

# SPIRITUAL GIFTS

## BEGINNER'S GUIDE

IF YOU ARE A BELIEVER, YOU HAVE RECEIVED **2 PRIMARY GRACES** IN YOUR LIFE:

### 1 GRACE FOR SALVATION EPHESIANS 2:8-9

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

### 2 GRACE OF GIFTING ROMANS 12:6-8

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it serving, then serve; if it teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

#### SEVEN GRACE GIFTS

1. **Prophecy**: a revelatory grace that discerns and speaks the mind of God about a person or situation
2. **Serving**: a working grace that accomplishes a practical task
3. **Teaching**: a revelatory gift that brings forth the truth of the scriptures
4. **Exhortation**: an encouraging grace that builds hope and faith
5. **Giving**: a financial grace that supplies needs
6. **Leadership**: a headship grace that releases vision and brings order to accomplish
7. **Mercy**: a compassion grace that reveals the love and heart of the Lord to comfort and heal

The best way to know your gift is to notice what spontaneously leaps out of you when Christ is needed.



#### YOU ARE GIFTED FOR A UNIQUE KINGDOM ASSIGNMENT

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



- THESE GIFTS ARE PERMANENTLY IN YOU. THEY DO NOT COME AND GO LIKE "MANIFESTATION GIFTS" IN 1 CORINTHIANS 12.
- THEY DETERMINE YOUR "SPIRITUAL PERSONALITY".
- THEY AFFECT YOUR SPIRITUAL PERCEPTION OF THE KINGDOM.
- THEY EXPLAIN YOUR "TAILOR MADE" SPIRITUAL WAREFARE.
- THEY CONNECT THE BODY OF CHRIST AND BRING GLORY TO GOD.
- THEY MUST BE KNOWN AND MATURED IN.



## SPIRITUAL WARFARE ON A GIFT-DRIVEN CHURCH

The enemy hates us because we bear the Image of God, not because of our own strength and ideas. The enemy does not fear our Knowledge of Good, but it does fear a man dependent and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes the particular warfare and the angle of attack a believer has experienced can confirm the gift at stake. This is limited list of examples, but we offer it in hopes that the Church will not be unaware of the enemy's schemes.



**SUMMARY:** THE ENEMY IS NOT THREATENED BY **YOU**. THE ENEMY IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED ABOUT **CHRIST IN YOU**.

### GRACE GIFT

### COMMON WARFARE AND ATTACKS

<b>PROPHECY</b>	The enemy, sadly, with the help of some church doctrines, tries to convince prophetic people they are crazy and need to keep their craziness to themselves. They can also be tempted to seek manifestations rather than the Spirit Himself. Then some can "go beyond what is written" after displacing the priority of Scripture as the rule of faith.
<b>SERVING</b>	The enemy may try to persuade servants that they are being taken advantage of, so they will not feely serve.
<b>TEACHING</b>	The knowledge required to operate in this grace can so easily puff up the mind into arrogance. Teachers can become religious pharisees, demanding black and white agreement with their views and producing division in mean-spirited arguments that care more about facts than people.
<b>EXHORTATION</b>	Those gifted to inspire faith can be tempted to fear and discouragement.
<b>GIVING</b>	God makes some wealthy to give their money to the poor and ministers in Jesus' name, but the enemy uses the american dream and our culture to lure givers into wasting their money on toys and endeavors toward which God has not led.
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	Leaders can be tempted to pride and criticalness of followers or lack thereof, at the risk of lording it over others and doing everything themselves, instead of delegating and helping others play their role with excellence. The enemy loves using pride, perfectionism, and insecurity against leaders.
<b>MERCY</b>	Sometimes mercy people can be so wired into their emotions that they become emotionally imbalanced. They can be overwhelmed by all the emotions and shut down and become numb.