

# GIFTED – PART 1

## AN INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITUAL GIFTS

–MESSY ( BUT BEAUTIFUL) CHRISTIANITY, WEEK 47–

**Definition: A spiritual gift is a special attribute given by the Holy Spirit to every member of the Body of Christ, according to God’s grace, for use within the context of the Body.<sup>1</sup>**

### I. \_\_\_\_\_ ARE THE \_\_\_\_\_?

- They were given to certain Old Testament Israelites at times, and were promised to be given to all of God’s people one day (Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29; Exodus 31:1-5; Joel 2:28-29).
- They are given to every believer by the Spirit (Acts 2:14-18; 1 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 4:7; 1 Peter 4:10).

### II. \_\_\_\_\_ THE GIFTS ARE \_\_\_\_\_.

- They are for spreading the Gospel of Christ until He returns (Acts 1:8; Ephesians 4:11; Acts 21:8; 1 Corinthians 1:7).
- They are for building up the Body of Christ into maturity (1 Corinthians 14:12; Ephesians 4:12, 16).

- They are for unifying the Church (Ephesians 4:12-13, 1 Corinthians 12:24-25).
- They are for God’s glory alone (1 Peter 4:11; 1 Corinthians 13:1, 4).

### III. WHAT THE \_\_\_\_\_ ARE \_\_\_\_\_.

- The Gifts of the Spirit are not the same as the Fruit of the Spirit.
- The Gifts of the Spirit are not the same as Christian Roles.
- The Gifts of the Spirit are not the same as Natural Talents.
- The Gifts of the Spirit are not to be confused with Counterfeit Gifts.

## THE BOTTOM LINE

\_\_\_\_\_ the fact that as a \_\_\_\_\_, you have been gifted by God to \_\_\_\_\_ the Body of Christ.

...Evaluating your life to make sure you’re truly a believer.

...Using the gifts well that you already know you have.

...Praying that God would reveal to you what your gifts are if you are not sure.

<sup>1</sup> C. Peter Wagner, *Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Your Church Grow* (Ventura: Regal Books, 1979), 34.