



Basic Training
Spiritual Gifts – Understanding and Identification
CALLED to SERVE Part 3
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Introduction:

What is a Spiritual Gift? I Corinthians 12:1-4

"Spiritual"

In verse 1 the Authorized Version (KJV) mentions "spiritual gifts." The Greek simply reads "spirituals" (*ton pneumatikon*), meaning "things characterized or controlled by the Spirit." Spiritual gifts, then, are first of all things controlled or characterized by the Spirit.

"Gifts"

In verse 4 we find the word "gifts" which translates from the Greek word *charisma*; hence, our term "charismatic." The root word (*charis*) means "grace." So now if *pneumatikon* tells us that spiritual gifts are things characterized by the Holy Spirit, *charisma* teaches us that they are gifts of God's grace. They are not something we earn or deserve. They are gifts of grace. Regardless of what the term "charismatic" has come to mean and imply today, there really is no such thing as a non-charismatic gift. All gifts are charismatic; that is, all gifts are freely given by a gracious God.

The Calling and Character for Being a Servant Review – Matthew 20:26

- I. **What is Biblical Servant hood? – To “Serve”**
- II. **Who Should Serve? – I Peter 4:10-11**
- III. **Why Should we Serve? – John 13:3-5, 12-17**
- IV. **Who Should we Serve? – John 12:26 – Matthew 25:37-40**
- V. **How Should we Serve –Last Week Review**
 1. God's Servant commits the **TIME** – Luke 9:57-62; 14:28-30
 2. God's servant is **FAITHFUL** – Matthew 25:21-23
 3. God's servant is a **GIVER** – Matthew 20:28
 4. God's servant is **HUMBLE** – Acts 20:19
 5. God's servant is **SUBMISSIVE** – Luke 22:42
 6. God's servant is **OBEDIENT** – John 14:15,21- 1 Samuel 15:22-23

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*This week we pick up 7-13, identifying **HOW we should serve?** Remember, **Knowing our spiritual gift without the proper understanding of biblical servanthood is a formula for spiritual breakdown and burnout.***

7. God's servant is **TEACHABLE** – James 1:19 –
 - Servants make learning a priority – Luke 10:38-42 – Acts 17:11
8. God's servant is **LOYAL** to the things of God – Luke 16:13
 - Servants are totally committed to the call – Luke 9:62 – John 6:66-69
9. God's servant is concerned about **OTHERS** – Philippians 2:3-4
 - Servants understand that other people matter – Acts 20:35
10. God's servants always remembers that he/she is serving **GOD** not man – Colossians 3:23-24
 - Servants understand that it is NOT about them – John 9:4
11. God's servant does not demand **RECOGNITION** – Matthew 6:1-2
 - Servants understand that God sees All that they do and will take care of them – Matthew 6:4
12. God's servant does not demand **REWARD** – Luke 17:7-10
13. God's servant does not **COMPLAIN** – Matthew 20:1-16

“The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: “If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me? But the good Samaritan reversed the question: “If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?” – Martin Luther King JR.