supposed to be using them rather than sitting on them. While the needs and opportunities in front of us might be the most important part of determining where to serve, discerning our gifts and passions provides a compass to navigate through multiple opportunities.

Read | Go to the source. The Bible lists some of the spiritual gifts God has given to the Church, although these lists likely aren't exhaustive. Prayerfully read these passages: Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:7-10, 28; Eph. 4:7-13; 1 Pet. 4:10-11.

Do | Circle any of the gifts listed in the chart below that you think God might have given you.

1 Cor. 12:8-10	1 Cor. 12:28	1 Cor. 12:29-30	Rom. 12:6-8	Eph. 4:11	1 Pet 4:10-11
Word of Wisdom	Apostles	Apostles	Prophecy	Apostles	Speaking Gifts
Word of Knowledge	Prophets	Prophecy	Ministry	Prophets	Serving Gifts
Faith	Teachers	Teaching	Teaching	Evangelists	
Gifts of Healing	Miracles	Miracles	Exhortation	Pastor-Teacher	
Working of Miracles	Gifts of Healings	Gifts of Healings	Giving		
Prophecy	Helping	Tongues	Leading		
Discerning of Spirits	Leading	Interpretation of Tongues	Showing Mercy		
Various Kinds of Tongues	Various Kinds of Tongues				
Interpretation of Tongues					

Additional options: Take a spiritual gifts test or inventory. Go online to find this sample from LifeWay: http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcF_MYCS_030526_Spiritual_Gifts_Survey.pdf.

Also, consider reading "Discerning and Exercising Spiritual Gifts" by Tim Keller; this article can be found at http://www.trinitypca.org/download_file/view/1165/.

Both of these resources can be found with a simple Internet search.