

**Basic Training**  
**Spiritual Gifts – Understanding and Identification**  
**CALLED to SERVE Part 2**  
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**Introduction:**

**What is a Spiritual Gift?**

To understand the nature of spiritual gifts we must first look at the words which the writers of Scripture used to describe them. I Corinthians 12 lists them for us. Each word, it seems, views the gifts from another standpoint, showing another aspect of their purpose, function, or source. Viewing these terms together yields a more complete description of the gifts they are describing.

**"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 Servanthood? – 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**

**Notes:**

## V. How Should we Serve?

1. God's Servant commits the **TIME** – Luke 9:57-62; 14:28-30
  - We should take time **SERIOUS** – Ephesians 5:16-18 – 2 Peter 3:9-10
  - We should **PRIORITIZE** our time – Matthew 6:33
2. God's servant is **FAITHFUL** – Matthew 25:21-23
  - Our work for God is never in **VAIN** – I Corinthians 15:58 – Hebrews 6:10
  - Our work requires **ENDURANCE** – Ecclesiastes 9:10 – Galatians 6:9
3. God's servant is a **GIVER** – Matthew 20:28
4. God's servant is **HUMBLE** – Acts 20:19
  - Humble servants have no vain **MOTIVES** – Philippians 2:3 – Romans 12:16
5. God's servant is **SUBMISSIVE** – Luke 22:42
  - Submissive servants are **TEAM** minded - Exodus 18:25-26
6. God's servant is **OBEDIENT** – John 14:15,21- 1 Samuel 15:22-23

*“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*