

what we believe

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WE BELIEVE IN “SPIRITUAL GIFTS” HERE AT TRINITY CHURCH

1 Corinthians 12:7 — Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

The manifestation of the Spirit is **GIVEN** for the common good.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are gifts **FROM** God — they are tools to do His service.

There is a difference **BETWEEN** the Gifts of The Spirit and the Fruits of The Spirit.

9 Gifts of The HOLY Spirit (1st Corinthians 12:8-10)

1. Wisdom 2. Knowledge 3. Faith 4. Gifts of Healing 5. The Working of Miracles
6. Prophecy 7. Discerning of Spirits 8. Tongues 9. Interpretation of Tongues

9 Fruits of the Holy SPIRIT

1. Love 2. Joy 3. Peace 4. Patience 5. Kindness 6. Goodness 7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness 9. Self-Control

**THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT ARE WORTHLESS IF THEY
ARE NOT FOUNDED UPON THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT!**

1st Gifts are functional while **FRUITS** represent **OUR** quality of life.

2nd Gifts are **GIVEN** while Fruits grow because they've been **PLANTED**.

3rd Gifts are complete while Fruit is gradual in development.

The fruits of the Spirit — after salvation — are decisions you **MAKE** through prayer and personal disciplines and actions.

These fruits are planted and they will develop.

**Spiritual gifts are never to be interpreted as NATURAL ENDOWMENT.
They are GIFTS FROM GOD.**

There's always a purpose for the gifts of the Spirit given!

Where Do I Fit In? 1 Corinthians 12:27 tells us that each of us have a place in the work of God through His Church!

The 5-Fold Ministries of the Church

Ephesians 4:11-12 — So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

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The **APOSTLE** is entrepreneurial in their **APPROACH** to the work of the Lord. They have unusual vision and passion for new unconquered territories for Christ. They plant things from nothing oftentimes. What they see going in, others just don't see!

The **PROPHET** sees everything in strict categories. In some **WAYS** they are like a banker who keeps straight ledgers and won't fudge on the numbers.

The **EVANGELIST** is the salesperson. They're always bringing **NEW** folks into the Body of Christ! The EVANGELIST's are the soul-winners of the church.

The **PASTOR** is a lover of people — a manager of people, a leader of people, and most of **ALL** the PASTOR is the Shepherd of God's people.

The **TEACHER** is just that — whether the teacher is TEACHING the **ENTIRE** flock, or a small group, or in a professional setting of some kind — the church cannot move forward without the ministry of TEACHING.

THE 7 MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS OF THE CHURCH

Romans 12:3-8 — For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 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 PROPHECYING, then prophesy in accordance with your 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, do it diligently; if it is to show MERCY, do it cheerfully.

7 MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS OF THE CHURCH

1. Prophecy
2. Serving Ministry or Helps
3. Teaching
4. Exhorting or Encouragement
5. Giving
6. Leadership or Administration
7. Mercy

PROPHECY: The gift of the Prophet is to be the EYES of the church. They see **SOMETHING** and they say something.

SERVING MINISTRY or HELPS are the HANDS of the church. They are concerned with **MEETING** the needs of others.

TEACHING: Those with the gift of teaching are the MIND of the Body of Christ. They are passionate about studying **BECAUSE** they know their gift is foundational to the success of the Church. Doctrine is of utmost importance to them.

EXHORTING OR ENCOURAGEMENT: These folks are the MOUTH of the church. They're like cheerleaders **ALWAYS** encouraging and lifting their brothers and sisters up.

GIVING: Those with the motivation of GIVING are the ARMS of the body. They truly enjoy reaching OUT through giving of **THEIR** time, talent, and treasure. They are excited about the prospect of Blessing Others. They desire to give quietly, and secret, but will also motivate others to give. They give cheerfully and always give the best that they can.

LEADERSHIP OR ADMINISTRATION: Those with the motivational gift of LEADERSHIP are the HEAD of the body. They have the ability to see the overall picture and **SET** long-term goals. They are good organizers, and find efficient ways of getting work done.

MERCY: Those with the motivational gift of MERCY are the HEART of the body. They easily sense the joy or distress in other people, and are sensitive to feelings and needs. They are attracted to, and patient with **PEOPLE** in need. They are especially motivated by a desire to see people healed of hurts.