



## **Within - Week 5 (Speaker: Pastor Rob King)**

### **Introduction**

**[Reader:** Group Leader]

“God has given each believer a spiritual gift that He wants us to use for His glory, but we often don’t use it. We may deny that we actually have a spiritual gift or if we do acknowledge it, we may doubt its usefulness to glorify God, and then just bury it. But we must realize that God wants us to be involved with His work. He is so gracious that by His Holy Spirit He freely distributes gifts to all who are saved. He not only wants us to know our spiritual gifts, but He expects us to grow in them each day.” - Jeff Carver

Let’s open in prayer. **[Leader prays]**

**Here are the opening questions:**

- What spiritual gifts do you have? Share them with the small group if you are comfortable.

[Reader: The first person to arrive]

Paul never boasts about the spiritual gifts that the Holy Spirit imparted to him. Although, Paul did many amazing things in the name of God. He always remained humble knowing that all of his spiritual gifts were given to glorify the name of Jesus. How much more should we use our gifts to do the same?

**Read 2 Corinthians 12:3-7**

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

- Even though there are diversities and differences in all of these gifts, what remains consistent?
- What does this Scripture teach us about spiritual gifts?

[Reader: Person with the shortest hair]

[Watch Video: God has something good for you.](#)



**VIDEO INSERT - ROB SAYS "GOD HAS SOMETHING FOR YOU" 19:15-19:36**

The Holy Spirit bestows a gift on each believer to enable us to to glorify God, and bless one another. It is important for us to seek out our gifts and use them so that we can form one body according to God's Word.

### **Read Romans 12:4-8**

4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your[a] faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

- What is the purpose of these gifts?
- What would the Church look like if everyone used their gifts to build one another up? Discuss with the group.
- What would happen if we allowed our fears to keep us from using our spiritual gifts?

**[Reader:** Person who most recently ate a hamburger]

The Church can not do what it is called to do without every member actively participating. It's imperative that every believer understands that their role is essential in reaching this lost world and one another. Your spiritual gift plays an important part in the Church, which God so dearly loves.

### **Read 1 Corinthians 12**

#### *Concerning Spiritual Gifts*

12 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. 3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

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- How is the body an illustration of spiritual gifts?
- How can you determine your spiritual gifts?
- Do you see your spiritual gift as an essential part of the Church? Explain.
- Are you using your gifts for God's glory?
- What should you do to experience more of God?

**[Reader: Group Leader]**

The spiritual gifts that we are given as believers are many and varied. However, Paul reminds us that the greater gifts are faith, hope, and love. So, as you discern the gifts that the Holy Spirit have imparted to you, remember that love outshines all!

**Read 1 Corinthians 12:8-10**

8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

Describe each of these spiritual gifts, and explain what benefit they would be and how they might be used in your church:

“Word of wisdom” (12:8)—

“Word of knowledge” (12:8)—

“Faith” (12:9)—

“Gifts of healing” (12:9)—

“Working of miracles” (12:10)—

“Prophecy” (12:10)—

“Discerning of spirits” (12:10)—

“Different kinds of tongues” (12:10)—

“Interpretation of tongues” (12:10)—

**[Reader: Person who is wearing flip flops]**

**Application:**

If you are not sure what your spiritual gifts are, begin praying that they will be revealed to you. Once you feel a nudge, you can jump right into a role here at the Vineyard. You can email Carolyn at [volunteering@vineyardcincinnati.com](mailto:volunteering@vineyardcincinnati.com) and she'll help you narrow things down and get you in touch with the right people.

Some of you may enjoy taking a spiritual gift test, which may also help you narrow things down. You can take the [spiritual gift assessment here](#). Just enter this registration key: 1411-613. This assessment is free.

During the week, continue to pray about how you can use your spiritual gifts to glorify God and be engaged in his kingdom.