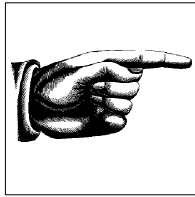
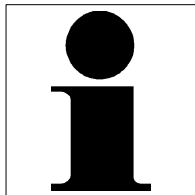


Spiritual Gifts Survey



PLEASE NOTE...

This survey is only intended to serve as a helpful guide in the discovery of your spiritual gifts. Ask God's Holy Spirit to reveal to you what gifts He has chosen for you (please see 1 Corinthians 12:11). Then begin to exercise your gifts for the building up of the church. May God bless you as you serve Him!



INSTRUCTIONS

Read each of the statements that follow, checking the level of participation that most nearly represents your own experience. Please note that you are not to check what you feel *should* be the right answer, or even what you would *like* it to be. Check only the response that is in keeping with your past and present experience.

This statement has been experienced in my life...		Almost Always	Much	Some	Little	Never
1	Proclaiming God's truth in a way that at times irritates the "establishment"	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
2	Enjoying the responsibility for the spiritual growth of a group of Christians	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
3	Enabling persons to learn Biblical truths in detail	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
4	Applying truth effectively in my own life	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
5	Having ability to discover new truths for myself	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
6	Verbally encouraging the wavering, troubled, or discouraged	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
7	Clearly perceiving the difference between truth and error	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
8	Managing money well in order to give liberally to the Lord's work	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
9	Assisting key leaders to relieve them for their essential duties	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
10	Working joyfully with persons ignored by the majority	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
11	Adapting easily in a culture different from mine	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
12	Leading others to a decision for salvation through faith in Christ	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]

This statement has been experienced in my life...		Almost Always	Much	Some	Little	Never
13	Providing food and lodging graciously to those in need	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
14	Believing God will keep His promises in spite of circumstantial evidence	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
15	Persuading others to move toward achieving Biblical objectives	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
16	Easily delegating important responsibility to others	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
17	Through prayer in the Name of the Lord, miraculously changing circumstances	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
18	Through prayer in the Name of the Lord, curing diseases	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
19	Having spoken in tongues	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
20	Interpreting messages given in tongues	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
21	Feeling a sense of authority when I relate to other Christians	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
22	Being single, and enjoying it	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
23	When praying for others, I often lose track of the time	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
24	Physical danger is insignificant to me	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
25	I enjoy being called upon to do special jobs around the church	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
26	Material comfort is not important to me	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
27	While I do not take evil spirits lightly, neither do I fear them	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
28	People compliment me on my musical abilities	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
29	I can express my feelings much better when I write it down	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
30	People often compliment me on my handiwork	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]

This statement has been experienced in my life...		Almost Always	Much	Some	Little	Never
31	Through God, revealing what will happen in the future	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
32	Sacrificially giving myself for young or straying Christians	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
33	Explaining clearly New Testament teaching to others	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
34	I enjoy working out solutions to complicated problems	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
35	Having insights of truth which bring conviction to other Christians	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
36	Being an instrument for dislodging the complacent and redirecting the wayward to face spiritual reality	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
37	Judging well between what is poor and what is good (or evil and good)	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
38	Giving things or money liberally to the Lord's work	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
39	Ushering or cleaning up at a church-related facility	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
40	Aiding the undeserving	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
41	Learning well another language in order to minister to a different people	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
42	Sharing joyfully how Christ has brought me to Himself	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
43	Providing a gracious haven for guests	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
44	Generally being more excited about the future than the past	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
45	Knowing where I'm going and seeing other Christians follow me	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
46	Able to organize ideas, people, things and time for more effective ministry	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
47	In the Name of the Lord, casting out demons	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]

This statement has been experienced in my life...		Almost Always	Much	Some	Little	Never
48	Through prayer in the Name of the Lord, healing the emotionally disturbed	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
49	Having tongues spoken by myself interpreted by another in public	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
50	Interpreting tongues spoken by another	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
51	Proclaiming the Good News on new ground and seeing new groups of Christians being formed	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
52	Feeling indifferent toward ever getting married	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
53	Taking prayer requests more seriously than other Christians seem to take them	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
54	Suffering physical persecution for my faith is not a major concern	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
55	I enjoy routine work at church that would bore others	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
56	The things I purchase for myself are very few	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
57	I have communicated with demons in order to cast them out	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
58	I enjoy participating in the worship of God through music	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
59	I regularly write down thoughts and ideas that God has given to me	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
60	I find nothing more relaxing than to be making something with my own hands	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
61	Communicating to others timely and urgent messages which I feel come directly from God	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
62	Knowing intimately and being well known by those I serve and guide	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
63	Making difficult Biblical truths understandable to others	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
64	Choosing from several Biblical alternatives an option which usually works	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]

This statement has been experienced in my life...		Almost Always	Much	Some	Little	Never
65	Acquiring and mastering new facts and principles of Bible truth	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
66	Verbally challenging those who seem spiritually apathetic	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
67	Tending to look beneath the surface and question people's motives	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
68	Feeling deeply moved when confronted with urgent financial needs in God's work	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
69	Typing, filing, or recording figures or minutes for the Lord's work	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
70	Visiting in hospitals or retirement homes and being blessed	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
71	Being able to relate well to Christians of a different race, language or culture	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
72	Explaining clearly the meaning that Jesus is the Savior	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
73	Having a knack of making strangers feel at home	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
74	Trusting in the presence and power of God for the impossible	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
75	Influencing others toward accomplishing Biblical goals	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
76	I am able to set goals and make effective plans to reach them	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
77	Many times God has intervened to do impossible things in my life	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
78	In the Name of the Lord, treating successfully those who are spiritually sick	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
79	Feeling attracted to groups where Christians occasionally speak in tongues	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
80	Praying that I may interpret if someone begins speaking in tongues	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]

This statement has been experienced in my life...		Almost Always	Much	Some	Little	Never
81	Other Christians seem willing to do what I say without asking many questions	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
82	I'm glad I have more time to serve the Lord because I am single	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
83	Prayer is one of my favorite spiritual exercises	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
84	Dying for my faith seems like a desirable way to go	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
85	Feeling satisfaction in doing menial tasks for God's glory	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
86	I contribute much more than 10% to the Lord's work	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
87	I seem to come in contact with many people who are possessed, obsessed, or oppressed by demons	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
88	The needs of believers seem to be met through my singing or playing	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
89	Writing stories has always been a joy to me	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
90	Arts and crafts is something I really enjoy doing	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
91	Speaking out boldly concerning what I feel God thinks is wrong with the present system	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
92	Helping needy Christians by guiding them to relevant portions of the Bible and praying with them	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
93	Communicating Biblical truths to others which produce changes in knowledge, attitudes, values or conduct	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
94	My nominating others for positions prove to be good selections	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
95	I study and read a great deal to learn Biblical truths	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
96	I am able to counsel effectively the perplexed, guilty, or addicted	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
97	Accurately recognizing what spiritual gift another Christian has or doesn't have	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]

This statement has been experienced in my life...		Almost Always	Much	Some	Little	Never
98	Able to earn much money for giving to the Lord's work	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
99	Distributing Gospel literature or papers in my community	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
100	Taking shut-ins out for a drive, or assisting them in other practical ways	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
101	Enjoying life in a foreign country	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
102	Speaking a message which is primarily the Good News of salvation	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
103	Having a genuine graciousness and appreciation of each guest	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
104	Feeling sure I know God's specific will for the future growth of His work even when others are not so sure	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
105	Steering others through difficulties in the Lord's work	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
106	Able to lead a group in making decisions together	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
107	Being an instrument for God's supernatural change in lives and events	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
108	Praying for others that healing occurs	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
109	Recognizing that if I give a public message in tongues, that it must be interpreted	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
110	Interpreting tongues in a way that seems to bless others	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
111	Being sent out by a church to start new churches	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
112	Sexual fulfillment has generally been low on my priority list	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
113	God consistently answers my prayers in a tangible way	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
114	Hoping at times for the privilege of dying for my faith	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
115	Willing to take orders rather than give them	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]

This statement has been experienced in my life...		Almost Always	Much	Some	Little	Never
116	I am concerned with how some Christians seem to waste their money	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
117	Actively waging war against Satan has become very real to me	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
118	I am participating in a music ministry in my church	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
119	I like to share my discoveries with others	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
120	People sometimes ask me to make things for them	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
121	Giving messages of warning or judgment where people refuse to repent	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
122	Able to restore persons who have wandered away from their Christian community	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
123	Training Christians to be more obedient disciples of Christ	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
124	Feeling an unusual presence of God when important decisions need to be made	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
125	Able to distinguish key and important facts of Scripture	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
126	Comforting a Christian in his affliction or suffering	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
127	Can see through a phony before his phoniness is clearly evident	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
128	Willing to maintain a lower standard of living in order to benefit God's work	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
129	Happy to be a teacher's aide in a Bible class	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
130	Talking cheerfully with those in prison, or the lonely shut-in person	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
131	Having ability to learn foreign languages easily	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
132	Continually seeking out unbelievers in order to win them	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
133	Enjoying strangers in my home	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
134	Trusting in the reliability of God when all looks dim	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]

This statement has been experienced in my life...		Almost Always	Much	Some	Little	Never
135	Others follow me because I have some expert knowledge which contributes to the building up of my church	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
136	Able to recruit Christians and put them to work exercising their spiritual gifts	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
137	Through prayer in the Name of the Lord, able to recover sight for the blind	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
138	Helping effectively those who are feeble-minded	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
139	Believing that when I speak in tongues it is helping my friends	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
140	Desiring an audience when I interpret tongues	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
141	Receiving a commission from Christians to exercise God-given authority among believers and unbelievers	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
142	Seldom have felt strong attractions to those of the opposite sex	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
143	Sometimes praying when I probably should be doing other things	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
144	Identifying with persecuted Christians who will not recant to avoid imprisonment or death	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
145	Enjoying it when others express a need for my help	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
146	I am willing to have second-hand items so that I may use my resources to serve God more effectively	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
147	I have exercised authority to cast out demons and evil spirits	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
148	I enjoy singing or playing before others	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
149	I often sense that God is leading me in my writing	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]
150	Hardly a week passes that I'm not working on some project or craft	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]	[0]

VALUE OF ANSWERS

TOTAL

GIFT

1	31	61	91	121		Prophecy
2	32	62	92	122		Pastoring
3	33	63	93	123		Teaching
4	34	64	94	124		Wisdom
5	35	65	95	125		Knowledge
6	36	66	96	126		Exhortation
7	37	67	97	127		Discernment
8	38	68	98	128		Giving
9	39	69	99	129		Helps
10	40	70	100	130		Mercy
11	41	71	101	131		Missionary
12	42	72	102	132		Evangelizing
13	43	73	103	133		Hospitality
14	44	74	104	134		Faith
15	45	75	105	135		Leadership
16	46	76	106	136		Administration
17	47	77	107	137		Miracles
18	48	78	108	138		Healing
19	49	79	109	139		Speaking in Tongues
20	50	80	110	140		Interpretation of Tongues
21	51	81	111	141		Apostleship
22	52	82	112	142		Celibacy
23	53	83	113	143		Intercession
24	54	84	114	144		Martyrdom
25	55	85	115	145		Serving
26	56	86	116	146		Voluntary Poverty
27	57	87	117	147		Exorcism
28	58	88	118	148		Music
29	59	89	119	149		Writing
30	60	90	120	150		Craftsmanship



WHAT HAVE YOU DISCOVERED?

List here the three gifts which scored highest (remember that this survey is only a helpful tool, not a substitute for the leading and direction of the Holy Spirit):

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____



HOW CAN I KNOW MY SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

What do you enjoy doing?

God never intended spiritual gifts to be used under compulsion or a sense of duty. Some have the mistaken notion that God's plan for us must be distasteful, and if it is something we enjoy it certainly cannot be used by God. Nonsense! God wants us to be happy in serving Him. What do you enjoy doing?

How have others encouraged you?

Christian friends, parents, teachers and pastors can all be helpful in affirming your spiritual gifts. Ask their opinion.

What has the Holy Spirit told you?

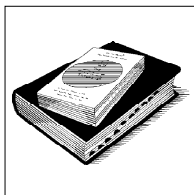
The Holy Spirit *wants* us to know what our spiritual gifts are, and how to use them. Ask Him to help you discover and develop the spiritual gifts that He has given to you (see Matthew 7:7-11).

What are your motives?

Each spiritual gift prompts its possessor to view others from a different perspective. By asking yourself why you really want to help others, you can narrow your choices in identifying your gift.

Are you prepared to give the process adequate time?

Not everyone can identify his or her spiritual gift right away. Sometimes it takes more time to discern which one it really is. Often, the choice will be narrowed down to two possibilities. At this point, it is wise to select one and begin to concentrate on it. In due time, you will know whether it is your gift by the joy and fruitfulness you will receive from exercising it.



DEFINITIONS OF THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This material was taken from an excellent book on the gifts of the Spirit, The Holy Spirit in the Latter Days, by Harold Lindsell.

Prophecy

A gift given to limited number of God's people, prophecy consists in the special ability to receive and to communicate an immediate message of God to His people through a divinely anointed utterance. This gift includes foretelling and forthtelling. Foretelling has to do with uttering prophecies of what will happen in the future, while forthtelling involves understanding and being able to proclaim the Word of God knowledgeably through preaching. Today there can be no new revelation that can be regarded as an addition to the Bible. But God can make known, through the prophetic gift, what is His will, or what He is about to do.

Pastoring

The recipient is able to assume a long-term personal responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a small or large group of believers.

Teaching

God enables the teacher to communicate information related to the health and ministry of the body and its members in such a manner that others will learn.

Wisdom

This is the gift of knowing the mind of the spirit in such a way as to have insight as to how given knowledge may best be applied to specific needs arising in the body of Christ. Deacons, for example, are required to have the gift of wisdom in dealing with the material needs and everyday matters of a local church.

Knowledge

The ability to uncover, accumulate, analyze, and clarify ideas and information are important and necessary to the growth and well-being of the body of Christ.

Exhortation

This gift equips one to minister words of comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counsel to those who feel the need to be helped and healed. It also includes the ability to bring people to a point of decision for salvation.

Discernment

By this gift, the recipient is able to know with assurance whether certain behavior or events, purported to be of God, are in reality divine, or only human, or satanic.

Giving

A person with the gift of giving is enabled to contribute beyond the tithe material resources to the work of God with liberality and cheerfulness.

Helps

The recipient of this gift is able to invest his talents in the life and ministry of other members of the body in order to enable them to increase the effectiveness of their own spiritual gifts.

Mercy

The ability to feel genuine empathy and compassion for believers and unbelievers who suffer distressing physical, mental, or emotional problems comes with the gift of mercy. This gift allows its recipient to translate that compassion into cheerfully executed works or deeds that reflect the love of Jesus Christ and alleviate suffering.

Missionary

This gift enables one to minister to those of another culture using whatever spiritual gifts he or she may have.

Evangelizing

This constitutes the ability of sharing the Good News in such a way that large numbers of men and women become disciple of Jesus Christ and responsible members of a church. All believers are to do the work of evangelism, but the gift of an evangelist produces an enlarged harvest.

Hospitality

The recipient of this gift is able to provide an open house, warm welcome, and happy fellowship for those in need of food and lodging.

Faith

The gift of faith equips a believer to discern, with extraordinary confidence, what the will of God is, and to know that God will do what is asked of Him. The GRACE of faith, given to all believers, means they can have faith to receive whatever is specifically promised to all by God. The GIFT of faith rests on no explicit promise of God but on the Spirit's revelation that what is desired is indeed the will of God and, thus, is guaranteed to come to pass.

Leadership

This is the ability to communicate goals to others in such a way that they will voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish those goals for the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom.

Administration

This gift enables the recipient to understand clearly the immediate and long range goals of a particular unit of the body of Christ and to devise and execute plans for the effective accomplishment of those goals.

Miracles

A special ability is given to some to be intermediaries through whom it pleases God to perform powerful acts that are perceived by observers to have altered the ordinary course of nature.

Healing

This is the special ability given to someone who serves as a human intermediary, through whom it pleases God to cure illness and restore health, apart from the use of natural means.

Speaking in Tongues

This is the gift whereby the recipient speaks to God in a language he has never known or learned, and/or the reception and communication of an immediate message from God to His people through a divinely given utterance.

Interpretation of Tongues

The special ability given to some to make known to others, in the common vernacular, the content of a message given by one who speaks in tongues.

Apostleship

This is the ability to assume and exercise general leadership over a number of churches, with an extraordinary authority in spiritual matters. This gift is spontaneously recognized and appreciated by those churches. In the early church, both the gifts of prophecy and apostleship were seen as being incorporated into the office of bishop.

Celibacy

This gift enables one to remain single without suffering undue sexual temptations and is accompanied by conscientious devotion to the Lord.

Intercession

An intercessor is enabled to pray for extended periods of time on a regular basis, and to see frequent and specific answers to prayer, to a degree much greater than that which is common to the average believer.

Martyrdom

The recipient of this gift is enabled to undergo suffering for the faith, even unto death, while consistently displaying a joyous and victorious attitude that brings great glory to God.

Serving

This gift involves a special ability to recognize unmet needs and to make use of available resources to meet those needs and to help accomplish desired goals within the church.

Voluntary Poverty

This gift enables the recipient to renounce material comfort and luxury and to adopt a personal lifestyle comparable to those living at the poverty level in a given society, doing this in order to serve God more effectively.

Exorcism

This constitutes the ability to cast out demons and evil spirits.

Music

A musician may be specially gifted to enhance the worship of God and to meet the needs of believers through the use of singing and instrumental music.

Writing

Through this gift, the recipient can make known to believers and unbelievers, through the written word, the excellencies of the mind of God.

Craftsmanship

This is the gift whereby the recipient can make objects of lasting beauty in the form of art, painting, and sculpture, for the glory of God.



CONCLUSION

So far as the church is concerned, it is the function of the Holy Spirit to equip the people of God for ministry. This equipping of the people of God is one of the vital elements that made up the Pentecost event. Since then, the Holy Spirit has been at work to endow and endue the people of God for the ongoing life of the church and its ministry. In doing this work, the Holy Spirit gives both gifts and power to the people of God for service in the church, which is the body of Christ. Every believer should understand that the Holy Spirit has some spiritual gift for him or for her. And these gifts are made usable by the Spirit's power. Thus, the baptism of the Spirit or the infilling of the Spirit is not, and should not, be thought of primarily as an experience. Nor is it something given for the personal benefit of any individual. It has to do with the glory of God and the ongoing life of the church.

-- Harold Lindsell