

## **Spiritual Gifts vs. Spiritual Responsibilities**

Spiritual gifts are extraordinary abilities that the Spirit gives to a believer to build up the church. Even though such attributes as faith, teaching, and giving are considered gifts, all Christians are exhorted to develop these traits.

### **Some Christians are given...**

- ☒ Divine wisdom (1 Cor. 12:8)
- ☒ Extraordinary faith (1 Cor. 12:9)
- ☒ Special teaching gifts (1 Cor. 12:28; Rom. 12:7)
- ☒ Supernatural ability to help (1 Cor. 12:28)
- ☒ The gift of exhortation (Rom. 12:8)
- ☒ The ability to give with liberality (Rom. 12:8)
- ☒ Divine power to show mercy (Rom. 12:8)

### **But all Christians are called...**

- ☒ To live wisely (Rom. 16:19; Eph. 5:15; Col. 4:5)
- ☒ To walk by faith (2 Cor. 5:7) and abound in faith (2 Cor. 8:7); to take up the shield of faith (Eph. 6:16) and pursue faith (1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 2:22)
- ☒ To teach others the truths of God (Matt. 28:20; 2 Tim. 2:2, 24)
- ☒ To serve one another in love (Gal. 5:13) and to minister to others (Rom. 12:7)
- ☒ To give “not grudgingly or of necessity” but cheerfully (2 Cor. 9:7)
- ☒ To be merciful (Luke 6:36; James 2:13)

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