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# “Getting to Grips with the Gifts”

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Understanding and discovering your spiritual gifts and how to use them

## The Purpose of this Course:

1. To help you to understand spiritual gifts and their use.
2. To understand and clarify your own gifting and how you are “S.H.A.P.E.D.” for service.
3. To explore and identify areas of practical ministry application of your gifting.
4. To set goals for developing and growing your ministry fruitfulness.

List all the “gifts” you have heard of/read about in the Bible:

## Content of sessions

1. Introduction the purpose of this course.  
Understanding the Gifts – an overview.  
Introducing the Motivational -, Ministry- & Manifestation gifts.  
Homework: Complete the Motivational Gifts test.
2. Understanding how the Motivational, Ministry & Manifestation gifts function together.  
Understanding the Motivational gifts
3. Understanding the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (The Manifestation Gifts)  
Understanding the 5 fold Ministry Gifts  
Homework: Complete your “S.H.A.P.E.D” profile.
4. Understanding how you are “S.H.A.P.E.D” for Ministry  
How to keep the gifts “stirred up.”



**1.1. YOU WERE CREATED TO BE FRUITFUL: Fight for your fruitfulness!**

- Old Testament: **Gen 1:28** *“Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth...”*
  
- New Testament: **John 15:8** *“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”*
  
- Eph 2:10** *“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

**1.2. EVERYONE HAS SPIRITUAL GIFTS, and everyone’s gifts are not the same.**

- Rom 12:5-6** *“So we being many are one body in Christ and everyone members one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that was given us, let us use them.”*

- The Gifts are not restricted to gender, age, nationality, academic ability, etc.

**1.3. USING YOUR GIFT RELEASES YOU INTO THE “JOY OF YOUR LORD.”**

- Matt 25:23** *His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’*

**1.4. GIFTS ARE NOT GIVEN TO FUNCTION IN ISOLATION, but as a member of the body to build the church.**

- Rom 12:5** *So we being many are one body in Christ and everyone members one another.*
- Eph 4:16** *From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*

**1.5. GOD HAS GIVEN US GIFTS “AS HE PLEASES,” so using the gifts we have is pleasing to Him.**

- 1 Cor 12:18** *But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.*
- 1 Cor 12:11** *All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.*

**1.6. YOU MUST MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE TO BE USED BY GOD**

- 1 Pet 2: 4-8** *Welcome to the living Stone, the source of life. The workmen took one look and threw it out; God set it in the place of honour. Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you'll serve as holy priests offering Christ-approved lives up to God.  
(The Message Translation)*
- “Here I am, Lord”** – Find 3 people in the Bible who said this when God called them:

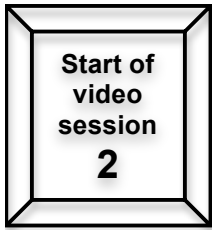
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**1.7. GIFTS CASE STUDIES**

- Jeremiah’s design. Jer 1:4-9
- The Apostle Paul’s first priorities. Acts 9:1-9
- The result of the gifts functioning in the early church.

**Acts 6: 1-7** ...*“And the Word of God spread, and the number of disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem (London)!”*

Consider your answer to this question: In the past month in my Christian walk, I felt most fulfilled when I was doing.....
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**1.8. WE SEE 3 DISTINCT CATEGORIES OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS (There may also be other ways of understanding this)**

*"Now concerning spiritual matters brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant/uninformed... there are varieties of gifts... there are varieties of service and there are varieties of workings."* 1 Cor 12:1-6

<p><b>1. MOTIVATIONS</b>  <b>1 Cor 12:4</b>  <i>... there are varieties of <u>gifts</u></i></p> <p><b>Greek:</b>  <b>"Charismation"</b></p>	<p><b>2. MINISTRIES</b>  <b>1 Cor 12:5</b>  <i>... there are varieties of <u>service</u></i></p> <p><b>Greek:</b>  <b>"Diakonion"</b></p>	<p><b>3. MANIFESTATIONS</b>  <b>1 Cor 12:6,7</b>  <i>... there are varieties of <u>workings</u> ...to each one the <u>manifestation</u> is given...</i></p> <p><b>Greek: "Enegeia Phanerosis"</b></p>
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**Described in Rom 12:3-9**  
 The inward motivations of a Christian. These are the basic gift motivations / inward drives that every born-again Christian has operating in their heart. Every Christian has at least one or more of these operating in their lives.

**Described in Eph 4:11**  
 First, there are the 5 "Ministry Gifts" described which are appointed by God to "equip the saints for ministry"  
**Then in Eph 4: 12 & 16**  
 These are opportunities/ needs of Christian service (the "work of the ministry") for the "saints" to do.

**Described in 1 Cor 12:7-11**  
 This is the empowering of the Holy Spirit and the actual result in the lives of those to whom we minister as determined by the Holy Spirit. These are given by the Holy Spirit "for the profit of all...to each one as He wills"

In the spaces below, list all the gifts you can find referred to in the Scriptures as referenced:

<b>Romans 12: 3-9</b>	<b>Ephesians 4:11</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 12:7-11</b>
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**Then list all the gifts mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:28-31**

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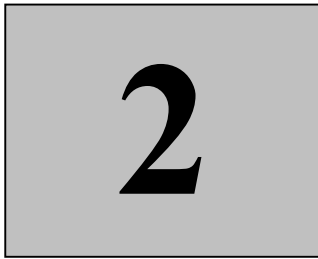
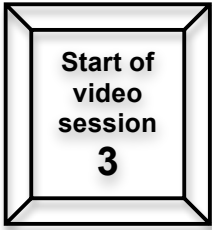
**Any additional references to other gifts you know of in the Bible:**

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When we exercise our MOTIVATION (Romans 12) through our MINISTRY (1 Cor 12:27-31; Eph 4) the Holy Spirit determines what MANIFESTATIONS (1 Cor 12:7-22) will benefit the receiver the most (1 Cor 12:7).

**HOMEWORK: Complete the "Motivational Gifts Evaluation" test on next page.**



# THE MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS TEST

## MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS EVALUATION ANSWER SHEET

Name: ..... Date: .....

Using the Motivational Gifts Questionnaire over the two next pages, fill in your answers in the grid below using the following values:

- 0 = “not at all”    1 = “a little”    2 = “considerably”    3 = “very strongly”

**Please note:**

- There are no right or wrong answers.
- Simply read each question and immediately give your gut response / first impression to the question.
- The questionnaire is only for your own benefit so be as truthful as possible.

Put the value of your answer in each corresponding numbered box below

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<b>A</b>	1	8	15	22	29	36	43	50	57	64	
<b>B</b>	2	9	16	23	30	37	44	51	58	65	
<b>C</b>	3	10	17	24	31	38	45	52	59	66	
<b>D</b>	4	11	18	25	32	39	46	53	60	67	
<b>E</b>	5	12	19	26	33	40	47	54	61	68	
<b>F</b>	6	13	20	27	34	41	48	55	62	69	
<b>G</b>	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	

**Please note:**

- The Key will be given by the lecturer on completion.
- Please note that this is only an indication – it is not intended to be a thorough analysis.
- We will use the results as part of the “S.H.A.P.E.D.” exercise.

## MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS EVALUATION TEST - Part 1 -

Answer the following questions on the previous page:

1. People often say I have good spiritual discernment.
2. I find great fulfilment in studying the Bible to answer issues and questions.
3. I find that people often approach me for help or advice on their emotional or personal problems.
4. I enjoy motivating others to various tasks and works of service.
5. I enjoy doing things that must be done, no matter how small or trivial the task.
6. I would rather give money to help than perform manual task.
7. I enjoy visiting of helping those who are sick, disable or in hospital.
8. I often sense the direction in which the Body of Christ should go.
9. People have often remarked that I have an ability to explain difficult Bible questions, giving them biblical reason for what I believe.
10. I find great joy in encouraging people with problems because afterwards they inevitably find peace and an ability to trust the Lord.
11. I find that I enjoy setting goals and objectives and budgets for projects for myself and others to complete.
12. I normally feel little inconvenience when asked to do a particular task that is particular in nature. (i.e. I enjoy ding a task that is practical).
13. When I hear of someone in need, I immediately think of sending money.
14. I find it easy to be compassionate, and desire to bring some comfort or joy to those who are suffering.
15. I will always speak up for truth and principle, even when it means not being popular.
16. People seem to appreciate the way I explain things from the Bible.
17. I prefer to hear others share their personal problems rather than being able to share my own.
18. I find that I prefer to show someone how to do a task than do it myself.
19. I usually like to be actively involved in practical tasks which need to be done, rather simply planning or discussing them.
20. I find myself looking for opportunities to give money without needing to hear appeals.
21. I find it easy to speak to those who have pain and suffering. I think of ways t try and help them.
22. I am often able to distinguish between right and wrong in complex spiritual matters that others my not be able to see.
23. I usually like spending time on a biblical thought, analysing and organizing it in a systematic way.
24. When in group, I tend to recognize and approach those who are sitting or standing alone.
25. I often find myself taking the initiative in organizing groups of people to achieve a goal by planning and organizing what must be done.
26. I get satisfaction out of practical service without wanting a "job description".
27. I see the giving of money as a tremendously spiritual ministry and one that God has given to me.
28. hospital, prison and home visitation to those who are suffering physically is a ministry I would enjoy.
29. I feel a need to speak messages from the Bible or God so that people will now what God expects from them.
30. I enjoy researching and then sharing or teaching a particular subject.
31. I enjoy being with people who are encouraged , because I am often able to encourage them.
32. I am very organised and self-disciplined personally in my habits, and in making goals and plans. I almost always see these tasks through to completion.
33. I have an ability to notice practical things that must be done, and like to get the job done myself.
34. I usually feel excited about someone asking me to help financially in a worthwhile project.
35. Visiting and helping people who suffer physically or circumstantially brings me joy rather than depresses me.

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## MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS EVALUATION TEST - Part 2 -

36. When situations are not right, I feel a need to speak out in order to correct them.
37. I enjoy studying difficult questions about God's Word, and I am able to find answers more easily and more quickly than others.
38. I enjoy meeting new people and introducing them to others in the group.
39. I find it easy to delegate significant responsibilities to others in a group.
40. I am very dependable in getting things done, and don't need much praise, thanks and motivation to do so.
41. I enjoy giving money to those in financial need.
42. I am eager to spend time, money and resources in order to help those who are suffering physically.
43. I enjoy and find fulfilment in presenting God's truth in an inspired and enthusiastic way.
44. When a question arise from a difficult Bible passage, I am motivated to research the answer.
45. I find people will tell me personal things hey will not tell others, and often say I am easy to speak to.
46. I am comfortable making important decisions, even under pressure.
47. I get a sense of fulfilment in physical labour, or in working with my hands to help others.
48. I enjoy giving money to the church will above my tithe.
49. I feel for those who are hurting and lonely and I like to spend time with them and cheer them up.
50. I am conscious o being persuasive in my speech when challenging people to examine their motives.
51. I am concerned that truth should be presented in a clear fashion with proper attention to facts, details and the meaning of words.
52. I am able to verbally encourage those who waver or are spiritually troubled.
53. I am able to effectively supervise the activities of others.
54. I am often happy to overlook my own personal comfort in order to help others.
55. I have a deep urge to make money for the work of God.
56. I easily sympathize with the misfortunes of others.
57. I am able to share God's Word with others with clarity and conviction.
58. I am diligent in my search and Bible study, giving special attention to details I may glean fro study aids.
59. I have a deep concern to encourage people towards spiritual growth.
60. I am deeply sensitive to the need of a smooth running administration, so that every phase of activity is carried out with order and purpose.
61. I am happy to do practical things without needing to be appointed to a leadership position.
62. When I give money to someone, I don't expect anything in return and prefer remain anonymous.
63. I work happily with those people that most other would overlook.
64. I am actually aware of things that are holding people back their spiritual development, and long to speak into the situation.
65. I am able o explain well how the Bible hangs together.
66. I am at my best when working with those who have been wounded.
67. I know where I am going and I am able to take others with me.
68. I enjoy taking eh load off "key people" so that they can put more effort into their own particular tasks.
69. I have no problem in joyfully entrusting my money or assets to others for the work of God.
70. I find easy to relate emotionally to others and I am quick to help when I am needed.

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## SUMMARIES AND DEFINITIONS

### 3.1. A SUMMARY OF THE SEVEN MOTIVATIONAL GIFTING

**Rom 12:3-8** <sup>4</sup>Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is **prophesying**, let him use it in proportion to his faith. <sup>7</sup>If it is **servicing**, let him serve; if it is **teaching**, let him teach; <sup>8</sup>if it is **encouraging**, let him encourage; if it is **contributing to the needs of others**, let him give generously; if it is **leadership**, let him govern diligently; if it is **showing mercy**, let him do it cheerfully.

#### 1. Prophecy

People with this gift have a more intuitive sense about where people really are in God. They are able to discern the inner attitudes and motives of people in a way that others do not. The basic tendency of this gifting is to view any person, group or situation in light of their life before God.

**Their counsel will help you** to keep you pure and well reveal motives and actions which are not Godly.

#### 2. Service

The gift of a serving motivated person is best displayed through deeds rather than words. For this reason they are gifted with their hands and equipped with physical stamina, often disregarding their own weariness. They have special insight into what needs to be done. A person motivated for service will just keep going until the job is done. When they recognize a need, they are there to meet it and they want to see the job done immediately.

**Their counsel will help you** to see areas of service which you overlooked and attitudes of ungratefulness.

#### 3. Teaching

Teachers tend to believe that their gift is foundational to other gifts. Teachers love to read and study, and they place great emphasis on the accuracy of facts and words. They may get more joy in doing research than in giving out the material.

**Their counsel will help you** to see the biblical inaccuracies of statements or conclusions that you have made.

#### 4. Exhorting / Encouraging

This is a strong life-related gift, which draws on experience. Unlike the teacher, truth is truth for the exhorter, whether it comes from the Bible or from experience. In fact the exhorter needs to confirm the truth of Scripture from practical experience. When they speak, they need the full interest and intention of every listener, as the person is the focus of their gift. It is the gift of encouragement to personal progress.

**Their counsel will help you** to pinpoint causes of problems and take steps towards a solution of those problems.

#### 5. Giving

The gift of giving can be seen as a gift of “special sharing”. The real motivation behind givers is the support of others. One always feels the strong support flowing out of this gift. People who have a strong giving motivation are not gullible; they have insight regarding when and whom to help. This gift is not restricted to the wealthy as finance is only one of the many concrete expressions of this gift.

**Their counsel will help you** to reveal the unwise use of assets (eg. with budgeting, financing etc.), and encourage you to give liberally to God's work.

#### 6. Ruling / Administrating

The gift of ruling and administration depicts one who gives leadership by working with and through others. Unlike those who have the gift of serving, leaders do not take joy in doing the task themselves. They motivate and inspire others to a common goal. They help the body to define and carry out its goals by providing leadership.

**Their counsel will help you** in pointing out mismanagement of time or procedure in accomplishing goals. We all need vision, purpose and goal. They help us to remain focused and provide well organised leadership.

#### 7. Mercy / Compassion

Compassionate people are ‘feelers’; they are very sensitive people. This gift encompasses compassion, pity, gentleness and forbearance. It aims at helping people by empathizing with them and doing good things for them. Their special gift is to ‘feel’ an ache when a person has a heart-ache, hurt, anguish and fear. They can identify it and begin to minister into the situation.

**Their counsel will help you** to discern areas where others may be hurting and the need for sensitivity.



### 3.2. EXPLAINING/SUMMARISING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 Cor 12:1-6 Now concerning spiritual gifts brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant/uninformed.

MOTIVATIONS	MINISTRIES	MANIFESTATIONS
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Seven Motivational Gifts</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prophetic</li> <li>2. Service</li> <li>3. Teaching</li> <li>4. Encouraging /Exhorting</li> <li>5. Giver</li> <li>6. Ruling/Leading</li> <li>7. Mercy /Compassion</li> </ol> <p>Your motivational Gifts help you understand how you are S.H.A.P.E.D. for service/ministry:</p> <p>S. for your "spiritual Gift" (Motivation)</p> <p>H. for your heart</p> <p>A. for your abilities</p> <p>P. for your people</p> <p>E. for the evidence (fruit)</p> <p>D. for your dream/destiny Prophecies etc)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Five Ministry Gifts of:</b></p> <p>Apostles, Prophets, Teachers, Pastors, Evangelists</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Given by Christ to "equip the saints for <b>the work of the ministry</b>"</i></p> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Your</p> <p><b>MINISTRY/SERVICE</b></p> <p>(1 Cor. 12:5; 27-31)</p> <p>"...various kinds of service / ministries..."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• .....</li> <li>• .....</li> <li>• .....</li> </ul> </div> <p><b>Examples of ministry Opportunities/needs in church:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Connect Group leader</li> <li>○ Children's ministry</li> <li>○ Hosts/greeters/ushers</li> <li>○ Audio Visual Crew</li> <li>○ Administration</li> <li>○ Altar ministry</li> <li>○ Visitation</li> <li>○ Hospitality</li> <li>○ Ministry to the poor</li> <li>○ Worship/Music</li> <li>○ Finance</li> <li>○ Arts/Drama</li> <li>○ Prayer/Intercession</li> <li>○ Evangelism/outreach</li> <li>○ Teaching</li> <li>○</li> <li>○</li> <li>○</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nine "Gifts of the Spirit"</b></p> <p><b>Revelation Gifts</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Word of knowledge</li> <li>2. Word of wisdom</li> <li>3. Discerning of spirits</li> </ol> <p><b>Inspirational Gifts</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Prophecy</li> <li>5. Different kinds of tongues</li> <li>6. Interpretation of tongues</li> </ol> <p><b>Power Gifts</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Working of miracles</li> <li>8. Faith</li> <li>9. Gifts of healings</li> </ol>

**3.3. UNDERSTANDING HOW YOU ARE “S.H.A.P.E.D.”**

**S is for your SPIRITUAL GIFTS** - List the top 3 “spiritual gifts” of any category with which you have identified /experienced/ / have been evident in your life:

1. .... 2. .... 3. ....

**H - is for your HEART**

– What do you love/enjoy doing? What are you passionate/enthusiastic about?

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**A - is for your ABILITIES**

– What are you good at? What are your talents? Where have you been involved before? What good or bad experience have you had? What do you do in secular work/hobbies? What training have you had? (Your lack of ability will not exclude you from a ministry, but will influence the level of initial involvement).

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**P - is for your PEOPLE**

– You can’t separate your purpose from your people. Who are the people you have committed to walk with? Which local church are you committed to? Who do you love to hang around with? Who is going where you want to go? Who’s vision do you love to serve?

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**E - is for the EVIDENCE**

– What is the “fruit” of your life? What is it that you do that blesses/helps people? What do people comment to you about? What makes you feel “alive” when you do it?

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**D - is for your DREAM/DESTINY**

– do you have a sense of Gods calling on your life? Do you witness with any prophetic words spoken over your life? What is it that you want to do with your life? Where do you want to be in 3 - 5 years time?

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### 3.4. SUMMARY DEFINITIONS OF THE NINE “MANIFESTATION” GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**1 Cor 12:6-13** <sup>6</sup>There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. <sup>7</sup>Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one there is given through the Spirit the **message of wisdom**, to another the **message of knowledge** by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healing** by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>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**. <sup>11</sup>All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He gives them to each one, just as he determines. (NIV)

#### THE VOCAL GIFTS

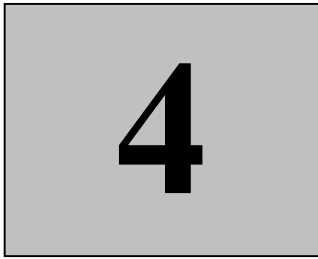
1. **Prophecy** is “SPEAKING THE MIND OF Christ by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.” It is a supernatural utterance in a known language; a message that God chooses to give through one of His children in a language known to the speaker and easily understood by the hearers.
2. **The Gift of diverse kinds of tongues** is a supernatural utterance by the Holy Spirit in languages never learned by the speaker, nor understood by the mind of the speaker, nor necessarily always understood by the hearer. (Not to be confused with personal “speaking in tongues” to God by the Spirit).
3. **The Interpretation of Tongues** is the supernatural interpretation by the Spirit of the meaning of an utterance in other tongues.

#### THE REVEALING GIFTS

4. **The Gift of a Word of Knowledge** is the supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit of certain facts in the mind of God concerning things past or present.
5. **The Gift of a Word of Wisdom** is a supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit concerning the divine purposes in the mind and will of God concerning the future.
6. **The Gift of the Discerning of Spirits** gives insight into the spiritual world. Discerning between good and evil. (Not the gift of suspicion!).

#### THE POWER GIFTS

7. **The Gift of Faith.** Those who possess the gift of faith believe God in such a way that He honours their words or actions as His own and miraculously brings it to pass. It is a "special" faith for a special project, need, or crisis that God delivers to His children to give them the special confidence and courage they need to do what needs to be done.
8. **The Gift of the Working of Miracles** is the supernatural intervention in the ordinary course of nature, a temporary suspension of the accustomed order through the Holy Spirit.
9. **The Gifts of Healings** operate through individuals used of God to pray for particular illnesses, with the result that these illnesses are healed. The purpose of the gifts of healings is to deliver the sick and to destroy the works of the devil in the human body.



**Session content:**

- 4.1 Using your gifts...
- 4.2 Bringing the gifts of the Spirit to the church...
- 4.3 Discerning Personal Prophecy
- 4.4 Stirring up your gifts...

**4.1 USING YOUR GIFTS**

**Rom 12:56** *So we being many are one body in Christ and everyone members one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that was given us, let us use them*

**1 Peter 4:10-12** *Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup>If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

**How are you "S.H.A.P.E.D." for your current service?**

What is missing for you?

- What needs/opportunities to serve are there around you/in church life?
- Where does need and your SHAPE intersect?
- Be willing to surrender your "D" for the "C" (Church).
- Be prepared to start small.
- "Be faithful with little."
- "Carry your cheese."
- Develop/grow your gift. Be specific in the input you get.
- Remember: Character is foundational to Gifting – see qualities in Acts 6:17
- Remember: "Your gift makes a way for you." Prov 18:16
- Remember: "Promotion comes from the Lord." Psalm 75:6

**4.2 USING YOUR GIFT AT CHURCH**

**1 Cor 14:26, 40** <sup>26</sup>*What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church."...*  
<sup>40</sup>*Let all things be done decently and in order."*

- "Each" includes YOU!
- "When you come together" is not only at a Sunday service.
- Understand the difference between prophesy and exhortation / encouragement.
- Bring it in an attitude of submission 1 Cor 14: 29 "...let the others judge."
- Remember, its about the body, not about you. Know the "order" in the particular setting. Who is leading/responsible/in authority?
- We don't do weird!
- Remember: We prophecy in part, we see dimly as in a mirror 1 Cor 13: 8-10.
- When bringing a word to an individual, try to have a witness, definitely if to someone of opposite sex.

#### 4.3 DISCERNING PERSONAL PROPHECY

**1 Tim 1:18-19** <sup>18</sup>*This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,* <sup>19</sup>*having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck...*

- Personal prophecy is biblical
  - Biblical New Testament prophecy should be tested according to the elements of:
  - Is it consistent with Scripture? (If not, chuck it out).
  - Does it “strengthening, encouragement and comfort”?  
1 Cor 14:3 (If not, test it thoroughly)
  - Is there peace/a witness/ agreement (If not, put it on the shelf).
  - Is it confirmation or revelation? (If its only revelation, wait for further confirmation).
  
- Be careful of prophecy with
  - specific timings.
  - Words that involve specific other people, and their free wills...
  - Running after prophecies...
  
- If you do have a sense of a prophecy, hold on to it, always in submission to Gods word.
  
- Paul to Timothy: Wage a good warfare by the prophecies made over you...

#### 4.4 STIRRING UP YOUR GIFTS...

**2 Tim 1:5-7** <sup>5</sup>*when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.* <sup>6</sup>*Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.* <sup>7</sup>*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

- Always build on a foundation of genuine faith.
- Get into an environment of impartation where your gifts are being activated.
- Minister/serve in “power”.
- Minister/serve in “love”.
- Minister/serve in “sound mind” (of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control).

#### CONCLUSION

**Eph 4:16** *“From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work”.*

**1 Peter 2:5** (The Message) <sup>5</sup>*“Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you’ll serve as holy priests offering Christ approved lives up to God”.*

**Acts 6:7** *“...and the word of God spread, and the number of disciples multiplied greatly in...[wherever you are!]”.*