

# You Were Designed By God To Use Your Spiritual Gifts To Build His Church

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## **Theme Verses:**

Psalm 139:13, For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. 14I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

## **Gifts You Receive When You Accept Christ:**

### 1) The Gift Of FORGIVENESS

Psalm 103:8, The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love... 10He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. 11For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; 12as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

### 2) The Gift Of ETERNAL LIFE

Romans 6:23, For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### 3) The Gift Of The HOLY SPIRIT

Ephesians 1:13, And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14Who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession...

### 4) The Gift Of Special Abilities Called SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Ephesians 4:11, So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and

become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ... 16From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Romans 12:4, For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8if 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.

### **Types of Gifts:**

Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Encouraging, Giving, Leadership/Administration, Mercy

### **Why You Need To Know Your Spiritual Gifts:**

Your Spiritual Gifts Define Your MINISTRY

1 Corinthians 12:4, There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Using Your Spiritual Gifts Brings God GLORY

John 15:8, This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples.

Using Spiritual Gifts Lets Your LIGHT SHINE

Matthew 5:16, In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

### **How To Use Your Gifts In The Church:**

\*Discover Them \*Develop Them \*Deploy Them

Romans 6:13, Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to Him

as an instrument of righteousness.

1 Peter 4:10, Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

**Next Steps:**

Attend the next Membership Workshop Sunday, February 18 at 10:45a in The Game Plan Center. Register online at:  
[www.cottonwoodcreek.org/membership](http://www.cottonwoodcreek.org/membership)

Attend Cottonwood Creek's Cultural Luncheon after church Sunday, February 11, 12:15-1:30p in The Courts.