Week #2

What are the spiritual gifts?

"A spiritual gift is any ability that is empowered by the Holy Spirit and used in any ministry of the church" - Wayne Grudem Systematic Theology

"A spiritual gift is an ability given by the Holy Spirit to express our faith effectively for the upbuilding of another's faith." – John Piper

What is the difference between a talent and a spiritual gift? (Romans 1:11-12)

The help and harm of labels.

The Spiritual Gifts Listed in Scripture:

Potential Definitions and Descriptions: Adapted from https://spiritualqiftstest.com/spiritual-qifts/

Administration: (1 Cor 12:28) Ex. Titus 1:4-5

κυβερνήσεις (koo-ber'-nay-sis): to steer i.e. (figuratively) directorship (in the church):—government.

Apostleship: (1 Cor 12:28, Eph 4:11)

Discernment (distinguishing spirits): (1 Cor 12:8-10) Ex. Acts 5:3-6; 16:16-18; 1 John 4:1

Evangelism: (Eph 4:11) Ex. Acts 8:5-12, 21:8

εὐαγγελιστής (yoo-ang-ghel-is-tace'): a preacher of the gospel:—evangelist.

Exhortation/Encouragement: (Rom 12:6-8) Ex. Titus 1:9, 2:11-15, 2 Tim 4:2, Acts 11:23-24

παρακαλέω (par-ak-al-eh'-o): to call near, i.e. invite, invoke (by imploration, hortation or consolation):—beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhort(-ation), intreat, pray.

Faith: (1 Cor 12:8-10) Ex. Matthew 21:21

πίστις (pis'-tis): persuasion, moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation;

Giving: (Rom 12:6-8) Ex. Romans 12:13, Philippians 4:10-18

μεταδίδωμι (met-ad-id'-o-mee): to give over, i.e. share:—give, impart.

Healing: (1 Cor 12:28, 1 Cor 12:8-10)

ἴαμα (ee'-am-ah): a cure (the effect):—healing.

Interpretation: (1 Cor 12:8-10)

έρμηνεία (her-may-ni'-ah): interpretation (of what has been spoken more or less obscurely by others)

Knowledge: (1 Cor 12:8-10) Ex. Romans 15:14

Leadership: (Rom 12:6-8) Ex. 1 Thessalonians 5:12; 1 Timothy 3:4-5, 12; 5:17

προΐστημι (pro-is'-tay-mee): to stand before, i.e. (in rank) to preside, or (by implication) to practise:—maintain, be over, rule.

Mercy: (Rom 12:6-8) Ex. Luke 10:30-37; Jude 22-23

ἐλεέω (el-eh-eh'-o): to compassionate (by word or deed, specially, by divine grace):— have compassion (pity on), have (obtain, receive, shew) mercy (on).

Miracles: (1 Cor 12:28, 1 Cor 12:8-10)

δύναμις (doo'-nam-is): (worker of) miracle(-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

Pastor/Shepherd: (Eph 4:11) *Ex. Jeremiah 3:15; Acts 20:28; John 10:11-18* ποιμήν (poy-mane'): care for/protect; a shepherd (literally or figuratively), pastor.

Prophecy: (1 Cor 12:28, 1 Cor 12:8-10, Eph 4:11, Rom 12:6-8) *Ex. 1 Corinthians 14:3-4, 24-25* προφήτης (prof-ay'-tace): a foreteller ("prophet"); by analogy, an inspired speaker; by extension, a poet:—prophet.

Service: (Rom 12:6-8)

διακονία (dee-ak-on-ee'-ah): attendance (as a servant, etc.); figuratively (eleemosynary) aid, (official) service (especially of the Christian teacher, or technically of the diaconate):—(ad-)minister(-ing, -tration, -try), office, relief, service(-ing).

Teaching: (1 Cor 12:28, Rom 12:6-8)

διδάσκω (did-as'-ko): to teah

Tongues: (1 Cor 12:28, 1 Cor 12:8-10) Ex. 1 Corinthians 14

γλωσσα (gloce-sah'): tongue - by implication, a language (specially, one naturally unacquired)

Wisdom: (1 Cor 12:8-10)

σοφία (sof-ee'-ah): wisdom (higher or lower, worldly or spiritual).

Are there unlisted gifts?

1 Peter 4 – Two Categories

Implied Gifts:

Celibacy (1 Cor 7:6-7)

Hospitality (1 Pet 4:9-11)

Craftsmanship? (Exodus 31:1-6. 35:31-35)

Do all the listed gifts continue today?