**📖 Bible Study: Discovering & Using Your Spiritual Gifts**

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**🔥 Series Purpose:**

This study equips believers to discover their **God-given spiritual gifts**, distinguish them from **natural talents**, and apply them to advance the Kingdom with clarity, confidence, and commitment.

**💡 Lesson 1: Understanding Spiritual Gifts vs. Talents**

**Key Scriptures**:

* 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
* Romans 12:6-8

**Supporting Scriptures**:

* James 1:17
* Exodus 35:10

**✨ Kingdom Principle (NL #1): “God never creates what He doesn’t gift.”**

*“You were born with potential. But your gift activates your purpose.” — Dr. Myles Munroe*

**Teaching Breakdown:**

1. **Spiritual Gifts** are divine enablements given by the **Holy Spirit** for **Kingdom service**.
	* *Gifts come from the Spirit to serve the Body.*
2. **Natural Talents** are innate or developed abilities that can be used for **self** or **God**.
	* *Talents come at birth, gifts come at rebirth.*
3. God wants both your **skill** and your **spirit** to align for **maximum impact**.

**NL Catchphrase**:
👉 “A gift without guidance becomes wasted potential.”
👉 “What you’re good at might not be what you’re graced for.”

**💬 Discussion Questions:**

* How would you describe the difference between a spiritual gift and a natural talent?
* What talents do you currently possess, and how do they align with your spiritual gifts?

**✅ Action Steps:**

* List **3 areas** where you feel God is calling you to serve.
* Reflect on how your talents can **partner with your gifts** for Kingdom work.

**🔥 Lesson 2: Identifying Your Spiritual Gifts**

**Key Scriptures**:

* 1 Peter 4:10
* Ephesians 4:11-13

**Supporting Scriptures**:

* Acts 6:3
* 2 Timothy 1:6

**✨ Kingdom Principle (NL #2): “The gift is evidence of the assignment.”**

*“Your gift is not for you. It’s for those waiting on your obedience.”*

**Teaching Breakdown:**

1. Everyone has at least **one gift** — it’s your **Kingdom tool**.
2. The fivefold ministry gifts (Eph. 4) are leadership gifts for **equipping the saints**.
3. Gifts must be **stirred**, **recognized**, and **released**.

**NL Catchphrase**:
👉 “The gift is in you, but the activation is on you.”
👉 “Gifts grow in service, not in silence.”

**💬 Discussion Questions:**

* What gifts have others identified in you?
* How do spiritual gifts help build the church and fulfill God’s mission?

**✅ Action Steps:**

* Take a **Spiritual Gifts Assessment** (provided in worksheet).
* Ask 2 mentors or leaders to speak into your strengths.
* Pray daily this week for confirmation and opportunities to use your gift.

**🚀 Lesson 3: Using Your Gifts for Kingdom Impact**

**Key Scriptures**:

* Matthew 25:14-30
* Galatians 6:9-10

**Supporting Scriptures**:

* Hebrews 6:10
* John 15:16

**✨ Kingdom Principle (NL #3): “Gifts unused become liabilities in the Kingdom.”**

*“God doesn’t reward talent—He rewards stewardship.”*

**Teaching Breakdown:**

1. Jesus expects **multiplication**, not maintenance (Matt. 25).
2. Don’t let discouragement keep you from **doing good**.
3. Your gift isn’t just **for the church**, it’s for the **culture and community** too.

**NL Catchphrase**:
👉 “Kingdom impact requires Kingdom investment.”
👉 “What you do with your gift determines what God does next with you.”

**💬 Discussion Questions:**

* How can you best activate your gift for the benefit of others?
* What obstacles might prevent believers from fully utilizing their gifts?

**✅ Action Steps:**

* Identify **1 new way** to use your gift this month.
* Partner with another church member on a **ministry project or outreach**.

**Scriptures printed out: Discovering & Using Your Spiritual Gifts**

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*"God’s various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit." — 1 Corinthians 12:4 (MSG)*

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***Lesson 1: Understanding Spiritual Gifts vs. Talents***

**Key Scriptures:**

* 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
**NIV:** "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."
**MSG:** "God’s various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits."
* Romans 12:6-8
**NIV:** "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us..." (full passage continues with examples of prophecy, serving, teaching, etc.)
**MSG:** "Let’s just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren’t."

**Supporting Scriptures:**

* James 1:17
**NIV:** "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights..."
**MSG:** "Every desirable and beneficial gift comes out of heaven."
* Exodus 35:10
**NIV:** "All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the Lord has commanded."
**MSG:** "Let every skilled craftsman among you come and make everything that the Lord has commanded."

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***Lesson 2: Identifying Your Spiritual Gifts***

**Key Scriptures:**

* 1 Peter 4:10
**NIV:** "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others..."
**MSG:** "Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it."
* Ephesians 4:11-13
**NIV:** "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers..."
**MSG:** "He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ’s followers..."

**Supporting Scriptures:**

* Acts 6:3
**NIV:** "Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom..."
**MSG:** "Choose seven men from among you whom everyone trusts, men full of the Holy Spirit and good sense..."
* 2 Timothy 1:6
**NIV:** "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God..."
**MSG:** "Keep that ablaze! God doesn’t want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible."

***Lesson 3: Using Your Gifts for Kingdom Impact***

**Key Scriptures:**

* Matthew 25:14-30
**NIV:** The Parable of the Talents – a man entrusts his servants with resources before leaving on a journey.
**MSG:** "It’s also like a man going off on an extended trip. He called his servants together and delegated responsibilities..."
* Galatians 6:9-10
**NIV:** "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest..."
**MSG:** "So let’s not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop..."

**Supporting Scriptures:**

* Hebrews 6:10
**NIV:** "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him..."
**MSG:** "God doesn’t miss anything. He knows perfectly well all the love you’ve shown..."
* John 15:16
**NIV:** "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit..."
**MSG:** "You didn’t choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit..."

**Conclusion & Call to Action:** "You are gifted, graced, and chosen—not to sit, but to serve." "Your gift is not optional—it’s essential to the Body of Christ."

**Final NL Declaration:** "I will stir up the gift in me. I will not bury what God has placed within. I am a vessel of value, assigned for Kingdom impact!"