

## **DEFINITION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

### **PROPHET / PERCEIVER**

The God-given ability to communicate God's message in relation to the truth already revealed (Jude 3). It is not necessarily or even primarily a prediction. Rather, it is done for the purposes of encouraging, strengthening and comforting (1 Corinthians 14:3). These have the ability to perceive the spiritual and meet those needs through Scripture.

### **SERVER**

A server has the God-given ability to recognize a need and administer assistance to others. In relation to other believers, this releases them to utilize their God-given gifts. (Acts 6:1-6; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Romans 12:7)

### **TEACHER**

The God-given ability to study, research, explain, and communicate truth. (Paul and Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:2)

### **EXHORTER / ENCOURAGER**

The God-given ability to draw near to individuals in time of need; encouraging and counseling them accurately with the Word of God; and persuading them to take courage in the face of something they must do or assuring them to take comfort because of something that has occurred. (Barnabas in Acts 4:36-37; Acts 9:26-27; Acts 11:19-26 and Acts 15:36-41)

### **GIVER**

The God-given ability to give freely of what God has entrusted to them. This includes giving time, material goods, and financial resources with joy and eagerness and without any "ulterior motives" that would benefit the giver. (David in 1 Chronicles 29:1-19)

### **LEADER / ADMINISTRATOR**

The God-given ability to lead others in meaningful endeavors which demonstrates personal care and concern in order to meet the needs of others and encourage their growth. (1 Timothy 3:4-5; 12)

### **MERCY / COMPASSION**

The God-given ability to have immediate compassion for those who are suffering combined with great joy in meeting their needs. (Luke 10:30-37)