





## A Living Sacrifice to God

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Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.



# Surrendered & moulded by God

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# Unite with other world changers

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# Given something to offer

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**S**piritual gifts

**H**earth

**A**bilities

**P**assions

**E**xperiences



# SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

## ROMANS 12

Prophecy  
Faith  
Service  
Teaching  
Encourage  
Generosity  
Leadership  
Mercy

## 1 COR 12

Wisdom  
Knowledge  
Faith  
Healing  
Miracles  
Prophecy  
Discernment  
Tongues  
Interpretation

## 1 PETER 4

Speaking  
Service

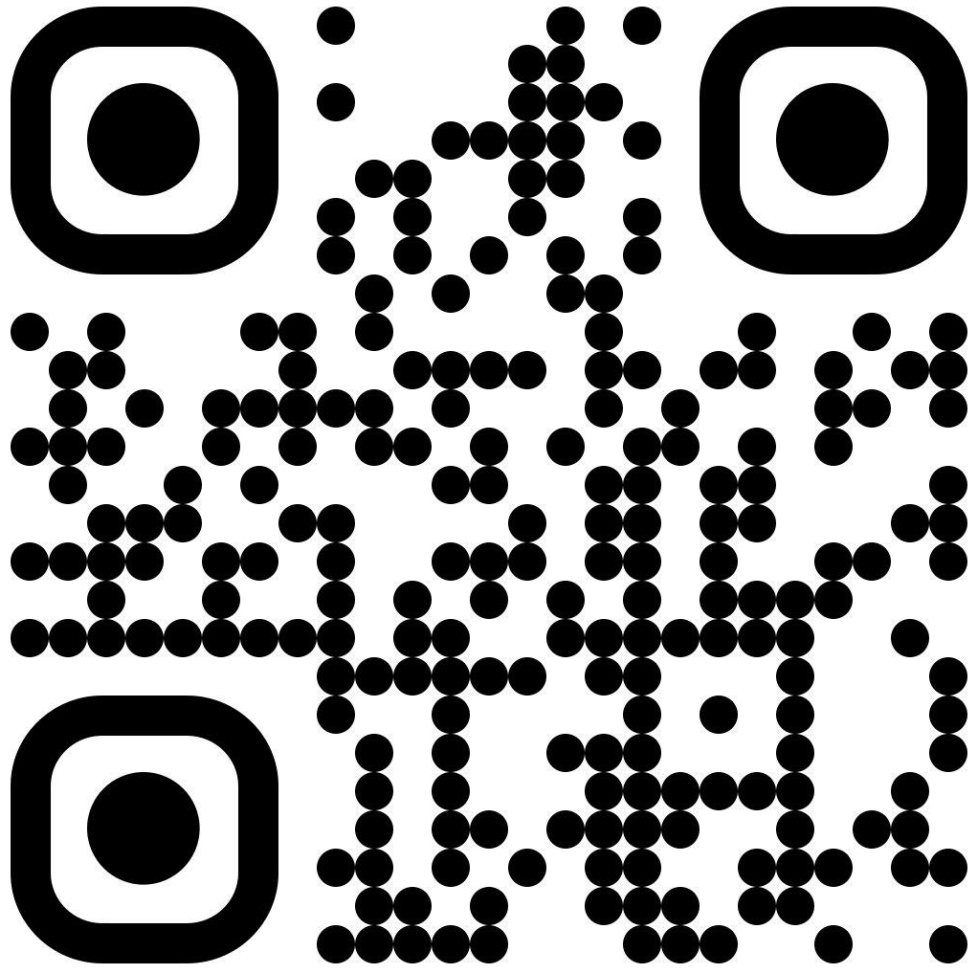
## EPH 4

Apostle  
Prophet  
Evangelist  
Shepherd  
Teacher

## OTHERS

Administration  
Craftsmanship  
Music  
Hospitality





# SPIRITUAL GIFTS

The road to finding yours

# SPIRITUAL GIFT DISCOVERY

Be  
available to  
God and  
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others

Try to put a  
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# SPIRITUAL GIFT DISCOVERY

Be available to God and serve others

Try to put a name on your gift, ask others what gifts they see in you

Do this all again! You very likely have more than one gift

Note what you enjoy and how God uses you

Pray about it and put more time into using this gift

- 1) Do you know what your spiritual gifts are?
- 2) Do you have a sense of what they could be?
- 3) Are you serving in ways that use your gifts?
- 4) Could you be intentionally strengthening your gifts more?

Motivations

Who do you love to work with/serve?

*Children, youth, young adults, elderly, prisoners, homeless, hospitalized, parents, men, women*

Desires

What issues or causes do you feel strongest about?

*Domestic violence, alcoholism, disability, education, creation care, finances, physical health, sexuality & gender*

Hopes

What ministry or service roles have you done in the past?

*What felt more like a calling? What was an obligation?*

Ambitions

Fears

What thing do you value when completing a task?

*Creating/designing, improving/repairing things, leading the way, organising*

*Rakhum*

# Heart

# ABILITIES

Administration	Musical	Landscaping or Gardening	Computer Skills	Construction
CPR/First Aid	Decorating	Event Planning	Foreign Language	Photography
Sewing	Teaching	Video Production	Counselling	Cooking
Childcare	Public Speaking	Legal Knowledge	Budgeting Skills	Writing/editing
Marketing	Graphic Design	Grant Writing	Research	Fitness/Sports Coaching

# PERSONALITY

## Myers Briggs 'Guesstimate'

### Interaction with our Surroundings

#### Extrovert

Receive energy from  
interacting with others

Often seem more excited

Learn best by sharing/ doing  
with others

#### Introvert

Receive energy from alone time

Known to be  
reflective/quiet/private

Can be sensitive to external  
stimulation

# PERSONALITY

## Myers Briggs 'Guesstimate'

### Processing Information

#### Observant

Focus on the present

Prefer concrete/tangible info

Attentive to detail, steady and sequential

#### Intuition

Focus on future possibilities

Sees big picture, connections, patterns

Prefer novelty over stability

# PERSONALITY

## Myers Briggs 'Guesstimate'

### Dealing with Decisions & Emotions

#### Thinking

Examine logical consequences  
over emotions

Objectively weigh pros and  
cons

Energised by problem solving

#### Feeling

High emphasis on values

Enjoy appreciating and  
supporting others

Seeks to maintain harmony,  
assesses the impact of  
decisions on others



# PERSONALITY

## Myers Briggs 'Guesstimate'

### Approach to Work & Decision Making

#### Judging

Decisive, thorough and organised

Value clarity, predictability

Prefer structure and planning

#### Prospecting

Natural improvisers or opportunists

Flexible, relaxed

Like keeping options open

# EXPERIENCES

What ministry experiences have you had?  
*(e.g. demographics of people served, roles you've fulfilled)*

What spiritual experiences have you had?  
*(e.g. baptism, led someone to Christ, evangelism, generosity)*

What educational experiences have you had?  
*(e.g. schooling, higher education, apprenticeships, informal training)*

What work experiences have you had?  
*(e.g. part time work, careers, parenthood)*

What painful experiences have you grown through?  
*(e.g. mental health issues, disability, chronic pain, death/loss, divorce, career failure)*

For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and  
wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.

my frame was not hidden from you

when I was made in the secret place,

when I was woven together in the depths of the  
earth.

your eyes saw my unformed body;

all the days ordained for me were written in  
your book

before one of them came to be.



9 Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. 10 Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honouring each other. 11 Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. 12 Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. 13 When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. 15 Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!

17 Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honourable.

18 Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

19 Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the Lord.

20 Instead, “If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads.”

21 Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

*Conquer  
evil by  
doing  
good*





# Resist and Repent from sin

- Personal sin
- Relational sin

Acknowledge

Accept

Advance





All these pieces  
Broken and scattered  
In mercy gathered  
Mended and whole  
Empty-handed  
But not forsaken  
I've been set free  
I've been set free

Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like  
me, oh  
I once was lost  
But now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

Oh, I can see it now  
Oh, I can see the love in  
Your eyes  
Laying yourself down  
Raising up the broken to life

You take our failure  
You take our weakness  
You set Your treasure  
In jars of clay  
So take this heart, Lord  
I'll be Your vessel  
The world to see  
Your life in me, oh

# Persist in doing lavish good!

Show me your faith without  
deeds, and I will show you my  
faith *by my* deeds

– James 2:18

Let us not become weary in  
doing good, for at the proper  
time we will reap a harvest if  
we do not give up

– Galatians 6:9



If You don't build it, we labour in vain,  
Without Your Spirit, we stand with no strength.

I know my life is passing away,  
but the works of Your hands  
are what will remain.

Let the favour of the Lord rest upon us...

O Lord, establish the work of our hands!  
O Lord, establish the work of our hands!

Teach us to number the length of our days,  
Pour out Your power, we'll pour out Your praise.

Teach us to run, to finish the race,  
for only what's done in love will remain.


Let the favour of the Lord  
rest upon us



# Be a Romans 12 world changer

**“What you do in the present – by painting, preaching, singing, sewing, praying, teaching, building hospitals, digging wells, campaigning for justice, writing poems, caring for the needy, loving your neighbour as yourself – will last into God’s future. These activities are not simply ways of making the present life a little less beastly, a little more bearable, until the day when we leave it behind altogether. They are part of what we may call building for God’s kingdom” – N.T. Wright**



A person wearing a red dress is holding a globe of the Earth. The background is a soft, warm sunset or sunrise over a field. The text is overlaid on a light green rectangular background.

Create in me  
A heart that is clean  
'Cause I want to be  
Who You want me to be  
The depths of my soul  
Are Yours Lord to mould  
'Cause I want to be  
Who You want me to be

Holy Spirit fill me,  
overwhelm me  
Holy Spirit use me, for  
Your glory

Here's my life  
Let it be a living sacrifice  
All that I am  
Surrender it to Your hands  
I surrender

No matter where  
No matter when  
Lord, I will go  
Where You want me to go

I give it all, my heart and soul  
Jesus, I'm living for You  
You have it all, my heart and soul  
Jesus, I'm living for You