

Thanks for taking the Spiritual Gifts Assessment!

We are so glad that you are here to learn more about the gifts God has given you! As believers of Jesus, each person has received the Holy Spirit (John 14:16), who expresses at least one spiritual gift in us (1 Corinthians 12: 4-7; 1 Peter 4:10). Spiritual gifts are freely given to us from God so that we can use our gift for the common good (1 Corinthians 1:7), to build up the church (Ephesians 4:11-13), and so that God may be glorified (1 Peter 4:11). The list of spiritual gifts in the Bible is not exhaustive. Throughout Scripture, certain gifts may be listed that are not covered in this guide. The list of gifts discussed in this guide are to help begin your journey of developing the specific gifts God has given to you. If you find yourself having questions about certain gifts mentioned in Scripture, please reach out to your campus pastor or another staff member at Calvary to help.

To function properly as the body, not all of us have the same spiritual gifts. The church functions best when each of us uses our unique God-given gifts to serve others (1 Corinthians 12:12-21). Now that you have taken the Spiritual Gifts Assessment and identified what your spiritual gifts are, we want to help you learn more about them. For each spiritual gift, you will find the following:

1. A definition of the spiritual gift and its common attributes
2. Biblical examples of those with that spiritual gift
3. Biblical examples of how Jesus exemplified that spiritual gift
4. Scripture references you can study to learn more about your spiritual gift
5. Examples of how you may continue to develop and utilize this gift within the body of Christ

No individual displays all the spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:28-30). We need to use the spiritual gifts God gave us (1 Corinthians 12: 4-7), without forgetting to exercise the gifts we have not been given. Each of us are called to live and love like Jesus, who reflects all the spiritual gifts. Thus, as we strive to imitate Jesus (1 Corinthians 11), our lives will look more and more like His. While we are each uniquely spiritually gifted, we must still strive to live and love like Jesus by obeying all that we are called to be as believers.

There are several biblical passages that discuss spiritual gifts. After having learned more about your spiritual gift(s), you may consider reading the following:

- 1 Corinthians 12
- Ephesians 4:1-16
- Romans 12:1-8
- 1 Peter 4:7-11

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ADMINISTRATION

The spiritual gift of administration is the ability to plan and organize both tasks and people. Individuals with the gift of administration help guide and direct the body of Christ by planning, organizing, or supervising different aspects of ministry.

People with the gift of administration:

- Are highly organized and enjoy organizing
- May find themselves behind the scenes working hard on projects
- Enjoy organizing events, tasks, or people
- Develop strategies and goals to help the church reach a set task

As you study God's Word, you find several faithful brothers and sisters with the gift of administration. For example, God gave Noah very detailed instructions on how to build an ark (Genesis 6:8-22) and we are told that "Noah did everything just as God commanded him" (Genesis 6:22). Similarly, David shared with Solomon the plans for building the temple and how to organize those who would work in the temple (1 Chronicles 28). These men displayed the gift of administration by undertaking a major project and ensuring the project was completed in totality exactly as God instructed.

We see Jesus use the gift of administration when he calls together his followers and commissions them to spread the gospel (Luke 10:1-24).



To learn more about the spiritual gift of administration, consider reading and studying the following passages:

- 1 Corinthians 12:28
- Titus 1:4-5
- Romans 12:7-8
- Luke 14:28-30

Here are some ways you may consider continuing to develop this spiritual gift:

- Study how Jethro used this spiritual gift in Exodus 18:13-27
- Learn more about how administration is used in ministry settings
- Consider asking someone with this gift that you look up to if they will mentor you

Although there is no single approach to using the spiritual gift of administration, here are some areas you may consider utilizing this gift to serve the church:

- Volunteer for Calvary's Vacation Bible School
- Serve with Calvary's summer camps
- Volunteer at 402kids
- Volunteer in First Impressions ministry
- Organize a Life Group for your friends or family
- Ask your campus pastor how you can utilize this gift to serve those around you
- Volunteer with Sarpy Care Center

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DISCERNMENT

The spiritual gift of discernment is the ability to identify between what is right and wrong and identify the motives behind something. Individuals with the gift of discernment distinguish truth and error and test spirits to see which align with God and which are in opposition to His Word.

People with the gift of discernment:

- Easily identify unsound doctrine
- Recognize deception or impure motives
- Feel compelled to guide others in discerning truth and error
- Eagerly studies God's Word and enjoys spending large amounts of time in Scripture

The Bible has many examples of those who exemplified the spiritual gift of discernment. One of these examples is the Apostle Paul. During his time spreading the Good News, Paul identified and taught the importance of identifying evil spirits (Acts 13:4-12; 16:16-18; 1 John 4:1) and discerning sound biblical doctrine (2 Timothy 1:13).

Jesus frequently taught about the importance of knowing God's Word and exercising discernment. When Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness and was tempted by Satan, Jesus defended himself using God's Word (Matthew 4:1-11). Jesus easily recognized when things were not of God (Matthew 16:21-23), and spent part of His time on Earth teaching us how to discern times yet to come (Matthew 24).



The spiritual gift of discernment helps to build up the church by distinguishing between right and wrong so that others may learn to know God and live how He wants them to live.

To learn more about the spiritual gift of discernment, consider reading and studying the following passages:

- John 17:17
- Acts 17:11
- 1 Corinthians 3:1-4
- 1 Peter 2:2
- Hebrews 5:12-14

Here are some ways you may consider continuing to develop this spiritual gift:

- Study how Paul used the gift of discernment and what he taught others about this gift
- Step into a mentor-mentee relationship with a mentor you trust
- Read books and listen to podcasts on how to grow in discernment

Although there is no single approach to using the spiritual gift of discernment, here are some areas you may consider utilizing this gift to serve the church:

- Lead a Life Group
- Serve in Calvary's youth ministry or kid's ministry
- Spend intentional time with people you know need advice or someone to talk to; ask questions that will help point them to Christ

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EVANGELISM

An evangelist is one who seeks to share the Good News of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Individuals with the gift of evangelism have the ability to accurately and enthusiastically explain how to receive salvation through faith in Christ.

People with the gift of evangelism:

- Desire to share the message of Jesus
- Look to introduce people to Jesus
- Feel a burden for unbelievers to know Jesus
- Are comfortable among strangers

Evangelism is a spiritual gift that builds the Church up by sharing the news of Jesus with those who do not yet know him. There are several people in the Bible who exemplify the spiritual gift of evangelism. For example, Philip preached the Good News and people were baptized in Christ (Acts 8:12, 40), the 12 apostles went out evangelizing (Luke 9:6), and Barnabas partnered with Paul to spread the Gospel (Acts 13:32).

Jesus was sent to Earth for the purpose of preaching the Kingdom of God (Luke 4:43-44). After Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead, he met with his followers and commanded them to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19). The evangelism of Jesus helped the early Church understand the steps necessary to have salvation. For individuals with the gift of evangelism, the example of Jesus shows the importance of the work of an evangelist. Jesus gives us a perfect example of what our evangelism can look like.



To learn more about the spiritual gift of evangelism, consider reading and studying the following passages:

- Matthew 4:17, 23; 9:35; 10:5-8
- Mark 1:38
- Luke 4:18; 9:6; 20:1-2
- Acts 8:26-40; 21:8
- Ephesians 4:11

Here are some ways you may consider continuing to develop this spiritual gift:

- Dedicate time to studying and meditating on God's Word
- Studying biblical examples of evangelism
- Attend a meeting, seminar or training that helps you participate in and/or practice evangelism

Although there is no single approach to using the spiritual gift of evangelism, here are some areas you may consider utilizing this gift to serve the church:

- Sign up at calvary.ch/missions to become involved in supporting the next generation of churches, church leaders, and believers
- Serve in Calvary's youth ministry (Collective)
- Contact your campus pastor to identify campus-specific missions you could support
- Brainstorm a list of people that do not know Jesus and pray for them to have a conversation with Jesus and how God may use you in their lives
- Consider spreading the Good News at visitation ministries, such as homeless shelters and juvenile detention centers and nursing homes
- Volunteer with Sarpy Care Center

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EXHORTATION

Exhortation means to encourage, comfort, console, or call near. Individuals with the gift of exhortation look to use either written or spoken words and biblical truth to encourage people to live godly lives.

People with the gift of exhortation:

- Recognize other's hardships and desire to encourage and support them
- Find themselves looking for ways to encourage people in their walk with Jesus
- Feel a need to encourage others to grow in their faith
- Develop relationships to encourage and support others in their faith walk

Scripture is filled with examples of how God's children encouraged one another. Barnabas faithfully exercised the gift of exhortation with the early church (in fact his name means "son of encouragement"; Acts 4:36-37; 9:23-27; 25:35-39) and Paul exhorted believers to act on their faith (Romans 12:1). Exhortation, or encouraging fellow Christians, is so important that we are told to encourage one another daily so that we will not be hardened by sin's deceitfulness (Hebrews 3:13).

Jesus put on human flesh and came down to Earth. Because of this, he understands our struggles. Scripture gives us examples of exhortations Jesus makes. Throughout the New Testament, it is recorded that Jesus encourages us to not be anxious (Matthew 6:25), that he has overcome the world (John 16:33), and to not let our hearts be troubled (John 14:1-4).

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To learn more about the spiritual gift of exhortation, consider reading and studying the following passages:

- Acts 13:13-41; 14:22; 20:1-2
- Hebrews
- 1 Peter 5:1-2
- 2 Timothy 4
- 2 Thessalonians 3:12

Here are some ways you may consider continuing to develop this spiritual gift:

- Begin a Bible study on exhortation found in the New Testament
- Pray to God to make you an encourager to fellow Christians
- Meet with a church leader to learn about how exhortation affects their ministry

Although there is no single approach to using the spiritual gift of exhortation, here are some areas you may consider utilizing this gift to serve the church:

- Take some time to write a note of encouragement to a fellow believer
- Serve with Calvary Growth Groups
- Use your personal testimony and walk with Christ to encourage someone who may be in a similar situation
- Volunteer in youth ministry
- Lead a Life Group

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FAITH

The spiritual gift of faith is the ability to see God in every area of life and trust Him regardless of surrounding circumstances. Individuals with the spiritual gift of faith persist in confidence in God and His promises.

People with the gift of faith:

- Find it easy to encourage others in difficult times
- Can point out how God might be working in the lives of others
- Easily trust God is good during dark and painful circumstances
- Have confidence or peace in the existence of God without scientific evidence

The Bible has many examples of those who have gone before us with great faith. Hebrews chapter 11 is filled with examples of those who lived faithful lives. For example, Noah built a massive ark because he believed what God told him (Genesis 6:8-22). Abraham acted faithfully when he left his home and moved to a new place (Genesis 12:1-5). When God tests Abraham later in his life by asking him to sacrifice his only son Isaac, Abraham responds faithfully (Genesis 22:1-19).

During Jesus' ministry, he frequently saw the faith of others and healed them (e.g., Mark 5:25-34; Matthew 9:1-2). Jesus demonstrated great faith for us by his confidence in God's plan (John 12:27).



As followers of Christ, Jesus commands us to have faith (Mark 11:22-24). Jesus tells us that whoever believes (or has faith) in him will not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16). Having faith is essential in one's walk with Christ. Those with the spiritual gift of faith help build up the church in how they encourage others to have faith in Christ.

To learn more about the spiritual gift of faith, consider reading and studying the following passages:

- Habakkuk 2:4
- Romans 1:17, 4:18-21, 10:17
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Colossians 1:22-23
- Hebrews 11

Here are some ways you may consider continuing to develop this spiritual gift:

- Begin a study on the spiritual gift of faith throughout the Bible
- Spend time in prayer asking God to develop your faith even more
- Join a Life Group

Although there is no single approach to using the spiritual gift of faith, here are some areas you may consider utilizing this gift to serve the church:

- Serve in Calvary's youth ministry or kid's ministry
- Talk with a campus pastor about how you can serve at your campus
- Consider leading a Life Group or mentoring someone

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GIVING

The spiritual gift of giving is recognizing other's needs and gleefully and generously sharing resources. Individuals with the gift of giving often find themselves spending lots of time and energy pouring into their relationships with others.

People with the gift of giving:

- Align their finances so that they are able to be generous with others
- Faithfully trust in God's provision of their own resources
- Identify tangible ways to meet other's needs
- Find themselves detecting the emotional and spiritual needs of others

As followers of Christ, we are called to be generous with our finances (Matthew 6:24) and our resources (1 John 3:16-18). In God's Word, we see many examples of those who were generous with their resources. For example, when Jesus sees a poor widow give all that she had, He uses that moment to teach others about generosity (Luke 21:1-4). We are called to richly provide for others, be generous, and willing to share (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

Our God is a generous God. He gave His one and only son Jesus, so that we may have eternal life (John 3:16). Jesus often spoke about generosity when teaching. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches that our heart is where our treasure is and that we should not store up things of this world (Matthew 6:19-21).



He also teaches that it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). The gift of giving helps the community around us by reflecting the generous nature of Christ to those who do and do not know him.

To learn more about the spiritual gift of giving, consider reading and studying the following passages:

- Luke 3:11
- Romans 1:11
- 1 Thessalonians 2:8
- Ephesians 4:8
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Here are some ways you may consider continuing to develop this spiritual gift:

- Study scripture that portrays the generosity of Christ
- Meet with a church leader to learn about how giving affects their ministry
- Consider attending a meeting, training, or seminar on giving to learn to develop your own

Although there is no single approach to using the spiritual gift of giving, here are some areas you may consider utilizing this gift to serve the church:

- Consider giving to Calvary, a non-profit, or a different ministry either practically or financially
- Give to the Calvary \$1 for One
- Organize a time with friends or family to make care bags for those without homes or in need
- Ask your campus pastor how you can support the needs of those in the church
- Volunteer with Sarpy Care Center
- Lead a Life Group

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HELP / SERVICE / HOSPITALITY

This spiritual gift goes by several names, though all are centered on the ability to see the needs of others and do what they can to meet them. One with the gift of help/service/hospitality seeks opportunities to support the needs of others; usually this takes place by helping accomplish a task, creating a welcoming environment, or going out of their way to make something happen.

People with the gift of help/service/hospitality:

- Enjoy completing practical tasks that support ministry behind the scenes
- May find themselves content working behind the scenes
- Recognize the spiritual value in practical tasks
- Prefer to do a task, rather than delegate the tasks to others

Help/service/hospitality is shown throughout the Bible. This spiritual gift is shown through the examples such as Timothy serving in furthering the gospel (Philippians 2:19-23), women ministering to Jesus while he was in Galilee (Mark 15:40-41), and the household of Onesiphorus ministering to Paul (2 Timothy 1:16-18). The behind the scenes work that help/service/hospitality provides helps build the church up because it takes more than one person to run ministries. Those with the gift of help/service/hospitality enable ministry and church practically happen.



Scripture tells us that Jesus is our example of how to serve as a humble servant (Philippians 2). Jesus came to Earth to serve and give his life as a ransom (Mark 10:45). While on Earth, Jesus repeatedly taught that the one who served was greater than the one served (Luke 22:24-27; Matthew 20:20-28) and modeled to his disciples and us how to serve others well (John 13:14).

To learn more about the spiritual gift of help/service/hospitality, consider reading and studying the following passages:

- 1 Timothy 3:8-13
- Matthew 20:20-28
- Philippians 2:3-5
- John 13
- Acts 6:1-7

Here are some ways you may consider continuing to develop this spiritual gift:

- Study Jesus' teachings and examples of serving
- Meet with a church leader who can help identify areas which you can serve

Although there is no single approach to using the spiritual gift of help/service/hospitality, here are some areas you may consider utilizing this gift to serve the church:

- Assist someone with a task that would lighten their heavy load
- Serve on the Calvary chair, laundry, or coffee team
- Volunteer your time and space by hosting a Bible study or Life Group
- Volunteer with Sarpy Care Center
- Volunteer in First Impressions ministry

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KNOWLEDGE

The spiritual gift of knowledge is the ability to apply God's Word into different situations and circumstances, and frequently have God's Word committed to memory. Those with the spiritual gift of knowledge have a deep understanding of God's Word and share their knowledge with others. This gift is closely associated with the spiritual gifts of wisdom and prophecy.

People with the gift of knowledge:

- Enjoy spending large amounts of time in God's Word
- Search for biblical truths and apply these truths in life
- Recognize lawful and unlawful acts
- Enjoy memorizing Scripture

As followers of Jesus, we have been given a wonderful gift in our knowledge of Christ (Philippians 3:8-10). God's Word is filled with immense promises of grace and peace to those who have knowledge (2 Peter 1:2-4). In fact, Psalms 119 is filled with promised provisions that God gives to those who know his Word. God's Word tells us that knowledge is more valuable than Earthly riches (Proverbs 8:10), and that those who do not have knowledge are separated from God (Hosea 4:6; Isaiah 5:13).

We see knowledge manifested in the life of Jesus (Colossians 2:3) and knowledge of Jesus leads to eternal life (John 10:27-28; 14:6-11; Matthew 11:27).



God's Word is filled with examples of Jesus knowing the hearts and thoughts of others (Matthew 9:4-8; John 1:43-50; John 4:7-38). He is our Good Shepherd and knows each and every one of us (John 10:14-35). The spiritual gift of knowledge helps build the church up by allowing Scripture to be shared even without a Bible in front of us.

To learn more about the spiritual gift of knowledge, consider reading and studying the following passages:

- Proverbs 1:7; 8:10
- Philippians 1:9; 3:8-10
- 2 Peter 1
- Daniel 2:20-21

Here are some ways you may consider continuing to develop this spiritual gift:

- Study 1 Peter 1 or Psalm 119
- Practice memorizing Scripture
- Consider attending a class, seminar, or meeting to learn to develop your gift

Although there is no single approach to using the spiritual gift of knowledge, here are some areas you may consider utilizing this gift to serve the church:

- Teach others or lead a Life Group
- Consider serving with Calvary's welcome team or writing team
- Volunteer in Calvary's Growth Groups ministries

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LEADERSHIP

The gift of leadership is the ability to influence and direct people. Often this is associated with a level of authority; however, the spiritual gift of leadership does not require authority. Individuals with the spiritual gift of leadership will often serve as a guardian or protector over others.

People with the gift of leadership:

- Lead diligently and eagerly
- Often find themselves in leadership positions
- Oversee others
- Provide direction in ministry

The spiritual gift of leadership is found throughout the Bible. The Apostle Paul had the spiritual gift of leadership. Not only did Paul oversee a handful of early churches (Acts 18:22-23), but he invested his time, energy, and resources into the next generation of Christians, such as Timothy (1 Timothy 1). The spiritual gift of leadership is not only for leaders at the forefront of movements or ministries. Paul says that young people can set examples for older people (1 Timothy 4:12). Likewise, older people can also set examples for those around them.

Paul provides us with a great biblical example of spiritual leadership. Have you ever wondered where Paul learned to lead the way he did? Paul urges us in 1 Corinthians 11:1 to imitate him, just as he imitates Christ. Christ leads by example.



At the Last Supper, Jesus stood up and washed the feet of his disciples. After washing their feet, Jesus returned to the table and told them, "If I then, the Lord and Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I gave you an example that you should do as I did to you" (John 13).

To learn more about the spiritual gift of leadership, consider reading and studying the following passages:

- 1 Timothy 3:2-7; 5:17-22; 6:11-14
- 1 Peter 5:2
- 1 Corinthians 11:1
- John 13:12-17
- 3 John 11

Here are some ways you may consider continuing to develop this spiritual gift:

- Begin a Bible study on leadership; consider studying how Jesus leads in John 13:12-17 or false leadership in 2 Timothy 3:1-13 and 2 Peter 1
- Meet with a church leader to talk about how the spiritual gift of leadership affects their ministry
- Step into a mentor-mentee relationship with someone more mature in their gift of leadership

Although there is no single approach to using the spiritual gift of leadership, here are some areas you may consider utilizing this gift to serve the church:

- Lead a Life Group
- Organize a Life Group for your friends or family
- Serve on a volunteer team at Calvary, or talk to a campus pastor about an area in which you may help
- Volunteer in youth ministry (Collective)

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MERCY

Mercy is helping or having empathy for those who are afflicted. Individuals with the gift of mercy feel great compassion for individuals and take steps to make those in distress feel loved.

People with the gift of mercy:

- Recognize others pain and seek to alleviate their suffering
- Choose to uphold promises
- Are passionate about eliminating social injustices
- Tend to forgive others quickly

We are given several biblical examples of mercy, such as the good Samaritan who had mercy on the man beaten by robbers (Luke 10:25-37) and Stephen who showed mercy to those stoning him to death (Acts 7:59-8:1). The elders are told to have mercy on the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11). God's Word also gives us examples of what it looks like when we do not show mercy, such as the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). The spiritual gift of mercy builds the church up by helping those in distress feel loved.

Our God is a merciful God (Exodus 34:6-7), who through his great mercy, sent his one and only Son, through whom we are offered a new and living hope (1 Peter 1:3). Jesus provides strong examples of how to show mercy to others. Jesus felt immense compassion for the lost (Matthew 9:35-38) and healed two blind men who asked for mercy (Matthew 20:29-34).



Jesus felt such compassion on a grieving widow that he raised her son from the dead (Luke 7:11-17). Jesus frequently taught that those who are merciful will receive mercy (Matthew 5:7), and that we should have mercy on others (John 8:1-11).

To learn more about the spiritual gift of mercy, consider reading and studying the following passages:

- Matthew 5:7; 18:21-35; 25:24-40
- Romans 12:6-8
- Deuteronomy 13:17
- Colossians 3:12-15
- Luke 10:30-37
- Isaiah 49:13

Here are some ways you may consider continuing to develop this spiritual gift:

- Work on sharing mercy cheerfully
- Take note this week of people you feel compassion for and brainstorm ways you can act in their life
- Meet with a church leader to discuss how mercy impacts their ministry

Although there is no single approach to using the spiritual gift of mercy, here are some areas you may consider utilizing this gift to serve the church:

- Serve in Calvary's youth ministry (Collective)
- Volunteer at a local homeless shelter
- Make and freeze a favorite dish so that you have extra for someone in their time of need
- Volunteer in Calvary's Growth Groups
- Volunteer with Sarpy Care Center

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PASTORING / SHEPHERDING

The gift of leadership is the ability to influence and direct people. Often this is associated with a level of authority, however, the spiritual gift of leadership does not require authority. Individuals with the spiritual gift of leadership will often serve as a guardian or protector over others.

People with the gift of pastoring/shepherding:

- Take responsibility for the spiritual wellbeing of others
- Provide guidance and support to the body of Christ
- Lead and guide people in their spiritual maturity

Hearing the words “pastor” or “shepherd” may stir up visions of someone preaching on a Sunday morning. The spiritual gift of a pastor/shepherd is different from what we may initially envision. There are several people in the Bible who exemplify the spiritual gift of pastor/shepherd. For example, Jesus commissions Peter to shepherd and tend his people (John 21:15-17). God promises to give the Israelites shepherds after his own heart who provide knowledge and understanding (Jeremiah 3:15). These examples are of people who provide spiritual nourishment. Just as an actual shepherd takes care of a flock, those with the gift of pastoring/shepherding take care of people.



God’s Words tells us that Jesus is our Good Shepherd (John 10:11), the Great Shepherd (Hebrews 13:20), and our Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4). Jesus is the Shepherd who tends to our spiritual needs in a way that only He is capable of. When thinking about how to utilize the gift of a pastoring/shepherding, Jesus is the perfect example to follow.

To learn more about the spiritual gift of pastoring/shepherding, consider reading and studying the following passages:

- 1 Peter 5:1-4
- 1 Timothy 3:1-7
- Ezekiel 34:1-10
- John 10:1-16
- Jeremiah 3:15; 17:16

Here are some ways you may consider continuing to develop this spiritual gift:

- Step into a mentor-mentee relationship
- Join a Bible study or devotional group that is studying nurturing spirituality
- Read or listen to books and podcasts that deal with nurturing spirituality

Although there is no single approach to using the spiritual gift of pastoring/shepherding, here are some areas you may consider utilizing this gift to serve the church:

- Volunteer to oversee an area of ministry
- Dedicate your time to intentionally shepherding/mentoring an individual
- Volunteer with Sarpy Care Center
- Ask your campus pastor how you can use your gifts

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TEACHING

A teacher is one who instructs on things pertaining to God. Individuals with this gift have the ability to study and learn biblical doctrine primarily to help others know and live what God instructs us in His word.

People with the gift of teaching:

- Enjoy studying and sharing the Word of God in ministry
- Clearly communicate biblical truths
- Find themselves spending extended amounts of time studying and reflecting in God's Word
- Focus on attention and detail

Teaching is necessary so that the Church can gain a better understanding and greater knowledge of God's Word. The spiritual gift of teaching is found throughout Scripture. There are several people in the bible who exemplify the spiritual gift of teaching. For example, Paul and Barnabas taught the word of God to the Gentiles (1 Timothy 2:7; Acts 15:35) and Peter and John were persecuted for teaching in Jesus' name in Jerusalem (4:18, 5:28, 42)

Scripture tells us that Jesus taught in the synagogues (Matthew 4:23; 13:54), to those who were like sheep without a shepherd (Mark 6:34), and also to the crowds (Luke 5:3). People who heard Jesus' teachings were amazed because he taught with authority (Mark 1:22). Those with the gift of teaching should look to the examples of Jesus when considering how to utilize their gift.



To learn more about the spiritual gift of teaching, consider reading and studying the following passages:

- James 3
- 1 Timothy 6
- 2 Peter 2
- Matthew 28:29-30
- Colossians 2:6-8

Here are some ways you may consider continuing to develop this spiritual gift:

- Join an intensive Bible study group
- Dedicate time to studying and meditating on God's Word
- Attend a course, seminar, or training on teaching

Although there is no single approach to using the spiritual gift of teaching, here are some areas you may consider utilizing this gift to serve the church:

- Lead a Life Group or Bible study
- Volunteer in different detail-oriented positions
- Volunteer in youth ministry (Collective)
- Volunteer with Calvary Kids
- Ask your campus pastor how you can use your gifts

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WISDOM

The spiritual gift of wisdom is the ability to apply Scripture to different situations in order to bring clarity and understanding. Individuals with the spiritual gift of wisdom speak or teach the knowledge of God and discern how to live righteously according to God. This gift is closely associated with the spiritual gifts of knowledge and prophecy.

People with the gift of wisdom::

- Hear the Holy Spirit's direction in given situations
- Know God and act accordingly
- Apply their biblical knowledge to different circumstances
- Enjoy giving advice to others

Although God's Word is filled with many examples of spiritual wisdom, the most prominent example is King Solomon, the son of King David, the wisest King on Earth (1 Kings 10:23). When Solomon took the throne after David, he asked for wisdom and knowledge (2 Chronicles 1), and God made Solomon wiser than any other King on earth (2 Chronicles 2). Solomon exercised this wisdom in his judgments and rulings as king (1 Kings 3:16-28), so much so that others traveled great distances to see his wisdom and wealth (1 Kings 10). Much of the wisdom literature we have in God's Word (i.e., Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes, some of Proverbs) was written by King Solomon.



Jesus is Wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:30). As he grew up, He increased in wisdom and the Grace of God was on him (Luke 2:40; 2:52). Jesus' wisdom was so great that when He taught, those listening wondered where He got his wisdom (Matthew 13:54; Mark 6:2). Individuals with the spiritual gift of wisdom have the opportunity to mimic Christ and his wisdom so that others may be guided to live righteous lives.

To learn more about the spiritual gift of wisdom, consider reading and studying the following passages:

- James 3:13-18
- 1 Kings 3:16-28
- Proverbs 1:7; 2:6; 15:33
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-13

Here are some ways you may consider continuing to develop this spiritual gift:

- Pick a book of wisdom literature (i.e., Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, or Song of Solomon) and study it throughout the next 30 days
- Find an accountability partner who can help you continue to practice wisdom in everyday life
- Create a list of resources or Bible verses for various scenarios that you can reference in different circumstances
- Join a Life Group

Although there is no single approach to using the spiritual gift of wisdom, here are some areas you may consider utilizing this gift to serve the church:

- Serve as a teacher or Life Group leader
- Serve on Calvary's baptism team
- Volunteer on Calvary's writing team