

Steps to Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

Four Fundamental Prerequisites:

- (1) You must be a Christian. Spiritual gifts are given only to members of the Body of Christ.
- (2) You have to believe in spiritual gifts, and that God has gifted you.
- (3) You have to be willing to work.
- (4) You have to pray. Particularly pray for wisdom as you set out to discover your spiritual gift(s).

STEP ONE: Explore the possibilities.

- Study the Bible passages on gifts.
- Learn your church's position on gifts (not all are in agreement).
- Read extensively -- there are many good books available on spiritual gifts.
- Get to know gifted people who are actively using their gifts in the church.
- Talk to people about spiritual gifts.

STEP TWO: Experiment with as many gifts as you can.

- Look for opportunities, and be willing to serve.
- Prayerfully ask God to show you through each experience whether you have a spiritual gift in this area. Knowing what gifts you *don't* have is also helpful.
- Work hard and be persevering. Discovering and developing gifts seldom comes easily. Also, once discovered & developed, gifts should be put to use.

STEP THREE: Examine your feelings.

- Are you doing something you really *want* to be doing?
- Are you experiencing joy and fulfillment in what you are doing, or do you find it to be burdensome or intimidating?

STEP FOUR: Evaluate your effectiveness.

- Gifted people get results. What has been the result of your service?

STEP FIVE: Expect confirmation from the Body.

- If you think you have a particular gift, is this confirmed by others?
- If others don't think you have that particular gift, maybe you don't.
- Once others confirm that you have a gift, you'll be expected to use it!