# "Get in the Word"

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## **Spiritual Gifts- The Nature of Spiritual Gifts**

# Lesson #1

## **Spiritual Gifts**

Spiritual gifts are given by God to believers for the purpose of ministry. The English term comes from two Greek words, "*charismata*" and "*pneumatika*." The root charismata is "*charis*," which means "grace" and speaks of something undeserved or unearned ("grace gift"). The second word, "*pneumatika*," (from the root word "*pneuma*") means "spirituals" or spiritual things or spiritual tools given by the Spirit of God (as in a "pneumatic/air powered wrench"). These tools are used for the service of God and His kingdom. In this lesson, you will look at various spiritual gifts and how they should be used.

An example is how God called Moses. In Exodus 4:2, the Lord asked Moses "What was in his hand?" Moses had a rod. Each of us has different gifts, talents, skills, and abilities that God has blessed us with to fulfill His will. Moses tried to make excuses (Exodus 4:10-12), but ultimately he needed to just be obedient. Let this be an example for us today.

### The Nature of Spiritual Gifts

1. Who is the source of spiritual giftedness?

- a. 1 Corinthians 12:11 -
- b. 1 Corinthians 12:28 -
- 2. Who possesses spiritual giftedness (1 Peter 4:10)?

3. What is the purpose of spiritual gifts?

- a. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 -
- b. 1 Corinthians 14:12 -
- c. 1 Peter 4:10-11 -

If I were to give you a beautifully wrapped box, complete with a ribbon and a card that was addressed to your name, what do you think that you would do?

Once upon a time, I happened to find a gift that I had bought for someone and hidden in my garage. It was still in the plastic bag from the store with the receipt inside. I realized that a couple of years had passed since I purchased what I intended to be a surprise. I had to deliberate- Do I give it to them now, or just forget about it? What would you do?



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