

RELEASING THE GIFTS



What is a spiritual gift?

a supernatural working of the Holy Spirit
through a believer
to accomplish God's kingdom purpose,
resulting in the building up of the body of Christ

takeaway:
"each part"
is essential
to building up
the church

Ephesians 4:16 CJB

Under his control,

the whole body is being fitted and held together
by the support of every joint,

with each part working to fulfill its function;

this is how the body grows and builds itself up in love.

takeaway:
only the Spirit
can generate
spiritual gifts

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 ICB

There are different kinds of gifts;
but they are all **from** the same Spirit.

⁵ There are different ways to serve;
but all these ways are **from** the same Lord.

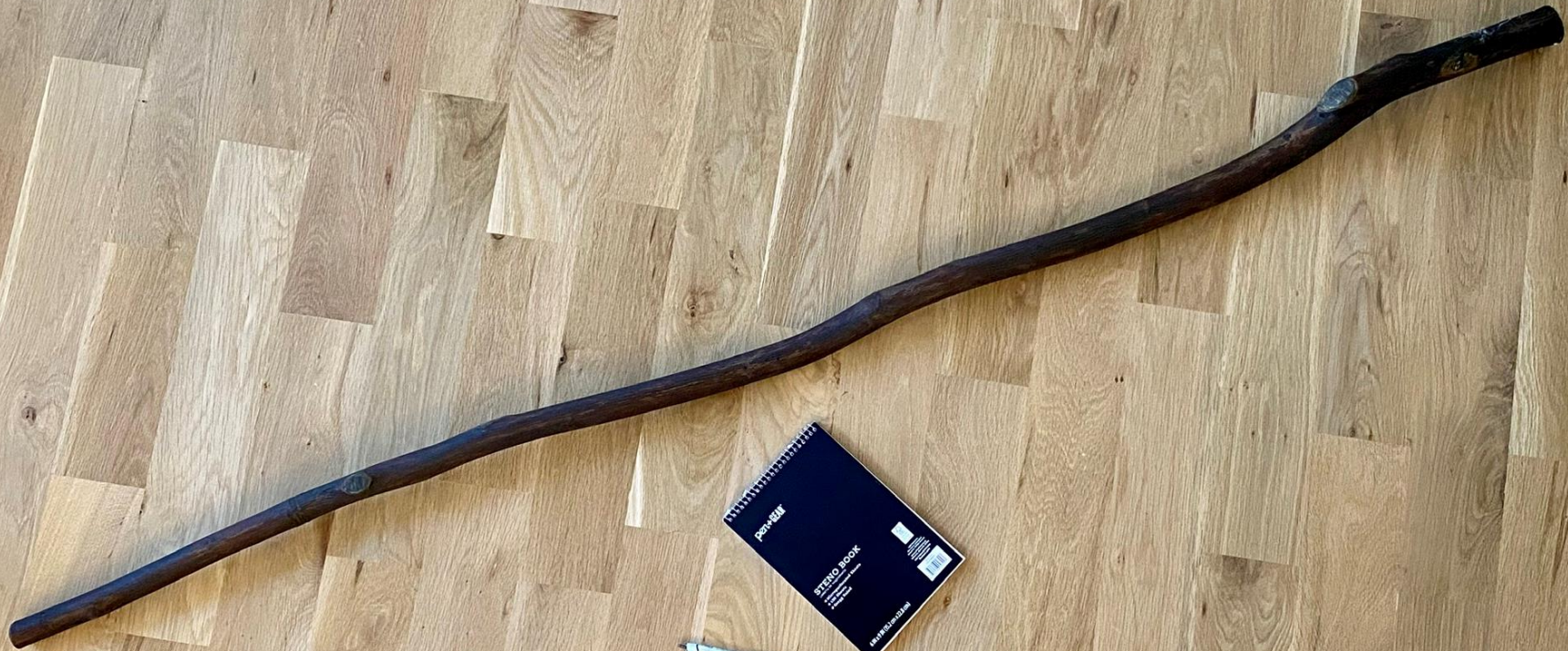
⁶ And there are different ways that God works in people;
but all these ways are **from** the same God.

God works in us all in everything we do.

What hinders the effective release and functioning of spiritual gifts?

What empowers the effective release and functioning of spiritual gifts?

*a church culture that
highly values spiritual gifts,
values character even more,
and embraces the honesty,
tension, experimentation and
messiness necessary to enable
believers to mature in both*



Romans 12:3-6a ESV

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,

⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them....

...not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think,
but to think with sober judgment,
each according to the measure of **faith** that God has assigned.

pistis

from *peitho*,
to persuade or
to be persuaded;
firm persuasion,
conviction,
assurance

takeaway:
watch for
a Spirit-given
conviction to
emerge

The man was
clothed and **in his right
mind** because the
demons were gone.

Luke 8:35 ICB

..**not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think,**
but to think with **sober judgment,**
each according to the measure of **conviction** that God has assigned.



1 Peter 5:5b-8 ESV

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another,
for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God
so that at the proper time he may exalt you,
⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

takeaway:
bitter jealousy
and selfish
ambition are
deadly

a desire to
put one's
self forward

James 3:14-16 ESV

you have **bitter jealousy** and **selfish ambition** in your hearts,
do not boast and be false to the truth.

¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above,
but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,
there will be disorder and every vile practice.

honesty, tension, experimentation and messiness

apostle

evangelist

leading

tongues

prophet

pastor

showing
mercy

interpretation
of tongues

teacher

encouraging

word of
knowledge

prophecy

helping

administrating

word of
wisdom

faith

gifts of
healings

serving

discerning
of spirits

giving

miracles