

Video Teaching Notes

A **spiritual gift** is a divine enablement trusted to believers by God through the Holy Spirit to help others grow strong in Christ. **Spiritual gifts** are used by the body of Christ to help others accomplish only what God can do in order to support his mission.

Know your gift(s) and how God wants to use you in your gifting

In order to **know your gifts** and **how God wants to use your gifting**, ask yourself these
THREE KEY QUESTIONS

Am I pursuing intimacy with God?

You can't know who you are (including knowing your spiritual gifts) unless you know the one who made you and is renewing you in Christ. Pursuing intimacy with the father will open your eyes to what he is doing and how he wants to use you

Consider: Am I spending time with God? Do I continue to seek to be renewed by him?

Am I trusting the Spirit to lead me?

The Holy Spirit guides us in where, when, and how to use our gifting. God knows exactly:

- where I am and where to find me
- where to place me
- when to use me

Consider: Am I available to go where the Holy Spirit leads and not until he leads?

Do I lean into the validation of community?

Do life with people who care deeply for the things of God and deeply for you. They can confirm and challenge your gifting with wisdom and discernment. Gifts need to be **witnessed, practiced, and confirmed within community**. Community Group is a safe place and essential place to confirm, develop, and use spiritual gifts.

Key Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:14

Note: Paul confirms Timothy's gifting and encourages him to stay and be used by God – his gift was confirmed by spiritual authority and his community.

Consider: Am I practicing my gifts within my community group? Am I holding fellow community group members accountable to using their gifts?

As you discover your gifting and validate your gifting through community,
begin regularly asking God, "Lord, how can I help here?"