

Motivational Spiritual Gifts

*“But we have gifts (**charismata**) that differ, and which are meant to be used according to the grace that has been given to us – if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; or the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸or the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who gives, in generosity; the one who leads, with diligence; the one who shows mercy, with cheerfulness” (Ro. 12:6-8).*

The TLV and the KJV correctly translate the Greek word *charismata* into the word gift(s) in *Romans 12:1*. The seven gifts listed in verses 7-8 are not based on merit, and you do not have to qualify to have one of them. God gives them according to His grace (which is His desire and His power for YOU to do His Will). They are not organized according to spirituality, that is, some gifts are NOT more spiritual than others. He placed one of these gifts in every person and they are activated when a person is born again. {Everyone should fill out the Spiritual Gifts Quiz and select primarily **ONE** person for today.}

1. What are Spiritual Gifts?

Definition: Spiritual gifts are drives, opportunities, and results given by the Holy Spirit to achieve His supernatural goals – *“For the body is not one part, but many” (1 Cor. 12:14).*

2. Who is given a Spiritual Gift?

Every Believer receives spiritual gift(s). An individual’s spiritual gift(s) is made active at salvation when *Adonai’s* Spirit unites with our spirit – *“The Ruach Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. And if children, also heirs—heirs of God and joint-heirs with Messiah...” (Ro. 8:16-17).*

3. How many gifts do we have?

In our study, we shall divide the *pneumatics* (Greek, meaning *spiritual matters in 1 Cor. 12:1*) into **THREE** major categories: Motivational Gifts (those listed in *Ro. 12:3-9*), Ministerial (those listed in *1 Cor. 12:27-31*) and Operational (those listed in *1 Cor. 12:7-11*) (see *1 Cor. 12:4-7*). We have **1** primary Motivational gift and the possibility of many Ministerial and Operational manifestations.

4. Why do we receive only **ONE** Motivational gift?

So we can concentrate on it! *“But we have gifts (**charismata**) that differ and which are meant to be used according to the grace that has been given unto us. If your gift (**charisma** singular!) is prophesy, use it...” Also, so we can see our need for one another – “For through the grace given me, I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of yourself than you ought to think—but to use sound judgment, as God has assigned to each person a measure of faith. For just as we have many parts in one body—and all the parts do not have the same function—so we, who are many, are one body in Messiah and everyone parts of one another” (Ro. 12:3-5)*

5. What are the **THREE** categories of gifts?

Diversities of:

<p>Gifts (1 Cor. 12:4) Charismaton</p> <p>Motivation (Romans 12:3-9) “We have gifts that differ... to be used according to the grace given to us” Vv. 6</p>	<p>Administrations (1 Cor. 12:5) Diakanion (ministries)</p> <p>Ministry (1 Cor. 12:27-31) “God has put into His community...” Vv. 28</p>	<p>Operations (1 Cor. 12:6) Energema-effect</p> <p>Manifestation (1 Cor. 12:7-11) “...for the benefit of all...” Vv. 7</p>
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How our bodies 7 Sense Perceptors illustrate the 7 Motivational Gifts

Analogies between the physical body and the spiritual Body of Messiah have Scriptural roots: *“For just as we have many parts in one body—and all the parts do not have the same function—so we, who are many, are one body in Messiah and everyone parts of one another”* (Ro. 12:4-5). This passage precedes the instruction concerning spiritual gifts. It must be coincidence, right?

Medical researchers have discovered seven sense perceptors in the human body. These are described in the latest edition of Gray’s Anatomy of the Human Body. Each perceptor bears a striking resemblance to a spiritual gift. This must be another coincidence, right?

1. HEAT PERCEPTORS

Heat perceptors send warning messages to the brain when heat passes a certain level of tolerance. When God’s judgment was imminent upon His people, the **PROPHET** sounded the alarm.

2. TOUCH PERCEPTORS

The slightest touch is registered by these perceptors and sent to the brain for a response. When a person taps another, he usually seeks attention in *order* to have a need met. The **SERVER** responds to such situations.

3. BALANCE PERCEPTORS

If the body leans too far out of balance, these perceptors will call for muscle response to correct the situation. When a teaching is out of balance, the alerted **TEACHER** calls for immediate documentation and correction.

4. STRETCH PERCEPTORS

These perceptors register the amount of stretching that takes place when skin is in the process of growth or use. Similarly, the **EXHORTER** is alert to the spiritual growth and steps of progress that Believers are experiencing.

5. COLD PERCEPTORS

When an object near the skin is colder than the skin, it draws warmth from the body to itself. This action is detected by cold perceptors. A **GIVER** would respond to the need of a person who is cold and hungry.

6. PRESSURE PERCEPTORS

Deep pressure in the body triggers these perceptors, which in turn signal the brain to shift the weight of the body and thus avoid pain. When an **ORGANIZER/LEADER** recognizes that too much pressure is building up on a few people, he will delegate the load to others to avoid serious consequences.

7. PAIN PERCEPTORS

These perceptors signal the brain when damage is occurring within the body. It is significant that other perceptors can be adapted to or ignored, but these cannot. A person with the gift of **MERCY** will feel the pain of another and will not be able to rest until the cause of the pain is removed.