

Week 3: Understanding Spiritual Gifts

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1. God Created You with a Purpose

Purpose of Spiritual Gifts

- Spiritual gifts are given to believers to edify (build up) the church (1 Corinthians 14:12).
- Gifts bring unity, strength, and encouragement to the body of Christ.
- Operating in spiritual gifts allows the church to grow together and function as one body (Acts 1:8).

2. Three Categories of Spiritual Gifts

- Motivational Gifts (Romans 12:6-8) – Given to shape the personality and motivation of believers:
 - Prophecy – Declaring God's truth boldly.
 - Serving – Meeting practical needs in the church.
 - Teaching – Instructing and explaining God's Word.
 - Encouragement – Strengthening and uplifting others.
 - Giving – Financial support and generosity toward God's work.
 - Leadership – Organizing and guiding others with wisdom.
 - Mercy – Showing deep compassion to the hurting.
- Manifestation Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:7-11) – Given to reveal God's presence and power:
 - Word of Wisdom – Supernatural insight into God's will.
 - Word of Knowledge – Divine understanding of facts or truth.
 - Faith – Supernatural confidence in God's power.
 - Gifts of Healing – Miraculous physical and spiritual healing.
 - Working of Miracles – Supernatural acts beyond human ability.
 - Prophecy – Speaking a direct message from God.
 - Discerning of Spirits – Recognizing spiritual influences.
 - Tongues – Speaking in an unknown language by the Spirit.
 - Interpretation of Tongues – Interpreting the message of tongues.
- Ministry Gifts (Ephesians 4:11-12) – Given to equip the church:
 - Apostles – Pioneering new ministries and providing oversight.
 - Prophets – Giving direct insight from God.
 - Evangelists – Spreading the gospel.
 - Pastors – Shepherding and caring for the church body.
 - Teachers – Instructing and explaining God's Word.

3. The Gifts Are Meant to Build Up the Church

- Gifts are not meant to highlight individuals but to strengthen the whole body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12).
- The gifts of the Spirit allow the church to function effectively and fulfill God's mission.
- Spiritual gifts confirm the gospel message through signs and wonders.
- Operating in the gifts should bring unity and encouragement to the body.

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4. Obstacles to Operating in Spiritual Gifts

- Fear of failure – Gifts are not about perfection; they are about obedience and faith.
- Comparison – Gifts are given uniquely to each person and are not meant to be compared.
- Lack of faith – Trusting that God will operate through you is key to using your gifts.
- Insecurity – Recognizing that God chooses you to use your gifts despite personal shortcomings.

5. Practical Steps to Discover and Develop Spiritual Gifts

- Seek God in prayer about your spiritual gifts.
- Ask trusted leaders and fellow believers for feedback on your strengths.
- Step out in faith and begin to serve where you feel led.
- Be willing to learn and grow as you operate in your gifts.
- Recognize that the gifts operate through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Things to Think About (Discussion Questions):

- What spiritual gifts do you feel God may have given you?
- How can you begin to use your gifts to serve others?
- What fears or obstacles might be holding you back from operating in your gifts?
- How can spiritual gifts bring strength and unity to the church?
- How can you encourage someone else in discovering their spiritual gifts?

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Understanding Spiritual Gifts:

**Their purpose in the church
and the different types
(Motivational, Manifestation,
and Ministry gifts)**

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (KJV)

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

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The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 14:12

Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

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The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts

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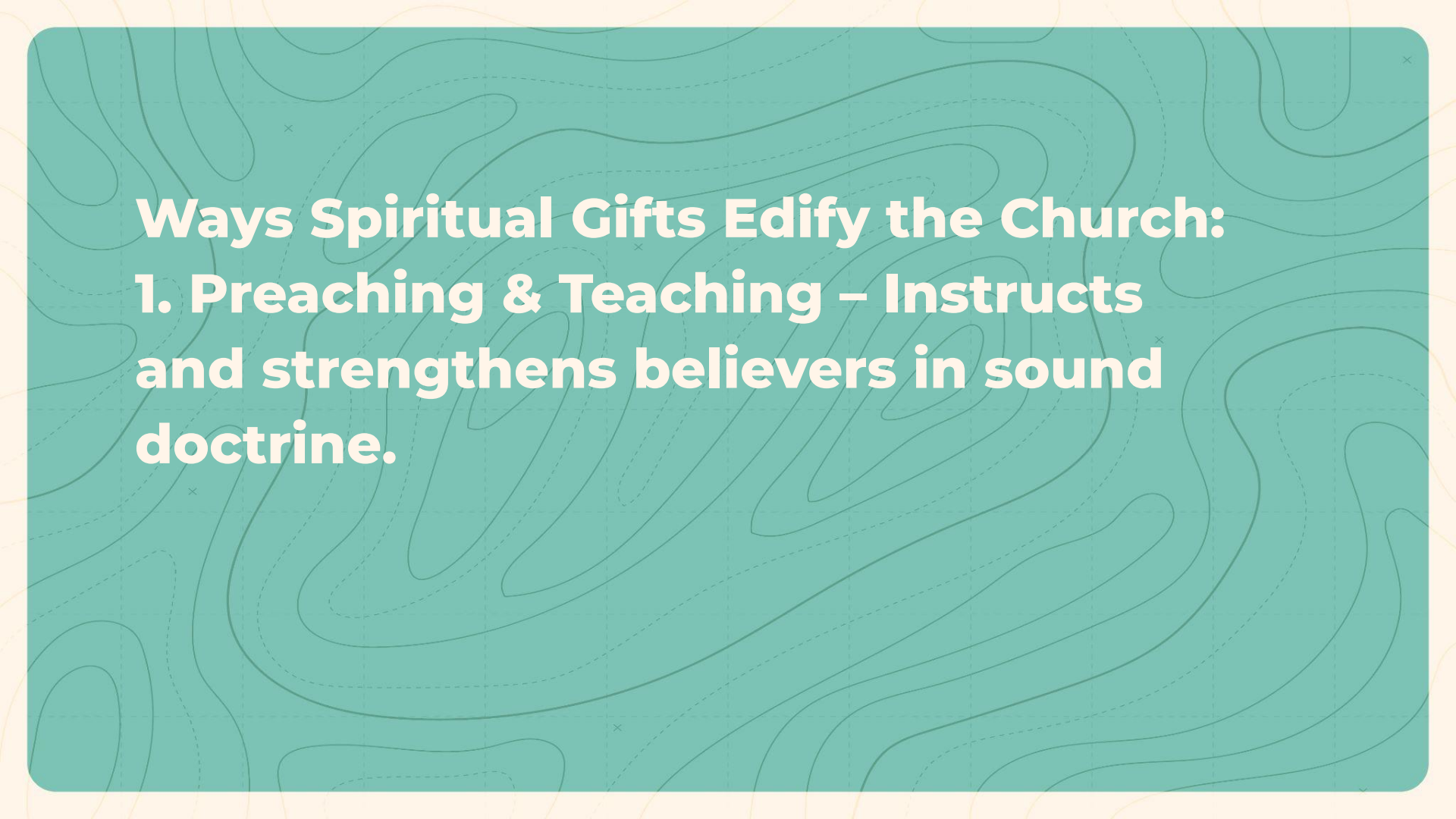
**To Demonstrate
the Power of God**

Acts 1:8

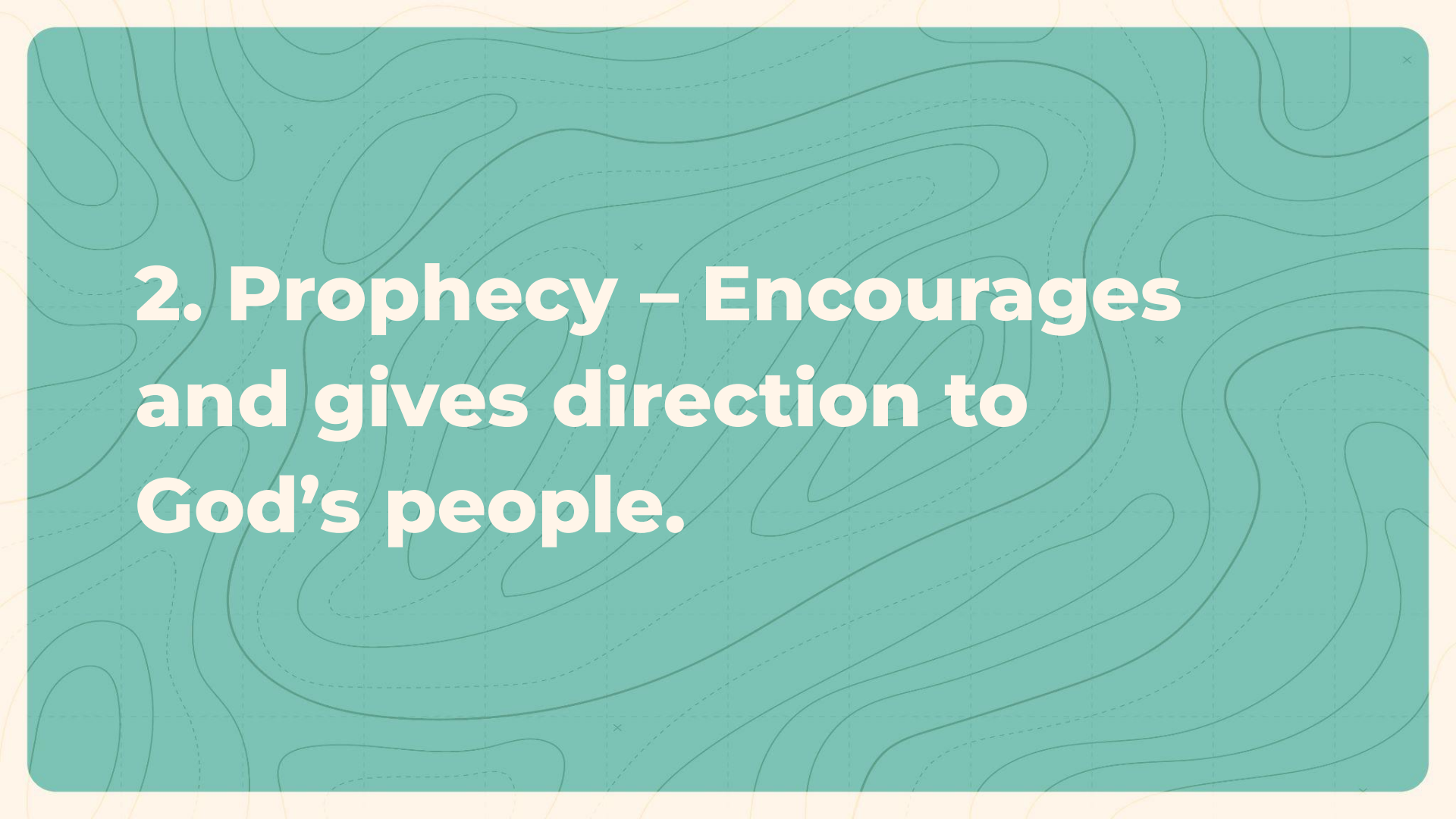
But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

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To Equip the Saints for Ministry



Ways Spiritual Gifts Edify the Church:
1. Preaching & Teaching – Instructs
and strengthens believers in sound
doctrine.



**2. Prophecy – Encourages
and gives direction to
God's people.**

3. Tongues & Interpretation
– Reveals divine mysteries
and builds faith.

**4. Healing & Miracles –
Strengthens faith by
demonstrating God's
power.**



**5. Encouragement
(Exhortation) Lifts up those
who are weak or discouraged.**

The Three Categories of Spiritual Gifts

Romans 12:6-8

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

1. Prophecy

2. Serving

3. Teaching

4. Exhortation

5. Giving

6. Leadership

7. Mercy

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

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- 1. Gifts of Revelation**
 - 2. Gifts of Power**
 - 3. Gifts of Utterance**

Ministry Gifts

Ephesians 4:11-12

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

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- 1. Apostles**
 - 2. Prophets**
 - 3. Evangelists**
 - 4. Pastors**
 - 5. Teachers**

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Cultivating and Operating in Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 14:1

**Follow after charity, and desire
spiritual gifts, but rather that ye
may prophesy.**

1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 3And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Hebrews 13:17

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

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**Stir Up the Gift
Within You**

2 Timothy 1:6

**Wherefore I put thee in
remembrance that thou stir up
the gift of God, which is in thee
by the putting on of my hands.**



Walking in Your Spiritual Gifts