

Spiritual Gifts

It is evident throughout the New Testament that God has given many different spiritual gifts to believers. These gifts were given with a preordained purpose: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10). As you learn more about the spiritual gifts, you will begin to see one or more in your child's life if they have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Spiritual Gift Test

Encourage your child to answer the questions below honestly and to the best of their knowledge. This test will help you discover what your child's spiritual gifts are. The test is not completely accurate; however, it will give you an idea of the gift(s) the Holy Spirit has given them. Spiritual gifts come at a person's point of salvation.

So, yes, your child has gifts if they have accepted Jesus as their Savior and Lord! Have your child circle their answers below using the following scale:

1-Never, 2-Almost Never, 3-Sometimes, 4-Most of the Time, 5-Always

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| 1. I do not like it when things are unorganized. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. It is easy for me to give money to the church. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. I love to help at church. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. I am concerned for the lost and think about them all the time. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. I feel like I know the Bible really well and find myself correcting my friends. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. It is easy for me to explain the Bible to my friends in a way that they understand it. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. I love to encourage my friends. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8. I am protective of my friends. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9. I do not like when I see someone getting hurt by others. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 10. I believe what the Bible says, and I try my best to do what it says. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 11. I am a behind-the-scenes person. I would rather help than be out front. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 12. I love to organize things. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 13. If my friends do not have money, I have no problem paying their way. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 14. It is normal for me to want to help at church. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 15. I love to tell people about Jesus. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 16. I frequently find myself explaining what the Bible says to my friends and others. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 17. I love to help people better understand the Bible. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 18. My friends would say that I am an encourager. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 19. I love to help my friends grow in their faith. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 20. I am concerned about others and feel compelled to meet their needs. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 21. When I pray, I truly believe that I will get what I ask for. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 22. I love working together with others to do ministry in the church. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 23. Organization comes naturally to me. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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| 24. I like giving money to the church. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 25. It is easy for me to take on a task and finish it. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 26. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think about telling others about Jesus. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 27. I really enjoy speaking before a group. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 28. I don't like it when I see someone down. I want to build them up. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 29. It is easy for me to explain the Bible to others. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 30. I notice when someone is missing at church. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 31. When someone shares that they are hurting, I find myself concerned for them. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 32. If the Bible says it. I believe it. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 33. It is normal for me to serve in the church and to help out where needed. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 34. I can't stand to see something unorganized, and I will step in to try to fix it. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 35. I feel compelled to give money to missions. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 36. When I see someone in need, I want to help. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 37. My friends have heard me tell them about Jesus on a regular basis. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 38. I think about being a pastor one day. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 39. I love to teach my friends Bible truths. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 40. It is normal for me to encourage people in their faith. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 41. It is natural for me to lead. I am a leader amongst my friends. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 42. It is natural for me to help others in need. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 43. When I read the Bible, I believe and accept what it says. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 44. I want to help others to be successful. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 45. It comes naturally to me to organize things and put them into order. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 46. I don't think twice about giving to someone in need. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 47. I love to help out at church when there is a need. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 48. I am fearless in sharing my faith with the lost. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 49. I find myself thinking about teaching others. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 50. I want to teach my friends and others about the Bible. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 51. I find it natural to build my friends up. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 52. When my friends are hurting, I want to be with them
to encourage them and build them up. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 53. When I see someone in need, I want to help them. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 54. When I pray, I know that God will answer me. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 55. I am comfortable supporting other people as they minister for God. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

(Score the test on the next page.)

Score Your Spiritual Gift Test

Turn back to the beginning of the test, and write your child's scores on this page beside the appropriate numbers. After you have all of the scores written in the correct boxes, add the numbers together across each line, and write the total in the far right column. When you are done, you will see what your child's spiritual gifts are by looking at the lines with the highest totals. There may be one or more.

					TOTALS
GIFT OF ORGANIZATION/ADMINISTRATION					
1	12	23	34	45	
GIFT OF GIVING					
2	13	24	35	46	
GIFT OF SERVICE					
3	14	25	36	47	
GIFT OF EVANGELISM					
4	15	26	37	48	
GIFT OF PROPHECY					
5	16	27	38	49	
GIFT OF TEACHING					
6	17	28	39	50	
GIFT OF ENCOURAGEMENT					
7	18	29	40	51	
GIFT OF SHEPHERD/LEADERSHIP					
8	19	30	41	52	
GIFT OF MERCY					
9	20	31	42	53	
GIFT OF FAITH					
10	21	32	43	54	
GIFT OF HELPS					
11	22	33	44	55	

Definitions of Spiritual Gifts

- **Organization/Administration:** Titus was to organize the ministry in Crete. In 1 Corinthians 12:28, there is a list of spiritual gifts that includes administration. The person with this gift helps the church organize itself so it can effectively minister to its own members and to others out in the world.
- **Giving:** The gift of giving expresses itself in a desire to give above and beyond our ten percent tithe. The person with this gift finds it easy to give freely and is very cheerful in doing so.
- **Service:** The gift of service expresses itself in a desire to serve others. The person with this gift finds it easy to be a servant in the church and finds great joy and fulfillment in doing so.
- **Evangelism:** The gift of evangelism is the ability to explain clearly to lost people how to become Christians and to persuade them to desire to be saved.
- **Prophecy:** The gift of prophecy enables a person to speak God's Word boldly so that it brings conviction of sin. Prophets speak to people and confront them concerning sin.
- **Teaching:** The gift of teaching is the ability to teach Bible truths in a way that others might understand and be built up in their faith.
- **Encouragement/Exhortation:** Romans 12:6-8 lists several gifts of the Spirit, including the gift of encouragement, or exhortation. It is given to build up the body of Christ. The person with the gift of encouragement easily edifies other people, helps build confidence, and reminds Christians of the hope they have in Christ.
- **Shepherd/Leadership:** The gift of a shepherd is to lead, guide, and feed the flock of God, which is the church. The shepherd, or pastor, is gifted by the Holy Spirit to be a leader. He has the ability and desire to teach, protect, and build up the church.
- **Mercy:** Those who have the gift of mercy see the needs of others and find it easy to help them. They are aware of people's needs around them.
- **Faith:** The gift of faith is an unwavering trust in what God promises. The person with the gift of faith believes that God will be faithful to His Word.
- **Helps:** Christians with the gift of helps are those who like to work to assist or help another person's ministry. They usually work behind the scenes.