



BREAKOUT

My Spiritual Gifts



Read Romans 12:3-8.

I love birthday parties! Especially when it's my birthday! The cake, the ice cream, the GIFTS! That's my favorite part of the birthday party, all the cool gifts. It might be the best video game or the latest and greatest toy! Who cares? What matters is that everybody is bringing you gifts! For the next week or even two, you think "These are the best gifts I have ever gotten." Then a month passes and then two months, then six months. How about this? Can you remember what you got for your birthday last year? How about two years ago? Do you remember the gifts you got last year at Christmas?

I bet if we are honest we can't really remember what gifts we got. Maybe some of our gifts broke after a month or maybe we lost them or our brother or sister claimed them for their own.

What if I told you that you receive a gift that God gives you when you become a Christian? Do you know that the day you ask Jesus into your heart, He also gives you a gift? That's right! He gives you a Spiritual Gift. It's a gift that can never be lost. It will never wear out or break, and you will never forget it. "What is the gift?" you ask. Well, it's different for each one of us and it's our job to find out what our spiritual gift is.

Some examples of Spiritual Gifts are found in Romans, Chapter 12. They are the gift of encouragement, the gift of being a leader, the gift of showing mercy, and a few others.



The funny thing about these gifts God gives us is, we have to use them to make them work. In other words, God gives us these gifts to serve other people. The Bible says in Ephesians 4:12, "Christ gave those gifts to prepare God's holy people for the work of serving, to make the body of Christ stronger."

You see, we are to use the gifts God has given us to SERVE others. I guess you can say that we have a responsibility. The Bible uses the example of a body. The Bible says that the Church is like your body. Each person is responsible for different functions, just like your hand has a different function than your mouth. Each one is important and useful to your overall body. Since we are in the body of Christ, we have different functions, just like your hand or your mouth. And we have a responsibility to serve one another with our gifts.

Let's take a closer look at why God has given us these Spiritual Gifts.



The phrases below talk about Spiritual Gifts. Look up the verses and answer the following questions.

God gives us spiritual gifts

According to Romans 12:6-8, we have each been given a Spiritual Gift. List the gifts found in these verses below.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

I am a part of the Body of Christ

Read Romans 12:3-5. What does the Bible mean when it says, "we are the body of Christ"?

For the equipping of the saints

Read Ephesians 4:11-12. Why were we given Spiritual Gifts?

To help the entire church

1 Corinthians 12:7 says, "The Holy Spirit displays God's power through each of us as a means of helping the entire church."

What does this verse mean?

Ask yourself, "What responsibility do I have to serve in a ministry position?" Share your answer with your leader.

Serve others with your gifts

Read 1 Peter 4:10. How should we use the Spiritual Gifts God has given us?

Select one phrase from the capital letters in the word G I F T S that is most important to you and write it out. An example would be "G" for God gives us spiritual gifts.

Why is this phrase important to you right now?
This phrase is important to me because...

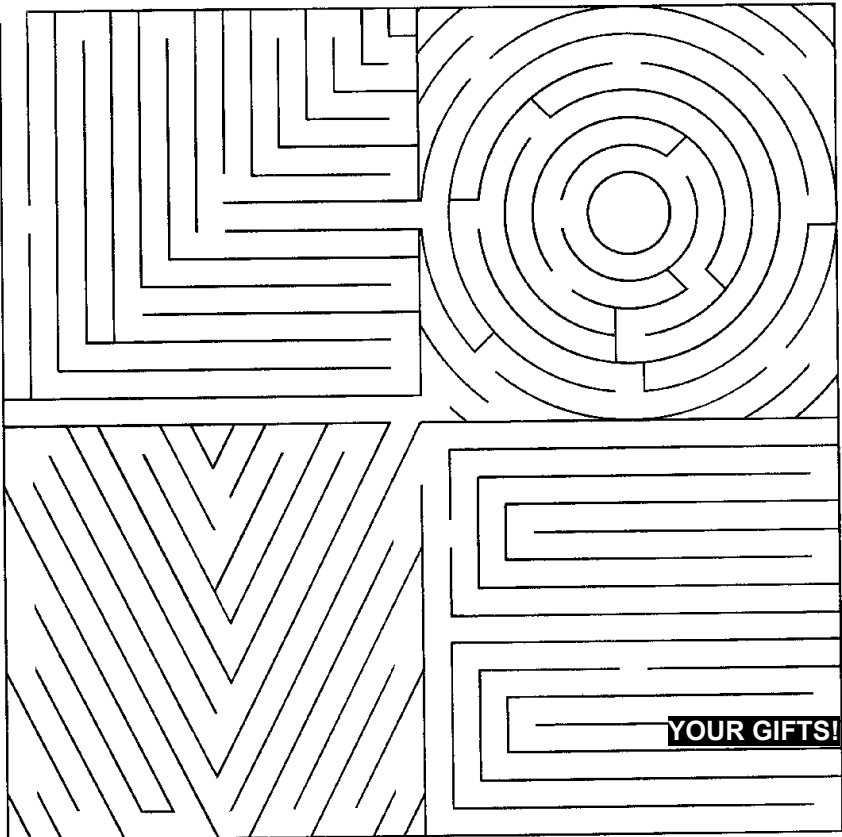
Write down one question you have about Spiritual Gifts and share it with your leader.



Breaking Out

In order for you to find what your Spiritual Gift may be, you will need to start looking for it, by getting involved in ministry. It's kind of like working through the maze below. It takes time, effort and actually working through it to find your way to the end. Finding your gift is no different. Time, effort and getting involved will help you determine your giftedness.

START





Select one verse below that you best understand and memorize it this week.

Ephesians 4:12 NCV

Christ gave those gifts to prepare God's holy people for the work of serving, to make the body of Christ stronger.

1 Peter 4:10 NCV

Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace.

1 Corinthians 12:7 TLB

The Holy Spirit displays God's power through each of us as a means of helping the entire church.

I have memorized my verse and I have recited it to...

This verse is important to me because...

Action Step

My life will be different now that I know these things about *Spiritual Gifts* because I will...



Breakout Bob

Breakout Bob is showing us the sign for *gifts* to help you remember our lesson about *Spiritual Gifts*. For this sign, make your fists face each other, and put the right one behind the left, then move them out like you are handing a gift to someone else.

