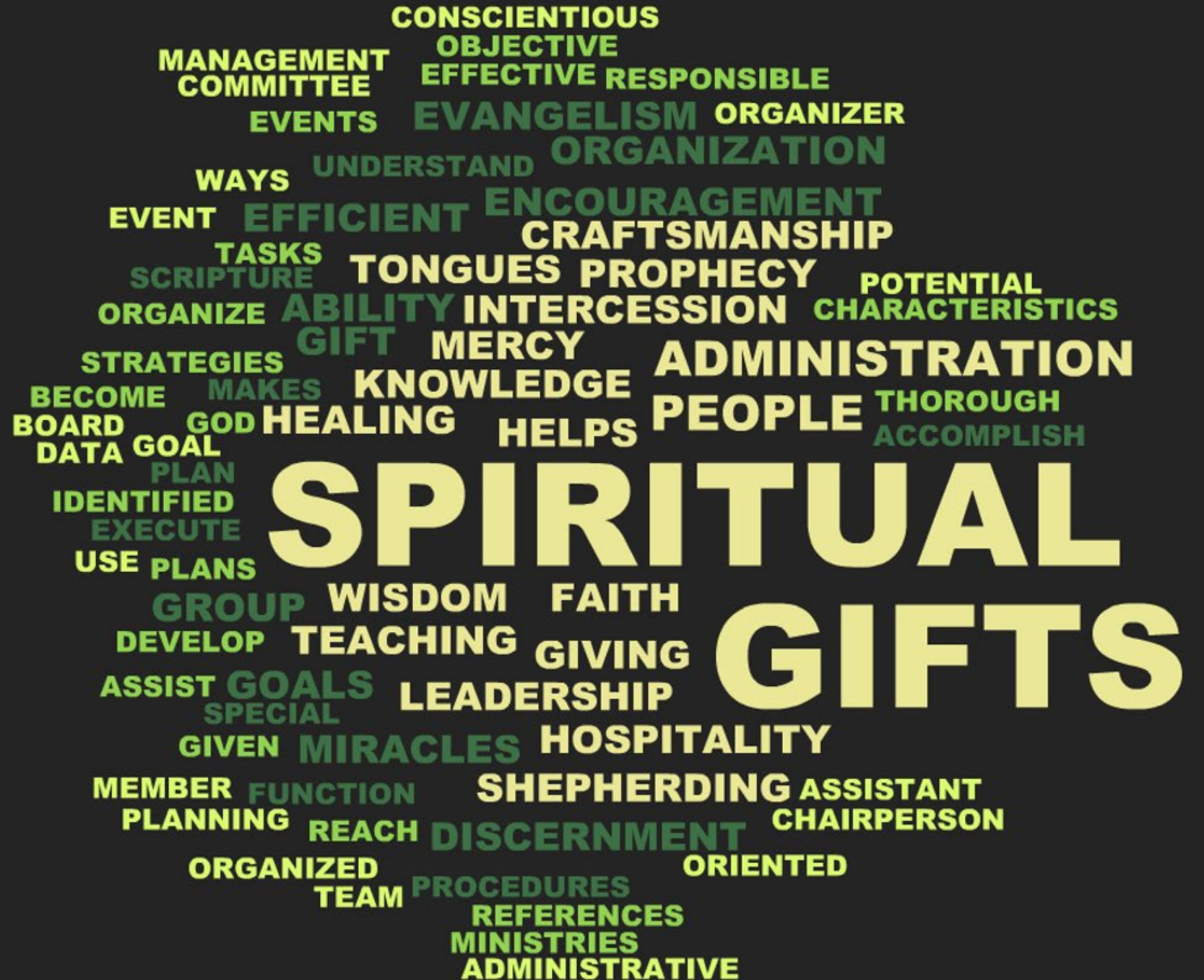


# Ministering Through Spiritual Gifts

## Overview of Spiritual Gifts



# What Is a Spiritual Gift?

- Gift - χάρισμα - Charisma = a gift of grace (charis)
  - Grace – charis – χάρις = bestowing pleasure or favor; God’s spontaneous, free favor
- Spiritual = originate from God / Holy Spirit
- Unique to Christians – as opposed to talents and physical abilities that focus on techniques and methods, possessed even by non-believers



# Why Spiritual Gifts and Why a Variety?

- Romans 12:3-8

- To enable the “body” to function in a **coordinated** way
- To provide a place for every member of the “body” **serve usefully**

- Ephesians 4:10-13

- For equipping the saints
- For the work of ministry
- For building up the body of Christ

- I Corinthians 12:4-12; 18-27

- For the **common good**
- Empowered and chosen by God.
- To expel disharmony and **promote unity** of the body



MANY GIFTS, **ONE SPIRIT**

# Three Categories of Spiritual Gifts

- Motivational Gifts – Romans 12:6-8
  - Provide the **motivational** force for actions that **benefit others**
  - A God given “spiritual motivation” for serving the body of Christ to the glory of God. (I Peter 4:10-11)
- Ministry Gifts – Ephesians 4:10-11
  - Ministry positions used for **equipping the saints** for works of service and **building up the body** of Christ
- Manifestation Gifts – I Corinthians 12:7-10
  - *phaerosis* – exhibition, expression, manifestation
  - **Supernatural manifestations** of the Holy Spirit at work through a believer

# The Gifts by Category

## Motivational Gifts

Rom. 12:6-8

Prophecy/Speaking Truth  
Service/Serving  
Teaching  
Exhorting/Encouraging  
Contributing/Giving  
Leading/Organization  
Mercy/Compassion

## Ministry Gifts

Eph. 4:10-11

Apostles  
Prophets  
Evangelists/Missionaries  
Shepherds/  
Teachers

## Manifestation Gifts

1 Corth. 12:7-10

Word of Wisdom  
Word of Knowledge  
Faith (Supernatural)  
Healings  
Miracles  
Prophecy/Foretelling  
Discerning of Spirits  
Tongues/Languages  
Interpretation of Tongues

# Other Combined/Abbreviated Lists of Spiritual Gifts

## ● 1 Corinthians 12:28-30

| <b>Motivational Gifts</b>          | <b>Ministry Gifts</b>            | <b>Manifestation Gifts</b>                        |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Helping (serving)<br>Administering | Apostles<br>Prophets<br>Teachers | Miracles<br>Healings<br>Tongues<br>Interpretation |

## ● 1 Peter 4:10-11

| <b>Motivational Gifts</b>    | <b>Ministry Gifts</b> | <b>Manifestation Gifts</b> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Serving<br>Speaking/Teaching |                       |                            |

# What Are The most Important Gifts?



- I Corinthians 12:31 - Desire the higher gifts
- What is their purpose?
  - Serving the **body** of Christ (I Peter 4:10)
  - For **equipping the saints** for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4:12)
  - For **building up** the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12)
  - For the **common good** (I Corinthians 12:7)
- I Corinthians 14:1-12 – Strive to excel in building up the church
  - Prophecy here is not for-telling the future but forth-telling God's truth's
  - Can all gifts in Romans 12 be used for **building up** the body of Christ?

**Building Up**  
the body of Christ



# Are Christians Meant To Have Miraculous Manifestation Gifts Today?



Next Week - God's Special Gift to You

Motivational Spiritual Gifts Inventory Survey