**🎯 What’s the Purpose of Spiritual Gifts?**

The **main purpose** of spiritual gifts is to:

1. **Build up the church** – helping it grow in faith and love.
2. **Serve others** – not ourselves!
3. **Bring glory to God** – showing how awesome He is.

📖 *“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace...”* – 1 Peter 4:10

So it’s like this: God gives you a **special tool** to use in His **church family**. You don’t get a gift to hide it or keep it for yourself. You get it to **love people** and help them follow Jesus!

**🧠 What’s the Difference Between Spiritual Gifts and Talents?**

Let’s compare!

| **Spiritual Gifts** | **Natural Talents** |
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| Given by the **Holy Spirit** | Often given at **birth** |
| Received when you become a **Christian** | Anyone can have them—even non-Christians |
| Used to **serve God and His people** | Used in many areas: school, sports, music |
| Powered by the **Holy Spirit** | Powered by **practice and training** |
| **Glorifies God** in the church and world | Can glorify God **when used for Him** |

➡️ **Example**: You might be naturally good at singing (a talent), but when you use that talent to lead worship and encourage others to praise God—**it becomes a spiritual gift in action!**

**🔍 How Do You Discover Your Spiritual Gifts?**

You can ask 4 big questions:

1. **What do I love doing for God?**  
   (Are you happiest when you’re helping, teaching, leading, or encouraging?)
2. **What are others saying I’m good at?**  
   (People often notice your gift before you do! Listen to godly friends or leaders.)
3. **Where do I see God bearing fruit when I serve?**  
   (If people are helped, blessed, or encouraged—that’s a sign the gift is active.)
4. **Have I prayed and asked God to show me?**  
   (Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. He wants to help you use your gifts!)

🧎‍♂️ *“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God...”* – James 1:5

**🚀 How Do You Activate Your Gifts?**

1. **Start serving!**  
   Try things like helping at church, teaching kids, joining a team, or leading prayer. Gifts show up when you’re **serving**.
2. **Stay close to God.**  
   Read the Bible, pray, and obey. The Spirit will guide you as you walk with Jesus.
3. **Be humble and teachable.**  
   Leaders or friends may help you find where you fit best.
4. **Use it with love!**  
   Love is the most important thing. A gift without love is like noise (1 Cor. 13:1).

**✨ Big Truth to Remember:**

📖 *“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”* – 1 Corinthians 12:4, 27