

Has anyone told you  
♥ Today...

just how

♥  
**AWESOME!**

you are?



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so I went on a dye it...**



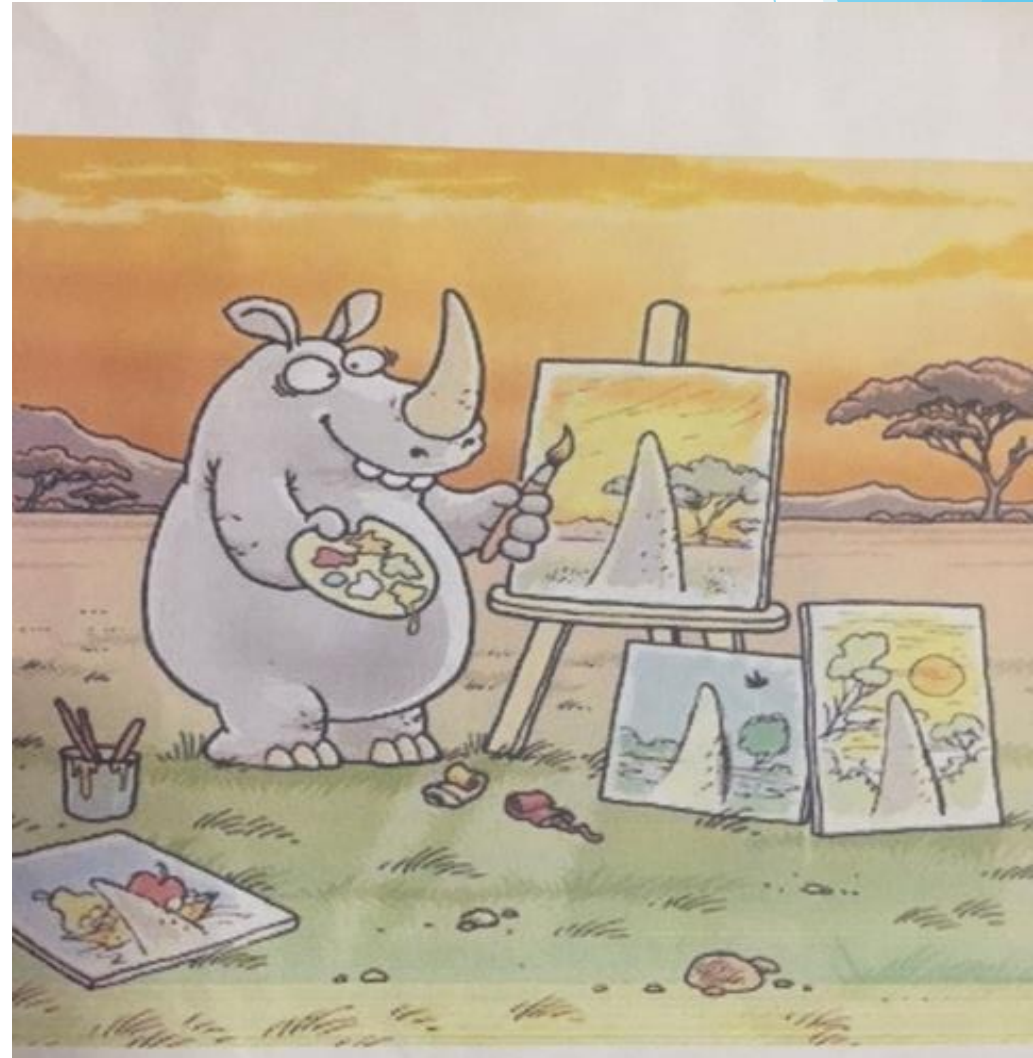
**I hate buttermilk!**

# Getting Our Hands Dirty!

## Finding and Using My Spiritual Gift!

How do we see our gifts?

There is a lot of misunderstanding within the body of Christ about our fellow believers.



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Our goals are:

1. To seek a more intimate relationship with God
2. To glorify God
3. To understand spiritual gifts better
4. To better relate to our brothers and sisters in the Church
5. To strengthen the army of the Lord



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As we go through this study, here are some **hints** to make the time more beneficial:

1. Do so **prayerfully**.
2. Search the **scriptures**.
3. Make **notes** in the margins of this text or your Bible.
4. Think about your **past** experiences serving God.

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(Hints continued...)

5. **Discuss** with others, who have been with you in ministry situations, to gain their insights into the possible nature of your gift.
6. Try to **remember** how you felt/ served during the past.
7. Consider your **passions** in life also. Your passion is different from your gift!

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Review!

Some things we have learned

- No spectators
- One body!
- Gifts do NOT limit ministries!

*1 Peter 4:10-11 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

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Review!

What is a spiritual gift?

A spiritual gift is a God-given ability to serve God and other Christians in such a way that Christ is glorified and believers are uplifted.

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### Review!

What is the difference between a talent and a spiritual gift?

A **talent** is a natural ability to do certain activities, often from birth.

A **spiritual gift** is given by the Holy Spirit as He desires when we become believers.

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### Review!

What is the difference between a gift, a ministry, and an effect?

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.

There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. NASU

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### Review!

What is the difference between a gift, a ministry, and an effect?

A ministry is the act of serving others. A minister is one who serve others.

An effect is change that occurs when something is done or happens; an event, conditions, or state of affairs that is produced by a cause.

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### Review!

What is the difference between a gift, a ministry, and an effect?

- **God**, the Father, determines the effects, or plans/ purposes to be accomplished.
- **Jesus**, the Son, determines the ministries needed to accomplish the Father's plans.
- **The Holy Spirit** gifts members of the church body to accomplish the ministries of Jesus to fulfill the Father's will.

But remember, there is only ONE GOD!

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### Review!

But remember, there is only ONE GOD!

Some people know me as an Air Force officer, others don't.

Some people know me as a father, others don't.

Some people know me as a math teacher, others don't.

Some people know me as a pastor, others don't.

Understanding the Trinity is complicated, yet simple,  
Believe, Trust!

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### Review!

Categories of spiritual gifts:

1. No categories. Each gift is seen as separate and not placed in any particular way.
2. Two Categories of Speaking gifts and Serving gifts.  
(1 Peter 4:10)
3. Two categories of Motivational gifts and Manifestation gift.

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Motivational gifts are given by the Holy Spirit to individuals as He desires. (Romans 12)

Manifestation gifts are used to minister specific needs in specific situations. (1 Cor 12)

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The Gift of Prophecy!

The Gifts from Romans 12:1-8

a. **Prophecy,**

b. Service

c. Teaching

d. Exhortation

e. Giving

f. Leading (Administration, organization)

g. Mercy

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## Prophets!

What do you see?

Prophets see things most  
Of us do not see.



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## The Gift of Prophecy

Who the Prophets are:

People who give inspired delivery of warning, exhortation, instruction, judging, and revealing the secrets of the heart.

People who are gifted to receive and communicate an immediate message of God to His people.

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1. They speak the truth.
2. They proclaim the principles of God
3. They cannot be silent in the face of any lie or deceit, or tolerate an error against God's word or His nature.
4. They strongly want to see the church back on the right track
5. They speak boldly in the presence of injustice

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### The Gift of Prophecy

Peter is a good example of the gift of prophecy!

Luke 5:4-9 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing! **But at your word** I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets started to tear. So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they were about to sink. **But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"**

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Peter is a good example of the gift of prophecy!

Acts 2:14-17 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words. "For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day; but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

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Acts 5:1-6 Now a man named Ananias, together with Sapphira his wife, sold a piece of property. He kept back for himself part of the proceeds with his wife's knowledge; he brought only part of it and placed it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back for yourself part of the proceeds from the sale of the land?"

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Peter is a good example of the gift of prophecy!

Acts 4:19-21 But Peter and John replied,  
"Whether it is right before God to obey you  
rather than God, you decide, for it is impossible  
for us not to speak about what we have seen  
and heard."

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Some Other Biblical Prophets are...

1. John the Baptist (Matthew 21:32; Luke 3:2-20, 7:18-29)
2. Anna (Luke 2:36-38)
3. Mary (Matthew 1-2, Mark 6:3, Luke 1:26-56)
4. Annias (Acts 9:10-17, 22:12-16)
5. Hosea (Hosea 1-14)
6. Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1-52)
7. Isaiah (Isaiah 1-66)
8. Jonah (Jonah 1-4)

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A good memory verse for Prophets to respond to:

1 Cor 14:3 But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouragement, and consolation.

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Some Characteristics of the Prophet...

1. Identifies good and evil, and hates evil
2. Sees everything as black and white, no gray or undefined areas
3. Perceives the character of individuals or groups
4. Encourages repentance that produces a change of heart

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Characteristics continued...

5. Believes accepting difficulties can produce positive personal growth
6. Has only a few or no close personal friends
7. Views the Bible as the basis for truth, belief, action, and authority
8. Operates on spiritual principles

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Characteristics continued...

9. Is frank, outspoken, and doesn't mince words

10. Grieves deeply over the sin of others

11. Is eager to see his or her own blind spots  
and to help others see theirs too

12. Desires to see God's plan worked out in all  
situations

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Characteristics continued...

13. Is a very persuasive speaker

14. Promotes the spiritual growth of groups and individuals

15. Is called to intercessory prayer

16. Feels the need to verbalize or dramatize what he "sees"

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Characteristics continued...

17. Tends to be introspective

18. Has strong opinions and convictions

19. Has strict personal standards

20. Desires to be obedient to God at all costs

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What is my response today?

1. Respond to God's teaching specifically to you
2. Please be patient if we haven't covered your gift yet, we will!
3. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know!