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**GREATER
GENEROSITY**



FINDING MY SHAPE

PART 1


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*What is my **SHAPE?***

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THINGS**



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Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous ... You were there while I was being formed ... You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe.

Psalm 139:14-16 (LB)



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I was **SHAPED** for a purpose.
I am **UNIQUE!**
I am **WONDERFULLY COMPLEX!**



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Spiritual Gifts

What am I gifted to do?

Heart

What do I love to do?

Ability

What natural talents and skills do I have?

Personality

Where does my personality best suit me to serve?

Experiences

What experiences have I had – painful, positive, educational, ministry



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What are spiritual gifts and why are we given them?



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*But each of you has your own gift from God;
one has this gift, another has that.*

1 Corinthians 7:7



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*All are not apostles, are they? All are
not prophets, are they? All are not
teachers, are they? All are not
workers of miracles, are they? All do
not have gifts of healings, do they? All
do not speak with tongues, do they?
All do not interpret, do they?*

1 Corinthians 12:29-30



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The Holy Spirit displays God's power through each of us as a means of helping the entire church.

1 Corinthians 12:7 (LB)



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Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well.

1 Peter 4:10



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***Can your spiritual gifts
change over time?***



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*Do not neglect your gift, which was given
you through prophecy when the body of
elders laid their hands on you.*

1 Timothy 4:14



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We have primary and secondary gifts

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Cautions about spiritual gifts

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Christian roles



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Be aware of the gift projection
tendency



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Our gifts aren't an excuse for not doing
things



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Don't wish you were something God
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Gifts without love is worthless



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*If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels,
but do not have love, I am only a
resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.*

1 Corinthians 13:1



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How many spiritual gifts are there?



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Five passages identify 21 spiritual gifts:

1. Romans 12:6-8
2. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11
3. 1 Corinthians 12:27-31
4. Ephesians 4:11-12
5. 1 Peter 4:9-11



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Romans 12:6-8 identifies:

Prophecy

The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to communicate God's truth and heart in a way that calls people into a relationship with God.

*Acts 2:37-40, 7:51-53, 26:24-29; 1
Corinthians 14:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 1:5*



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Service

The gift of serving is the divine strength or ability to do small or great tasks in working for the overall good of the body of Christ.

*Acts 6:1-7; Romans 12:7; Galatians 6:10;
1 Timothy 1:16-18; Titus 3:14*



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Teaching

The gift of teaching is the divine strength or ability to study and learn from the Scriptures primarily to bring understanding and depth to other Christians.

Acts 18:24-28, 20:20-21; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-14



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Encouragement

The gift of encouragement is the divine strength or ability to strengthen, comfort or urge others to action through the written or spoken word and Biblical truth.

Acts 14:22; Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:24-25



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Generosity

The gift of giving is the divine strength or ability to produce wealth and to give by tithes and offerings for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God on earth.

*Mark 12:41-44; Romans 12:8; 2
Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:2-7 65*



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Leadership

The gift of leadership is the divine strength or ability to influence people at their level while directing and focusing them on the big picture, vision, or idea.

*Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 3:1-13, 5:17;
Hebrews 13:17*



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Mercy

The gift of mercy is the divine strength or ability to feel empathy and to care for those who are hurting in any way.

Matthew 9:35-36; Mark 9:41; Romans 12:8; 1 Thess. 5:14



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1 Corinthians 12:7-11 identifies:

Wisdom

The gift of wisdom is the divine strength or ability to understand and to bring clarity to situations and circumstances often through applying the truths of Scripture in a practical way.

Acts 6:3,10; 1 Corinthians 2:6-13, 12:8



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Knowledge

The gift of knowledge is the divine strength or ability to bring truth to a situation by supernatural revelation. This is often accompanied by a word from God.

*Acts 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:8;
Colossians 2:2-3*



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Faith

The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe in God for unseen supernatural results in every arena of life.

*Acts 11:22-24; Romans 4:18-21; 1
Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 11*



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Healing

The gift of healing is the divine strength or ability to act as an intermediary in faith, prayer, and by the laying-on of hands for the healing of physical, mental and spiritual sickness.

*Acts 3:1-10, 9:32-35, 28:7-10; 1
Corinthians 12:9, 28*



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Miracles

The gift of miracles is the divine strength or ability to alter the natural outcomes of life in a supernatural way through prayer, faith, and divine direction.

*Acts 9:36-42, 19:11-12, 20:7-12;
Romans 15:18-19; 1 Corinthians
12:10, 28*



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Prophecy - explained earlier

Discernment

The gift of discernment is the divine strength or ability to spiritually identify lies, to distinguish between right and wrong motives and the spiritual forces at work in situations.

Matthew 16:21-23; Acts 5:1-11, 16:16-18; 1 Corinthians 12:10; 1 John 4:1-6



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Tongues

The gift of tongues is the divine strength or ability to pray in a heavenly language to encourage your spirit and to commune with God.

Acts 2:1-13; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 14:1-14



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Interpretation of Tongues

The gift of interpretation of tongues is the divine strength or ability to understand someone speaking in a language in which they have never learned. This gift is often accompanied by the gift of tongues.

1 Cor 10:12; 1 Cor 14:27-28



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1 Corinthians 12:27-31 identifies:

Apostleship

The gift of apostleship is the divine strength or ability to pioneer new churches and ministries through planting, overseeing, and training.

Acts 15:22-35; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Galatians 2:7-10; Ephesians 4:11-14



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Prophecy - *explained earlier*

Teaching - *explained earlier*

Miracles - *explained earlier*

Healing- *explained earlier*



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Helps

The gift of helps is the divine strength or ability to work in a supportive role for the accomplishment of tasks in Christian ministry with the ability to often see the need before others do.

Mark 15:40-41; Acts 9:36; Romans 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 12:28



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Administration

The gift of administration is the divine strength or ability to organise multiple tasks and groups of people to accomplish these tasks.

*Luke 14:28-30; Acts 6:1-7; 1
Corinthians 12:28*



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Tongues - *explained earlier*



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Ephesians 4:11-14 identifies:

Apostleship - *explained earlier*

Prophecy - *explained earlier*



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Evangelism

The gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to help those who don't believe in Jesus, take the necessary steps to becoming a Christian.

*Acts 8:5-6, 8:26-40, 14:21, 21:8;
Ephesians 4:11-14*



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Pastor

The gift of pastor is the divine strength or ability to care for the personal needs of others by nurturing and mending life issues.

John 10:1-18; Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-3



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Teacher - *explained earlier*



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1 Peter 4:9-11 identifies:

Hospitality

The gift of hospitality is the divine strength or ability to create warm, welcoming environments for others in places such as your home, office, or church.

*Acts 16:14-15; Romans 12:13, 16:23;
Hebrews 13:1-2; 1 Peter 4:9*



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Teaching - *explained earlier*

Service - *explained earlier*



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