

Your Place at First Free Will Baptist Church Of Ozark

1. Everyone has a place here.
2. Everyone is spiritually gifted to serve here.

What is a spiritual gift?

A spiritual gift is a significant talent or ability given to a believer by Christ through the Holy Spirit, who thus equips and moves members of the church to serve the Body of Christ and His Kingdom.

Basic Concepts

- A. Christ gives gifts to believers through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:8; 1 Cor. 12:8-9,11).
- B. Spiritual gifts are given to each believer without exception (1 Cor. 12:7; 1 Peter 4:10).
- C. Spiritual gifts are gifts of God's grace (Eph. 4:7; Romans 12:6; 1 Peter 4:10).
- D. The Spirit gives many different gifts, providing for a rich diversity in the church (1 Cor. 12:8-12, 28; Ro.12:6).
- E. Spiritual gifts are meant to be employed for the benefit of others (1 Cor. 12:7, 25; Ro. 12:6; Eph. 4:11-12).
- F. The gifted members of the church are parts of the Body of Christ and therefore individual members of one another (1 Cor. 12:13-14, 27).
- G. Gifts must always be used in love (1 Cor. 13).

How do I discover my spiritual gift(s)?

- A. Understand the gifts.
- B. Accept that you are gifted.
- C. Seek confirmation from other Christians.
- D. Take a spiritual gift test (we will provide this opportunity).
- E. Use your gift(s).

Where can I serve at First Free Will Baptist Church?

- A. Take a relational awareness test (we will provide this opportunity).
- B. Pray over the Opportunity for Service brochure.
- C. Fill out the Opportunity for Service registration form.
- D. Turn the form in to the Pastor at the close of the class.

You are now ready to take your place at First Free Will Baptist Church! May God bless you as you serve Him along side the rest of the First Free Will Baptist Church family!

Gifted To Serve!

Finding out what my spiritual gifts are! I Corinthians 12; Romans 12:6-8

7 Truths about my Spiritual Gift(s)

1. I have at least one. (I Corinthians 12:18)
2. God gave me my spiritual gift(s).
3. I am gifted to serve Christ through His church.
4. My spiritual gift is not the same as the fruit of the Spirit. (Gal. 5:22-23)
5. My spiritual gift is not more important than someone else's.
6. I am commanded not to neglect my gift. (I Timothy 4:14)
7. My gift is best used in connection with others.

God wants every believer and every local church to be a replica of Jesus Christ. In order to accomplish His purpose God has designed a plan. That plan is to provide spiritual gifts for the edifying of the body of Christ. (Eph. 4:12)

What is a Spiritual Gift?

A spiritual gift is "a divine ability given by grace through the Holy Spirit to make each believer and the church more like Christ." Talents are also given by God but are usually derived from parents. Thus, their source is genetic. A talent performs; a gift ministers.

In Romans, 1 Corinthians, Ephesians, and 1 Peter there are at least 19 distinctive gifts listed. These 19 spiritual gifts may be divided into three categories:

1. **Serving Gifts:**
(helps, leadership, giving, mercy, hospitality, faith and discernment)
2. **Speaking Gifts:**
(knowledge, wisdom, prophecy, exhortation, pastor, teacher, apostleship, and evangelism.)
3. **Sign Gifts:**
(miracles, healing, tongues, and interpretation)

NOTICE:

1. **The Gift of Helps.** (ministry or service) I Corinthians 12:28 and Romans 12:7
"The God-given ability to help or serve joyfully.
2. **The Gift of Leadership.** (government or administration) 1 Cor.12:28 and Romans 12:8
"The God-given ability to plan, organize, and motivate with such efficiency that a project harmoniously completed to the glory of God." is
3. **The Gift of Giving.** Romans 12:8
"The God-given ability to give cheerfully, eagerly, and generously to the Lord's work with no motive but to further the Gospel."
4. **The Gift of Mercy** Romans 12:8
"The God-given ability to have compassion for all kinds of hurting people and to minister to them cheerfully."
5. **The Gift of Hospitality.** Romans 12:8; 1 Peter 4:9 "The God-given ability to entertain other believers in your home with a warm welcome, food, and fellowship."

6. **The Gift of Faith.** 1 Corinthians 12:9
“The God-given ability to discern with assurance the will and faithfulness of God in the future regardless of present circumstances.”
7. **The Gift of Discernment.** 1 Corinthians 12:10
“The God-given ability to discern between the things of God and the things of Satan.”
8. **The Gift of Knowledge.** 1 Corinthians 12:8
“The God-given ability to discover biblical truth, summarize, and explain it.”
9. **The Gift of Wisdom.** 1 Corinthians 12:8
“The God-given ability to apply spiritual truth and biblical knowledge to everyday life.”
10. **The Gift of Prophecy.** 1 Cor. 12:10; Eph. 4:11, and Ro. 12:6.
“The God-given ability to forth-tell the word of God.”
11. **The Gift of Exhortation.** Ro. 12:8; Hebrews 3:13
“The God-given ability to encourage believers in living the Christian life.”
12. **The Gift of Pastor.** Ephesians 4:11; 1 Peter 5:1-2
“The God-given gift to feed, equip, build-up, and oversee the body of Christ.”
13. **The Gift of Teacher.** Ro. 12:7; 1 Cor. 12:28-29, and Eph. 4:11
“The God-given ability to explain and apply the word of God so that the hearers may understand and grow spiritually.”
14. **The Gift of Apostleship.** 11 Cor. 12:12; 1 Cor. 9:1-2, and Acts. 14:14
“The God-given ability to share the Gospel, make disciples, and establish churches cross-culturally.”
15. **The Gift of Evangelism.** Acts 21:8; Eph. 4:11, and 2 Timothy 4:5
“The God-given ability to share the Gospel clearly and effectively so that people respond in faith.”
16. **The Gift of Miracles.** 1 Corinthians 12:10-12
“The God-given ability to alter the laws of nature”.
17. **The Gift of Healing.** 1 Corinthians 12:9, 12:28 & 30
“The God-given ability to cure illness and restore health.”
18. **The Gift of Tongues.**
The Gift of Interpretation. 1 Cor. 12-14, Acts 2, and Mark 16:17
The gift of tongues is defined as “the God given ability to speak an unlearned foreign language.”

The gift of interpretation is defined as “the God-given ability to interpret the message in the act of speaking of tongues.”