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- Every believer has been given a grace-gift (charisma) by the Holy Spirit — not earned, not deserved, but freely given. Your gifts are real, they are diverse, and they are given to bless others and glorify God. Discover them through experimentation, community affirmation, fruitfulness, and joy.
- Question for consideration: What areas of ministry have consistently brought you joy and produced fruit in others, and might that be the Spirit pointing you toward your gift?

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2. KNOW YOUR R..... IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

(1 Corinthians 12:13-18; See also Romans 12:6; Philipians 2:13)

- The Church is not a collection of individuals, it is a living body, and every part matters. Whether held back by ignorance, hurt, passivity, age, or anything else, God's call remains: every member has a distinct and necessary role. You are not disqualified. And if you have ever felt guilty because others expected you to participate in a ministry area you are not gifted for, know that such guilt is not necessarily the Spirit's voice. You serve the body best by faithfully doing what you are gifted and called to do.
- Question for consideration: Is there anything — hurt, busyness, insecurity, or the expectations of others — that has caused you to either step back from your own gifting, or to serve out of guilt rather than joy?

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Application For This Week:

If you are not familiar with your spiritual gifts, take one step this week toward discovering one. Try something new in ministry, ask a trusted brother or sister in Christ what gift(s) they see in you, or simply show up and serve in a small way. And as you do, look for the joy — because the Spirit of Joy is the very One who placed that gift in you. If you know your spiritual gift(s), use them intentionally and joyfully this week to bless others and to glorify God.

Prayer:

Gracious Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit poured out upon Your Church. Thank You that You have not left us empty-handed, but have equipped each one of us with grace-gifts for the blessing of others and for Your glory. Help us to discover and use what You have placed in us, to honor the gifts of those around us, and to together be the Body of Christ in this world. May we serve with joy, love with generosity, and live for Your glory alone. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Verses To Meditate On This Week:

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ... Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. – 1 Corinthians 12:4,7

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. – 1 Peter 4:10

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THE SPIRIT AT WORK IN THE CHURCH



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SHOWS

God Manifests
His Presence

Miracles
Signs &
Wonders
Extraordinary
Faith

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PROVIDES

God Supplies
The Body

Giving
Serving &
Helps
Hospitality
Administration

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INSTRUCTS

God Forms
Understanding

Teaching
Exhortation
Wisdom
Discernment
Prophecy
Tongues &
Interpretation

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RESTORES

God Heals

Mercy
Encouragement
Healing
Shepherding &
Pastoral Care

-I-

INSPIRES

God Creates
Beauty & Movement

Craftsmanship
Artistic Design
Music & Worship
Visionary
Leadership

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TRANSFORMS

God Builds &
Matures The Church

Apostle
Prophet
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Teacher

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