

Taking it Home

- J. Oswald Sanders wrote, “The possessor [of the gift] is only the instrument and not the receiver of the glory.” Why do you think this is important to note regarding spiritual gifts?
- James 1:17 and Psalm 139 remind us that God is the giver of all good things. What are 2-3 things you are thankful for in your life right now?
- Read again the list of gifts from the last section. Who comes to mind for each of the gifts as you read through? Take time this week to encourage that person by affirming how the Spirit of God has gifted them for service. Consider sending a personal note or making it a point to call them this week and remind them that you see God at work in their life.
- If you have not discerned your spiritual giftedness, begin investigating how God has gifted you for service. The online gifts inventory at **BethelFC.com** > **Resources** is a good place to start. From there, ask a close friend or relative if they agree with the assessment. Most importantly, begin serving and watch where the Body of Christ affirms your gifts.

Recommended Resources

- In addition to the free gifts inventory on the bethelFC.com site, these resources are available online or in the @Home Center at Bethel.
- *Uniquely You Membership and Personality Profile: Combining 16 Spiritual Gifts and Personality*: Includes the DISC personality assessment and a more precise gifts assessment as well as a reference in the workbook for how different personalities express different gifts.
- *StrengthsFinder*: This tool assumes all are born with innate talents and we should focus on identifying and maximizing those talents the book calls “strengths.”

Celebrate the Gifts
1 Peter 4:7-11

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Notes:

For more information about Growth Groups, the At Home Study Guide, and a podcast of sermons with study guide, visit www.bethelFC.com.

At Home Study Guide

For the week of June 28, 2015

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Quick Review

All who are in Christ have received spiritual gifts for the purpose of building up one another in love. Paul wrote in his letter to the Corinthians that we are like a body with different parts that need one another to be healthy. No part of the body can say to another, "I don't need you." We are not all the same. We need each other if we are to grow in love. There is unity in diversity. When we discover how God has gifted us, we are set free to serve with joy knowing that we are a part of the greater Body of Christ; a much needed member to help us grow together in love. Serving in your gifts provides great satisfaction knowing we are doing what God created us and gifted us to do. We want to celebrate the gifts God has given to us in the Bethel family and fan into flame this stewardship of gifts so that more and more we become like Christ, together.

My Story

- What comes to mind when you think of people using their spiritual gifts?

- What are your top three gifts? How did you discover them?

Growing Deeper

- According to Ephesians 4:16, what is the goal of spiritual gifts?

- List the gifts you see in Ephesians 4:1-16; 1 Peter 4:7-11; Romans 12:1-8 and 1 Corinthians 12. What do you notice that is similar in each of these passages?

- How does Matthew 25:14-30 help you understand 1 Peter 4:7-11 as it relates to being a trusted manager of your spiritual gifts?