

# RELEASING THE GIFTS





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Sam Storms,  
*Understanding Spiritual Gifts:  
A Comprehensive Guide*

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*[God’s purposes in the earth, especially]*  
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Take the staff you struck the Nile with in your hand and go. <sup>6</sup> I am going to stand there in front of you on the rock at Horeb; when you hit the rock, water will come out of it and the people will drink.”

Exodus 17:5-6 CSB

“I cannot do it,” Joseph replied to Pharaoh, “but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires.”

Genesis 41:16 NIV

I have put wisdom in the heart of every skilled artisan in order to make all that I have commanded you.

Exodus 31:6b CSB



The Father  
who lives in me  
**does his works.**

John 14:10b CSB

...if anyone serves,  
let it be from the  
strength God provides,  
so that God may be  
glorified through Jesus  
Christ in everything.

1 Peter 4:11b CSB

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of Christ body is  
the primary goal  
of spiritual gifts.*

But God, who  
comforts the downcast,  
comforted us by the  
arrival of Titus....

2 Corinthians 7:6-7 CSB

Does he who  
supplies the Spirit to  
you and works miracles  
among you do so by  
works of the law, or by  
hearing with faith...?

Galatians 3:5 ESV

1 Corinthians 12:7-10 ESV

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit  
**for the common good.**

<sup>8</sup> For to one is given through the Spirit  
the utterance of wisdom,

and to another the utterance of knowledge  
according to the same Spirit,

<sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit,  
to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

<sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles,  
to another prophecy,

to another the ability to distinguish between spirits,

to another various kinds of tongues,

to another the interpretation of tongues.



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not to keep the  
gifts within the  
church walls, it's  
that they're not  
about me.

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1 Corinthians 14:1 DLNT

Be pursuing love.

Now be zealous-for the spiritual gifts,  
but even-more that you might be prophesying.

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...since you are zealots *for* spiritual *gifts*,  
be seeking that you may abound  
for the edification *of* the church.

1 Corinthians 14:12 DLNT



1 Corinthians 13:1-3 CSB

If I speak human or angelic tongues  
but do not have love,

I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

<sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy

and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,  
and if I have all faith so that I can move mountains  
but do not have love,

I am nothing.

<sup>3</sup> And if I give away all my possessions,  
and if I give over my body in order to boast  
but do not have love,

I gain nothing.

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*Stewarding  
God's resources  
to serve others is  
the right use of  
spiritual gifts.*

1 Peter 4:8-11 CSB

Above all, maintain constant love for one another,  
since love covers a multitude of sins.

<sup>9</sup> Be hospitable to one another without complaining.

<sup>10</sup> Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others,  
as good stewards of the varied grace of God.

<sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, let it be as one who speaks God's words;  
if anyone serves, let it be from the strength God provides,  
so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything.  
To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.