

# SPIRITUAL GIFTS



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## CHECKLIST

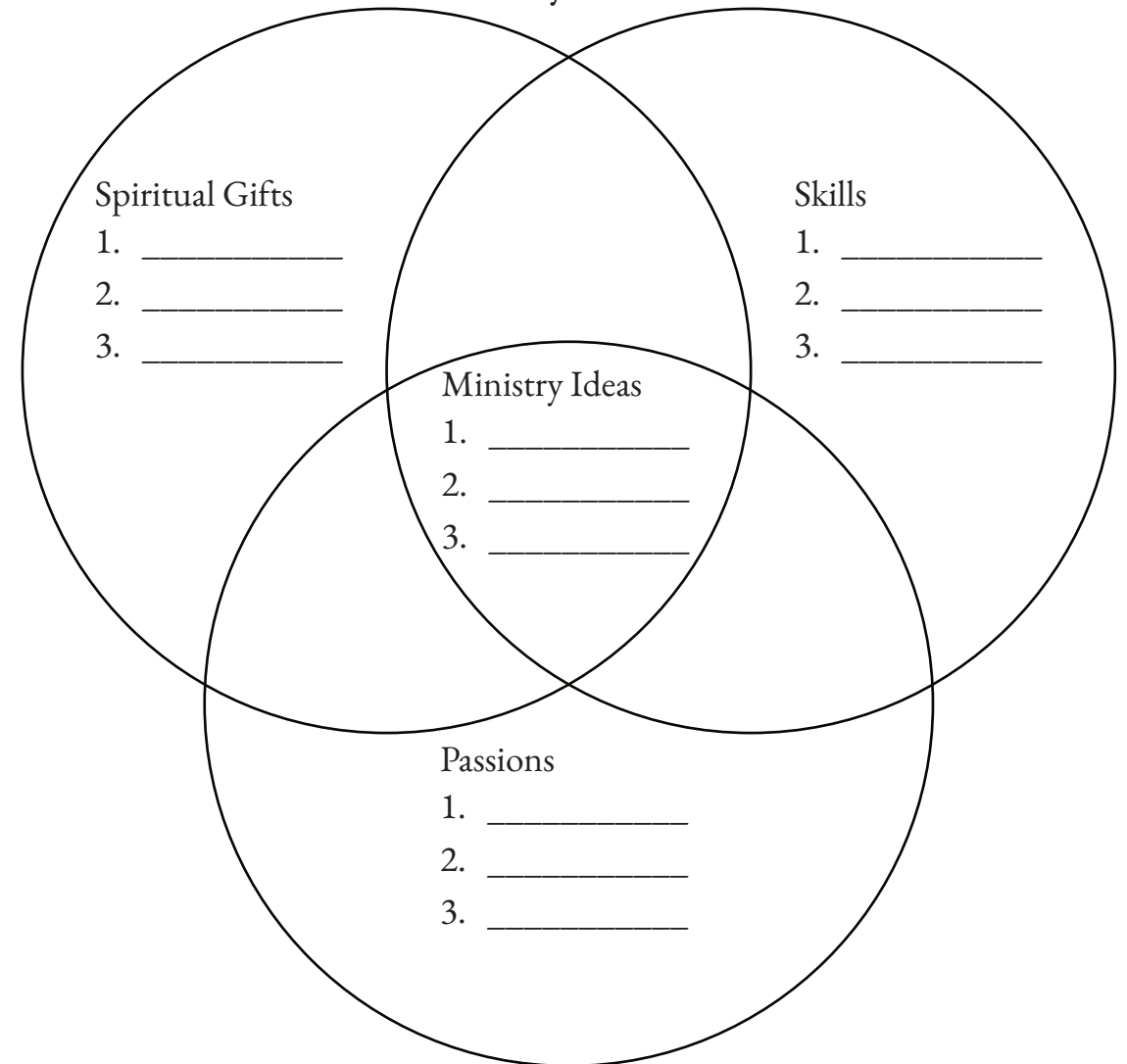
1. Complete the Spiritual Gifts Inventory online with the link below.
2. Ask a mentor, friend, and family member to fill out the Spiritual Gifts Referral online with the same link below.
3. Using the top scores from the Spiritual Gifts Inventory and considering the Spiritual Gifts Referral, choose three spiritual gifts that you think best represent you and write them on the Personal Discovery worksheet (page 2).
4. Write three skills that you have on the Personal Discovery worksheet (for ideas, look at page 7).
5. Write three passions that you have on the Personal Discovery worksheet (for ideas, look at page 8).
6. Begin thinking about which ministries may best incorporate your gifts, skills, and passions (St. Peter's Ministries overview is on page 9). Write three ministry ideas on the Personal Discovery worksheet.



Spiritual Gifts Inventory and Referral  
[stpetersfl.com/spiritualgifts](http://stpetersfl.com/spiritualgifts)

# PERSONAL DISCOVERY

Take a moment to fill out the following chart with what you believe are your spiritual gifts, skills, and passions. This will help you discover where at St Peter's you may find the most joy serving in ministry. For example, if you have the spiritual gift of administration, strong communication skills, and are passionate about student ministries; you might consider helping with the family ministries newsletter. This will take some creativity and a few conversations!



# INTRODUCTION

Spiritual gifts are talents given to Christians by the Holy Spirit for building up the church, spreading the gospel, and encouraging faith. Every Christian has at least one gift, whether they realize it or not (1 Peter 4:10a). We should also pray to receive new and different gifts over time (1 Corinthians 14:1).

There are two common points of confusion concerning spiritual gifts. First, these are not the same as natural skills. Just because you have a profound ability to administrate well doesn't necessarily make it a spiritual gift. A good way of thinking about this is to consider whether you demonstrated the skill before becoming a Christian. On the other hand, our spiritual gifts come from God, who created us and knows us better than we know ourselves. There is, therefore, the occasional overlap between the two. The differences between these two should be discerned in the community. Second, these are not the same as your personality traits. The spiritual gifts inventory may remind you of personality quizzes. Please do not confuse the two. Personality traits are static after being established around the 8th grade. Your spiritual gifts, however, will likely change depending on your stage of life.

The spiritual gifts inventory is a tool to start discovering your gifts. It is a starting point, but it may be wrong. When learning what gifts you have, it is always helpful to do it in the church community. A simple way to start is asking at least one person to fill out the spiritual gifts reference form. You may have gifts without realizing it, mainly because each gift is embodied differently in each person, depending on the individual's other skills and passions. In the Personal Discovery worksheet, we encourage you to consider all three.

One of the most important things to remember--and unfortunately often overlooked--is the desired, Biblical result of spiritual gifts. That means there are healthy ways of using the gifts God has given you and unhealthy ways of using your gifts. While reflecting on this, please remember that these gifts should be used humbly to build up the church.

When Paul writes to the church of Corinth concerning the gifts, he suggests deference to others or, to put it another way, be humble. 1 Corinthians 14:30 "If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent." It is also worth

noting that in this Bible passage, Paul assumes there will be times when multiple people will feel the need to exercise their gifts over or against one another.

This posture of humility inherently leads to the end goal, the building up of the church. 1 Corinthians 14:12 "strive to excel in building up the church." It is a foreign idea for Christians to pray for and expect to receive a spiritual gift while flying solo--not regularly participating in a church. Hebrews 10:24-25 "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some..."

These gifts aren't exclusive. There are some gifts that all Christians are called to exercise, whether or not they think they have received them as a spiritual gift. Some Christians have the gift of evangelism, yet we are all commanded to evangelize, similarly with generosity, hospitality, healing, miracles, and faith. We might not all have the gift of healing or miracles, but we should all still be ready to pray that the infirmed would be healed. There are other gifts that, although not everyone is expected to exercise, we are all instructed to pray that we receive them. For example, in 1 Corinthians 14:1, Paul commands us to pray earnestly for the gift of prophecy.

# SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN THE BIBLE

Romans 12:6-13	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prophecy</li> <li>2. Service</li> <li>3. Teaching</li> <li>4. Exhortation</li> <li>5. Generosity</li> <li>6. Leadership</li> <li>7. Pastoral Care “acts of mercy”</li> <li>8. Serving</li> <li>9. Hospitality</li> </ol>
1 Corinthians 12:8-10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Word of Wisdom</li> <li>2. Word of Knowledge</li> <li>3. Faith</li> <li>4. Healing</li> <li>5. Miracles</li> <li>6. Prophecy</li> <li>7. Discernment “distinguish between spirits”</li> <li>8. Tongues</li> <li>9. Interpretation</li> </ol>
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1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 8-10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tongues</li> <li>2. Prophecy</li> <li>3. Word of Knowledge</li> <li>4. Faith</li> <li>5. Giving</li> <li>6. Martyrdom</li> </ol>
1 Peter 4:10-11	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Speaking</li> <li>2. Service</li> </ol>
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If you compare the gifts listed in the Bible passages to the list included in this workbook, you’ll notice a couple absences. Particularly Martyrdom and Apostleship. The first is not common in American christianity. The second, Apostleship, is difficult to understand. In non-traditional churches, it indicates the entrepreneurial skills of the 12 apostles in spreading the gospel and planting churches. In traditional churches, such as Anglicanism, it is a gift received by the bishops. This also includes a sense of the entrepreneurial skills, a virtue valued during the search for a new bishop.

There are also gifts described in this workbook that are not specifically listed in the Bible passages. While it is best to start with what is specifically listed in the Bible, we don’t preclude the possibility for additional gifts. Of particular note are Creative Expression and Music.

# SKILLS

Skills are your natural talents. There may be overlap between these and your spiritual gifts.

Creativity	Adaptability	Strategic Planner	Language
Interpersonal	Negotiation	Networker	Administrative
Critical Thinking	Conflict Resolution	Connectedness	Accounting
Problem Solving	Empathy	Learner	Active Listening
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Public Speaking	Customer Service	Analytic	Entrepreneurship
Hospitality	Decision Making	Discipline	Organization
Teamwork	Management	Focus	Collaboration
Communication	Leadership	Responsibility	

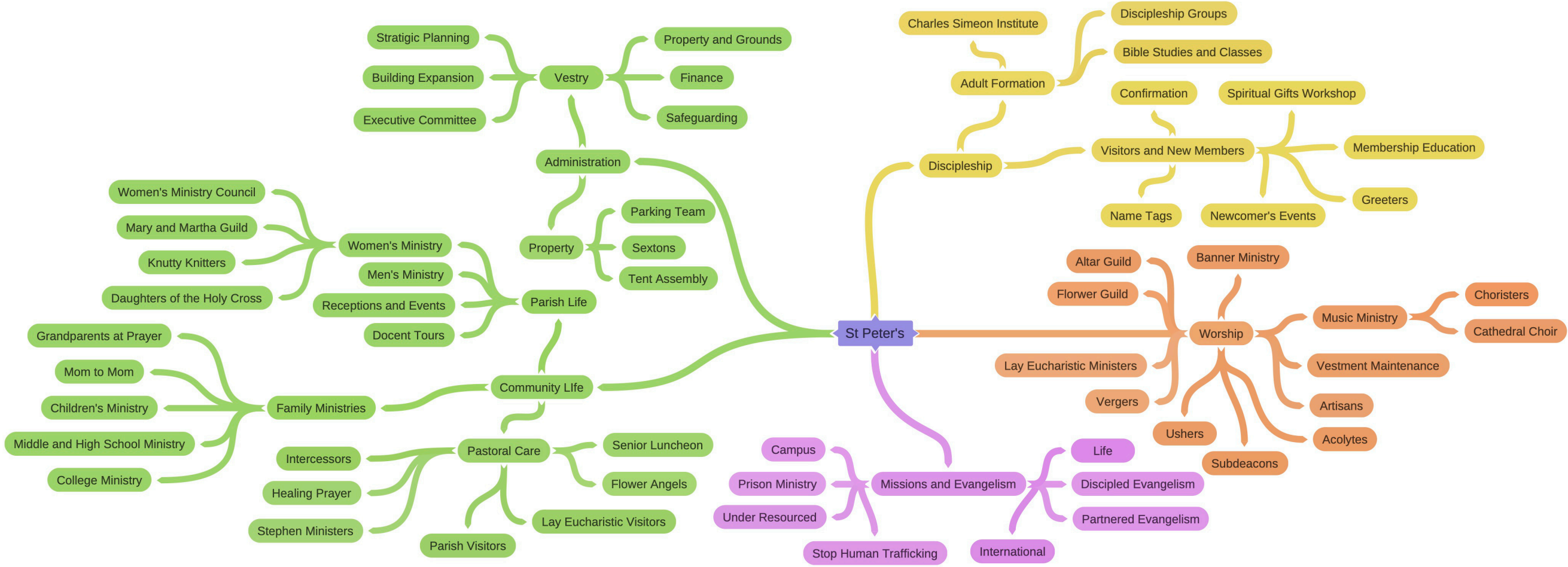
# PASSIONS

Passions are ministry genres that you are particularly drawn to. Many spiritual gifts can be used in any of these ministries, so it is good to identify some that jump out to you.

Computers / Tech	Hospitality	Middle and High School Ministry	College Ministry
Communications	Visiting elderly	Children's Ministry	Media
Finance (budgeting and investing)	Counseling	Domestic Missions	Prayer Ministry
Building Management	Marriage	Young Adult Ministry	Foreign Missions
Food ministry	Men's Ministry	Local Outreach	Construction
Classes	Women's Ministry	Worship	

# ST PETER'S MINISTRIES

Here is an overview of the various ministries at St. Peter's. This map is color coded according to the four quadrants described in the Parish Rule of Life: Worship (orange), Discipleship (yellow), Service within the Church (green), and Service outside the Church (pink).



# DESCRIPTIONS

The following are descriptions for the spiritual gifts in the inventory to help you better understand your gifts, where they are demonstrated in the Bible, and ideas for how to use them in the church.

## Administration

A profound ability to be organized and see patterns

1 Corinthians 12:28 “And God has appointed in the church... administrating...”

1 Corinthians 14:40 “But all things should be done decently and in order.”

Titus 1:5 “This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order...”

### *Description*

You like things organized. You want to see a sensible pattern whether it's in the kitchen, library, or church leadership. No one has to tell you what to do, simply being in a room you start looking for patterns and then for what doesn't fit that pattern.

### *Things to look out for*

It's easy to take ownership of a ministry area. It's also easy to close off your ministry area from others. What if they organize things differently? Or worse, they aren't organized at all! It can be difficult to share the ministry.

Consider sitting down with a clergy person and ask them if you are being too controlling or how you might best be organized while letting others share in the joy of ministry.

### *Ministry ideas*

This gift can be useful everywhere. As a leader you may ask to take on a flailing ministry. For a serving opportunity, you may take on a room of the church (e.g. library or kitchen) to keep it organized and check-in regularly.

## Creative Expression

Able to communicate the Gospel through various media

Exodus 31:1-11 ““See, I have called by name Bezalel... and I have filled him with the Spirit of God... with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs...”

### *Description*

This may encompass anything from interior design to digital art. You are driven to celebrate God's glory in ways that are beautiful, edgy, and precise. You enjoy mystical expressions of the faith and are probably misunderstood by theologically inclined teachers.

### *Things to look out for*

Expressive people can occasionally fall into the trap of forgetting to listen. Unhealthy criticism can be harsh and cause emotional scarring, but that doesn't mean everyone who gives feedback is uncaring. Be careful to protect your joy while also being able to hear others.

### *Ministry ideas*

The church needs more beauty everywhere.

## Discernment

Decision making that doesn't always seem apparent

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 "For to one is given... the ability to distinguish between spirits..."

John 16:13 "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth..."

### *Description*

This is a difficult one to define and each church leader will describe it differently. It is the ability to make decisions with seemingly insufficient information.

Whether it's trusting someone (discerning between spirits) or making ministry decisions that could easily backfire. Non-christian friends may say you are lucky, but you know that you've learned to listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. This prompting may be verbal or non-verbal.

### *Things to look out for*

As with all revelatory gifts, always be looking for confirmation. The Holy Spirit tends to work in and through his church rather than individuals. This also helps maintain humility, because the Holy Spirit can give this gift to Bob just as easily as you. Yes, even Bob.

### *Ministry ideas*

This gift is often useful for ministry leaders, especially missionaries.

## Exhortation

Passionately urging people to live in grace

Romans 12:6-8 "Having gifts... the one who exhorts, in his exhortation..."

1 Thessalonians 2:12 "...we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory."

1 Timothy 4:13 "...devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

### *Description*

You get excited by seeing others live their faith. People are encouraged in their faith after having a conversation with you and you may love hearing people's God-stories or testimonies. This is a joy bringing gift!

### *Things to look out for*

When you start feeling down about the church and it seems hopeless, you tend towards laying guilt on others. It is important for you to realize that your joy doesn't come from other people's faithfulness, but in God's faithfulness. He loves his church, and you should too, even if it's not behaving very faithfully toward him.

### *Ministry ideas*

We can all use some encouragement, consider ministry areas such as student, young adult, newcomers, outreach teams, or simply writing notes of encouragement.



## Evangelism

Telling people about Jesus

Ephesians 4:11 “And he gave... the evangelists”

Matthew 28:19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”

Acts 2:36-40 “And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins...’”

### *Description*

When you tell non-christians about Jesus, they tend to notice and truly consider the faith. This can be through all sorts of methods; relational, power, spontaneous, etc. This gives you overwhelming joy and you couldn't stop if you tried!

### *Things to look out for*

Evangelists can underestimate their gift, wondering why others don't find it as simple as themselves. Although all christians are called to evangelize, most find it the most difficult part of being christian. Try to be understanding, positively highlighting both the imperative and joy of sharing the faith.

### *Ministry ideas*

Missions and para-church outreach ministries.

## Faith

Steadfast obedience to God no matter the circumstances

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 “For to one is given... faith...”

Hebrews 11:1-8 “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen... By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.”

### *Description*

It seems that you can praise God no matter the circumstances. You may relate to Paul and Silas singing hymns while sitting in prison. You also tend to see unique connections in the world around you (divine coincidences) where others don't. You know what the peace which surpasses all human understanding is.

### *Things to look out for*

You may experience peace when others don't see a way through life's circumstances. You are called to be present with those people without trying to explain it. You may be tempted to tell others of the silver lining, but it tends to be unhelpful. Simply be the peaceful presence that you are and let God be the minister.

### *Ministry ideas*

All leadership roles rely on this gift. Also pastoral care, family ministries, and prison ministry.

## Generosity

Stewarding God's money well

Romans 12:6-13 "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them... the one who contributes, in generosity..."

Romans 16:1-2 "I commend to you our sister Phoebe... she has been a patron of many..."

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 "God loves a cheerful giver"

### *Description*

You love to help others financially. Usually you get asked to be on nonprofit boards and are eager to partner with visionary ministers. Likely you work directly with missionaries, college ministers, and church planters.

### *Things to look out for*

If you don't also have the gift of discernment, consider finding a friend or two who do. God has given you responsibility and not everyone who asks you for money is building up the kingdom, be caring but cautious.

### *Ministry ideas*

Finance team. But also consider supporting para-church ministers and nonprofits.

## Healing

God's frequent healing of those you pray for

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 "For to one is given... healing..."

Acts 5:12-16 "Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles... The people also gathered... bringing the sick..."

James 5:14 "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."

### *Description*

Healing prayer is crucial to the life of the church. Your instinct is to pray with people who are infirmed, whether it's a physical, mental, or spiritual problem. You love seeing people healed and the restoring work of God's kingdom breaking into the present.

### *Things to look out for*

Working with people who are vulnerable, you can easily do much harm. While prayer is always welcome, it doesn't cost much time to receive proper training.

### *Ministry ideas*

Healing prayer ministry, addiction recovery, and pastoral care.

## Hospitality

Helping people feel welcome and connected

Romans 12:13 “...seek to show hospitality.”

Romans 16:23a “Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church...”

Titus 1:8 “For an overseer... [he must be] hospitable...”

### *Description*

People feel welcome after encountering you. Your friends cheer up when you arrive. You have a profound ability to bring a new person into a group and quickly make them feel they belong. You often see this first in your personal life, when your friends look to you to make plans.

### *Things to look out for*

Every church has a hospitality team, but not every church is hospitable. It's difficult to be objective when determining whether you are welcoming. Consider seeking advice from honest friends before claiming this gift as your own.

### *Ministry ideas*

Most ministries need this gift. Some specific areas would be the hospitality team, small group leader, special events teams, and newcomers ministry.

## Intercession

Bringing others to God in prayer

Matthew 6:6 “But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father.”

Ephesians 6:18 “praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.”

### *Description*

People often ask you to pray for them. Hopefully, you get to hear the stories about how your prayers impacted their lives. You may not even realize you have this gift. It is only through friends reporting back after praying for them that you begin to see this gift.

### *Things to look out for*

It is easy to fall into the trap of thinking that God listens to you more than others. However, you do find a special joy in praying for others and to carry them to Jesus.

### *Ministry ideas*

Informally, everyone needs intercessors praying for them. Formerly, there is an intercessory prayer team to serve with.

## Leadership

Encouraging the community in its responsible service to God

Romans 12:6-13 “Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them... the one who leads, with zeal...”

1 Timothy 4:12-16 “...set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”

### *Description*

There is a significant overlap between this gift and exhortation. How this is embodied depends on your other gifts as well. You are able to receive a goal or vision then get a group of people to make it happen. People enjoy helping you, even if they don't have a reason to.

### *Things to look out for*

Church leaders have a tendency towards narcissism, you must be aware of your spiritual health and have accountability. Young leaders need mentors and old leaders need wise and honest friends.

### *Ministry ideas*

Every ministry area needs leadership to some degree.

## Miracles

Explosions of God's Kingdom

1 Corinthians 12:27-31 “And God has appointed in the church... miracles...”

Acts 4:29-31 “And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.”

Acts 8:5-8 “And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did.”

### *Description*

This gift often has notable overlap with Healing and Faith. You often see divine intervention in the world around you. It may be through simple or grand ways, but you get to see inexplicable or impossible events occur. Often you find yourself praying audaciously when others are in despair.

### *Things to look out for*

Overeagerness will tempt you to avoid carefully examining a miraculous event. Don't be shy about examining, a true miracle will hold up to scrutiny. Just because you don't see a miracle everyday, doesn't mean that true miracles occur.

### *Ministry ideas*

The church community's faith benefits from seeing miracles, but it is most common to see among missionaries and evangelists for the sharing of the gospel of Christ.

## Music

There are innumerable ways to use this gift for the glory of God

Psalm 96:1 “Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!”

Acts 16:25-26 “About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken.”

Ephesians 5:18-19 “...be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart...”

### *Description*

This gift often overlaps with Creative Expression. You enjoy mystical expressions of the faith. You often find yourself expressing your church’s joys and sorrows. You are not wrong in your belief that music is crucial to the spiritual growth of individuals and the community.

### *Things to look out for*

There is likely a disconnect between you and the teaching department in your church, often including clergy. Remember that you are all on the same team and try to support others the way that you would like to receive support.

### *Ministry ideas*

Music is one of the most versatile gifts for the life of the church. Aside from worship services, it can be helpful for visitation ministries, community engagement, and creative expression.

## Pastoral Care

Being present with those in pain

Ephesians 4:11 “And he gave... the pastors”

Romans 12:6-13 “Having gifts... the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”

Luke 10:33 “But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.”

Matthew 25:34-40 “And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”

### *Description*

This gift is a combination of two gifts, Pastors and Acts of Mercy. You know what empathy is. Your friends probably turn to you in times of crisis, even to just talk to someone. It’s likely you are drawn--naturally or inexplicably--towards medical, social, or counseling fields.

### *Things to look out for*

It is important to seek some sort of training, there are numerous ways to be unhealthy with this gift. Your most significant blindspot is likely with boundaries. You care until it hurts, so you often neglect healthy boundaries in your life to your own detriment.

### *Ministry ideas*

Any pastoral care ministry or prayer ministry. Sometimes hospitality, newcomer, or food ministries.

## Prophecy

Speaking a specific message of God to the church

Acts 2:17 (Joel 2:28) “I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;”

Romans 12:6 “Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;”

1 Corinthians 14:1-4, 22-25 “But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.”

### *Description*

Paul instructs all Christians to “earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.” There is a lot of overlap between this and Preaching, but most people keep them distinct. It is sharing the message of God in a way that brings conviction, reveals the hearts of the people, and leads to worship. This may occur in personal conversations or with groups of people.

### *Things to look out for*

People with this gift often feel grandiose, forgetting that it is a spiritual gift. You must work under authority and always be ready for Biblical correction.

### *Ministry ideas*

Everyone can benefit from friends who connect Scripture with their lives. It would be a good idea to ask clergy how best to use this gift in the context of the church.

## Service

Serving others in practical ways

Luke 23:50-54 “[Joseph] went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone...”

Romans 16:1-16 “Greet Prisca and Aquila... Greet also the church in their house.”

### *Description*

You enjoy working hard behind the scenes. You don't like the spotlight and find immense contentment in seeing others enjoy the product of your labor. For you, there's nothing like sitting down at the end of a day full of hard work.

### *Things to look out for*

It is easy for you to be overlooked or be unappreciated. If you feel this way, you should say something. It is often the case that you are truly appreciated, but sometimes people don't know how to best convey that appreciation.

### *Ministry ideas*

Everywhere from flower guild to construction ministry to setting up for an event.

## Teaching

Leading others in reading the Bible and living the christian life

1 Corinthians 12:27-31 “And God has appointed in the church... teachers...”

Acts 18:24-48 “When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.”

James 3:1 “Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.”

### *Description*

This is similar to Preaching, but still different; Acts 15:35 “teaching and preaching the word of the Lord”. You are able to expound the Bible in a way that inspires others to read it carefully and to do the same in their own lives. You instinctively know and love that anytime we examine the Bible, we are led to live the faith afresh.

### *Things to look out for*

It can be difficult, outside of an honest community, to know whether you have this gift. Be sure that you are able to receive feedback. One way is to designate a person or two to give you feedback.

### *Ministry ideas*

Anywhere in the christian education dept., including the children's, middle school, and high school ministries.

## Tongues

Languages which aren't your own

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 “For to one is given... various kinds of tongues...”

Acts 2:4 “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

1 Corinthians 13:1 “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love...”

1 Corinthians 14:27 “If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret.”

Mark 16:15-18 “And these signs will accompany those who believe... they will speak in new tongues...”

### *Description*

This gift is the most misunderstood. There are two varieties of speaking in tongues; (1) in speaking to others and (2) in prayer. What we can say is that, in whatever form, it was a frequent occurrence in early church communities.

(1) In Acts 2 we see this gift first used by christians to preach the gospel to foreign people in their own tongues. This still happens today where you may be able to speak languages that you have never studied.

(2) In 1 Corinthians 13:1, Paul speaks of speaking in the language of angels which leads to some praying in an unknown language. This is the more controversial manifestation of this gift. While private, it is useful; when in public, an interpreter is asked for.

### *Things to look out for*

There is an idea floating out there that all christians must necessarily speak in tongues in order to be considered “baptized in the spirit”. This is not Biblical, not everyone speaks in tongues.

### *Ministry ideas*

Evangelism and prayer ministries are the most common places for this gift.

## Interpretation

Languages which aren't your own

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 "For to one is given... the interpretation of tongues..."

1 Corinthians 14:27-28 "...let someone interpret. But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God."

### *Description*

Just as with Tongues, there are two manifestations of this gift (1) in understanding people speaking their own language that is different from yours and (2) in understanding people's prayer language.

(1) You may simply find yourself understanding someone speaking their own language.

(2) This gift is difficult to identify with regards to prayer language. When someone prays in tongues in the American churches, we rarely ask for an interpreter. Everyone glances awkwardly at one another while the person praying continues and the interpreter is left ignorant—because he perfectly understands what is being prayed! It is likely you don't realize that you have this gift.

### *Things to look out for*

It is easy to think you have this gift if you get an impression of what someone is saying in another language. It may be the case, but most often with this gift you will clearly and verbally understand what is being said.

### *Ministry ideas*

Evangelism and prayer ministries are the most common places for this gift.

## Words of Knowledge

Words from God to speak or silently pray

1 Corinthians 12:8 "For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,"

1 Corinthians 2:6-13 "...we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God... these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit."

2 Chronicles 1:7-11 "God answered Solomon, "Because this was in your heart... asked for wisdom and knowledge..."

### *Description*

This is only slightly different from Words of Wisdom. There is also overlap with Discernment and Prophecy. While praying, you get an overwhelming sense that you are supposed to say something. You try to put it out of mind but it stays. You aren't always sure to whom, but it gets to the point you just have to share. Normally it is meaningful when you finally do share. This can be any sort of message from a Bible verse to a personal detail.

### *Things to look out for*

Be mindful of humility. It is best to start with something like: "I don't know where this came from or if it means anything." If you're wrong, then no harm. If it's personal, it is polite to let the individual deny it. Whatever the case, after sharing the message, strive to not hang onto it.

### *Ministry ideas*

Anywhere, but particularly prayer ministry.