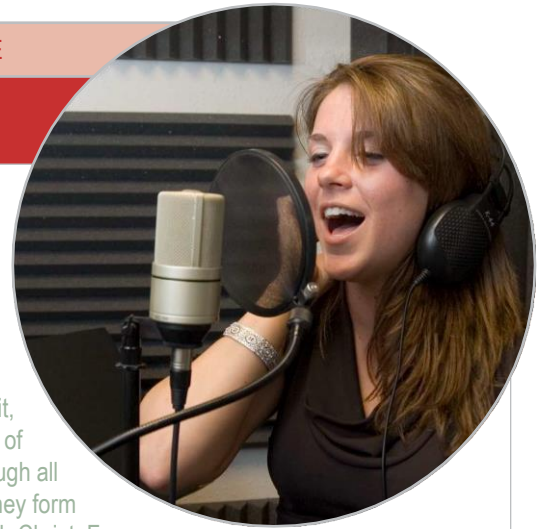


## LESSON 2 • Talent/Gifts

## TalenT/GifTs

**I Corinthians 12:1-20**

Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

**1 Key Concepts**

- Talents/Gifts
- Teach the children that each one of them has been given a spiritual gift by God.
- Teach the children that our spiritual gifts are given to us by God to benefit others.

**2 Teacher Preparation**

- Have the children get their bibles out and turn to **I Corinthians 12:1-20**.
- Have the vocabulary words written on the board.
- Give the children paper and pencil.
- Have the children write one paragraph on their Spiritual Gift.

**3 Lesson**

- Read **I Corinthians 12:1-20**.
- Look at the list of spiritual gifts that are written on the board.
  - Can you see any gifts that you might have?
  - Write down what you think your gifts are.
  - The vocabulary list may be expanded to fit the children's gifts.

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## Lesson (continued)

- After reading the bible passage, what have you learned about your spiritual gift?
  - Would you like to change your gift to something else?
- Why do you think God gave you the gifts that he did?
- How does God want us to use our gifts?
- God has intended for us to use our gifts wisely so that His name is glorified and His people served.
  - God desires that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.
  - We are privileged to use our gifts so that others will hear about Jesus and His love.
- We all have ideas of what we want to be when we get older.
  - How will God use your spiritual gifts in our jobs?
  - How does God use us now to benefit His church?
- How should we be using our spiritual gifts now?

## 4 Conclusion

Each one of us has a place in God's plan for His church. God has given us each gifts to use wisely. We are to use the gifts He gives us. God intends us to use them to His glory.

## 5 Echo Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all of the spiritual gifts you have given to each one of us. Help us to work together, using our gifts, to tell others about you.

Amen

## 6 Resources

- Bible
- Webster's New World Dictionary
- [www.twopaths.com](http://www.twopaths.com)  
Go to word search and scroll down to find some word searches on gifts.

## 7 Vocabulary

**Spiritual Gifts:** Gifts that God has given us

**Prophecy:** to predict

**Service:** to aid, to help

**Teaching:** to provide with knowledge, to instruct

**Exhorting:** to urge, to advise strongly

**Sharing:** to receive, give a portion

**Leading:** guiding

**Mercy:** to forgive or be kind

**Love:** strong affection for or liking for someone or something

**Enthusiasm:** eager interest, zeal

**Hope:** a feeling that what is wanted will happen

**Prayer:** a humble request, as to God

**Hospitality:** friendly toward guests

## 8 Activity

Write down what you think your Spiritual Gift is. Then write one paragraph on how you can use that gift in your future to help God's church grow.