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## How to Use This Mini Bible Study

Welcome to the Got Questions Ministries Bible Study! We're so glad you're here!

In these studies you will find content questions to grow your understanding, Bible search questions to dig deeper, and heartfelt questions to spark reflection and discussion. Whether you are a new or seasoned believer, using these Bible studies for personal study or as a small group/Sunday School resource, we hope you will increase in your understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ and that you will seek Him more passionately.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

– Jeremiah 29:13

These Bible studies are tools to help you grow in your knowledge of the topics at hand. However, knowing about God is not the same as actually knowing Him. God invites each of us to know Him personally and to

have eternal life through Him.

If we place our faith in Him, trusting in His death on the cross to pay for our sins, we will be forgiven and receive the promise of eternal life in heaven.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son so that anyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. – John 3:16

If you have not yet trusted in Him for salvation or are unsure if you are saved, please visit: www.gotquestions. org/eternal-life.html.

May God richly bless you as you seek to study His Word and grow in your walk with Him (Joshua 1:8)!

Throughout this study, there will be information to read and questions to answer. Next to the questions will be icons. Here is your key to understanding them:



Content Qs



Bible Look Up Qs



Engage Qs



Reflection Qs





For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many Romans 12:3-5

members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.



Read the passage above. What do we learn about spiritual gifts from this passage?



## What does thinking of ourselves with sober judgment look like?



How does our individuality fit within the body in Christ?







If you are connected with a church, reflect on how you are currently functioning as part of the body of Christ. Is there a passion or a gifting you do not feel you are using? If so, ask God to show you creative ways to be able to use it.

If you are not connected with a church, it is our recommendation that you find a Bible-teaching church where you can grow and be a part of the body of Christ.

We have a recommended church finder here: www.gotquestions.org/church-finder.html

We also have an article on what to look for in a church here: www.gotquestions.org/looking-church.html



We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Romans 12:6-8



Read the passage above. What does this passage teach us about using our spiritual gifts?



Read Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12. What spiritual gifts are listed here?



What would you say is your spiritual gift? What gives you evidence that this is your gift?



How are we to use our spiritual gifts according to Romans 12:6-8? What does this say about our attitudes and using our gifts?



Think about your spiritual gift. How are you currently using this spiritual gift? How would you describe the manner, passion, and attitude with which you are using your spiritual gift? May God continue to fuel a passion in you to use this gift for His glory and the good of the body of Christ.



Then the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills—to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts. Moreover, I have appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan, to help him. Also I have given ability to all the skilled workers to make everything I have commanded you: the tent of meeting, the ark of the covenant law with the atonement cover on it, and all the other

furnishings of the tent— the table and its articles, the pure gold lampstand and all its accessories, the altar of incense, the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, the basin with its stand— and also the woven garments, both the sacred garments for Aaron the priest and the garments for his sons when they serve as priests, and the anointing oil and fragrant incense for the Holy Place. They are to make them just as I commanded you."

Exodus 31:1-11



Read the verses above. What do they reveal about gifts and talents?



What would you say are some of your natural abilities or talents?



What connections are there between our talents and spiritual purposes?



How can you use or how are you using your talents (tangible, physical abilities) to glorify God in all you do (1 Corinthians 10:31)?



Reflect on the abilities God has given you. How is God stirring you to use these abilities to build up the body of Christ or to point others to Him as you use them? Take time to thank God for the unique ways in which He has made and gifted you.



There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11



Read the verses above. What do they reveal about spiritual gifts and the Holy Spirit?



What is God's role in our gifts, kinds of service, and kinds of working?



Looking at 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, how could each of the gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 be used for the common good?



Which of these gifts do you most resonate with? How are you using it for the common good?



1 Corinthians 12:4-6 reads: There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

How do you rely on the Spirit in using your gifting, in appreciating the giftings of others, and in serving the Lord together?



So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every

*Ephesians 4:11-16* 



Read the passage above. What does it reveal about spiritual gifts and their purposes in the body of Christ?



Are some gifts more important than others? If yes, how so? If not, how are they each valuable?



How can the body of Christ communicate value to each member of the body, knowing that we have a shared purpose?



How does having a common purpose for spiritual gifts encourage you in your personal value and purpose? How does it challenge you to stay humble as you work with other believers?



As you reflect on how your unique spiritual gift finds value and works within the body of Christ, what are some areas you personally can better promote unity in Christ or work with others as the body of Christ for the purposes found in Ephesians 4:11-16?



Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more."

His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

The man with two bags of gold also came. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more."

His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, "I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you."

His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

*Matthew 25:14-30* 



Read the parable above. What does it reveal about using our gifts and talents?



Which worker upset the master? Why?



How does this parable personally challenge or encourage you when you think about using your giftings?



God has intentionally given us gifts, life circumstances, personalities, passions, and more. He has not given them to us to waste or to use selfishly but to use them to represent who He is to the world and to build up the body of Christ. Where do you need God's encouragement and strength to do this? Pray that the Holy Spirit will enable and empower you to see and take these opportunities to use all He has entrusted you with.



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all

things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:10-11



Read the passage above. What do these verses reveal about using our gifts?



What does it mean to be stewards of God's grace in its various forms? Other versions use the terms: the manifold grace of God (KJV), the multifaceted grace of God (NASB), and God's varied grace (ESV).



How does seeing yourself as a faithful steward of God's grace impact the way you see yourself and the way you use your gifts?



Looking at other believers in your life, who encourages you as they use their giftings for God's glory?



For what are you praising God today? Write them out and specifically praise Him for those things. How can the way you use your giftings both in the church and outside of it reflect who He is and what you're praising Him for?



Now that you have studied seven lessons on spiritual gifts, take some time to reflect on what you've learned and how you will put what you've learned into practice.



How has your understanding of spiritual gifts changed or expanded as a result of what you've learned through this study?



What will you change in your life as a result of this study?



Who in your life would you like to see grow in their understanding of spiritual gifts? Commit to praying for them. What will you share with them about what you have learned?