

Gifts, Services, and Workings

gifts (charismatos) = various "talents" or abilities we possess

services (diakonos) = various ways we have of using our gifts

workings (energia) = various ways spiritual life is indicated

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"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same **Spirit**;
and there are varieties of service, but the same **Lord**;
and there are varieties of workings, but it is the same
God who empowers them all in everyone."

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

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

1 Corinthians 12:7

Developing Competence

3. Seek out and invest in training - 2 Timothy 1:6

"For this reason I remind you to **fan into flame the gift of God**, which is in you through the laying on of my hands."

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4. Seek out and invest in opportunities to serve - 2 Corinthians 12:9

"My grace is sufficient for you, **for my power is made perfect in weakness.**"

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5. Ask for and humbly receive feedback - Luke 9:6, 10

"And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere...On their return the apostles told him all they had done."

Developing Competence

1. **Cultivate heart-deep appreciation for the Church, the Body of Christ - Ephesians 5:25**
2. **Take inventory of the reasons why the Holy Spirit placed you in the Body of Christ - 1 Peter 4:10**
3. **Seek out and invest in training - 2 Timothy 1:6**
4. **Seek out and invest in opportunities to serve - 2 Cor 12:9**
5. **Ask for and humbly receive feedback - Luke 9:6, 10**

BONUS SLIDES

— [The Bible is relevant and transforming

- gives **new birth** – 1 Peter 1:23 "Since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God..."
- produces **faith** – Romans 10:17 "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."
- stimulates **spiritual growth** – 1 Peter 2:2 "Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you grow up into salvation..."
- makes possible **holy living** – John 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."
- gives **victory over sin** – Psalm 119:11 "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."
- delivers **help and comfort in times of trouble** – Psalm 119:50 "This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life."
- provides **guidance for life's decisions** – Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
- facilitates **blessed outcomes** – Psalm 1:1-3 "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."
- adds **substance to our witness** – Luke 21:15 "...for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict."
- connects us to **the wonder of God's plan and will for us** – Psalm 119:18 "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law."

Stewardship of Treasures

Assumptions

1. **The other core competencies form the foundation of this one**
2. **Ultimately, God is the owner of all our treasures (Psalm 24:1-2)**
3. **Ultimately, a person's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions (Luke 12:15)**
4. **Whatever we have we have received from God (John 3:27)**
5. **God does not need any of the treasures He has entrusted to us (Psalm 50:7-15)**
6. **Our stewardship reveals the condition of our hearts in terms of our responsiveness to the Lord, to His Spirit, and to His Word (Matthew 6:19-24)**
7. **Our stewardship impacts the fruitfulness of our church (2 Corinthians 9:6-15)**

Stewardship of Treasures

Applications - How to develop the core competency of stewardship of treasures

1. Embrace the seven assumptions (and the rest of the Bible's teaching on stewardship) in your heart, on a heart-deep level
2. Embrace the importance of stewarding "small" treasures
3. Apply the seven assumptions across four activities of stewardship: supplying, sharing, saving, and spending (debt reduction, meeting needs and obligations, other legitimate, biblical priorities, and desires)
4. Apply the seven assumptions to what you keep (not just to income, but also to investments and other items of value)
5. Place equal priority (at a minimum) on sharing/giving
6. Communicate with God about your stewardship
7. Be intentional (make a plan, a budget, and work it)
8. Seek counsel and accountability

A 5-Finger Grip on the Word



Living separate FROM sin

Control your mind-gate

Your mind is a gateway to and influence over your heart.

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8)

Listening to the Holy Spirit

John 16:8 — "And when he [the Holy Spirit] comes, he will convict the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment"

- [through the written Word
- [through prayer
- [through a well-formed conscience
- [through interaction and accountability with others

Living separate FROM sin

- [Guard your heart
- [Be intentional and holding nothing back
- [Control your mind-gate
- [Choose your friends carefully
- [Plan communication strategies and escape routes
- [Choose your heroes carefully
- [Practice self-denial
- [Play it safe
- [Live beyond the prohibitions

Philippians 2:12-13

"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.**"

"For it is God who works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure."