

How to Use Your Spiritual Gifts

Various Passages

1. How does God want us to _____ the spiritual gifts? (Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:7-26; 13:1-3; 1 Pet. 4:10-11)

Spiritual gifts are _____ without love!

The only way to effectively use the gifts of the Spirit is in the _____ of the Holy Spirit.

So when Christians are attempting ministry but not using their spiritual gifts in the power of the Holy Spirit, we can expect the works of the _____ to be the likely result.

2. How do we become _____ with the Holy Spirit?

If you are a Christian, you already _____ all of the Holy Spirit you are ever going to get. What you need to do to be filled is remove the _____ to Him having control of your life, the way He wants to.

We must allow the Holy Spirit to fill us, or _____ us, for His power to work in us.

The Holy Spirit will not fill a vessel that is not _____. (1 John 1:5-6)

So, as soon as we sin or become aware that we have sinned, it is our responsibility as believers to _____ our sin and _____ of it. (1 John 1:9)

So the process of being filled with the Spirit is very simple.

- First, be a Christian and be _____ for the Holy Spirit to control every aspect of your life. (Rom. 12:1-2)
- Second, confess and repent of your sins _____, as often as you are aware of your sins. (1 John 1:9)
- Third, seek diligently to _____ in Christ (John 15:4) by making time for daily Bible reading, meditating on His Word, & prayer.
- Fourth, and show your love for Him by keeping His _____. (1 John 5:3) And when you don't, go back to number 2.

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Discussion Questions for the week of Jan. 30, 2022

Getting to Know Me

- What piece of “modern” (you define this term as you like) technology helps you the most? Frustrates you the most? Why?
- Are you an “innie” (one who likes to spend as much time as possible outdoors) or an “outie” (one who prefers the indoors)? Why?

Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week’s sermon as something important to understand and apply?

- Compare and contrast the ways the Bible says spiritual gifts are to be used in Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:7-26; 13:1-3; 1 Pet. 4:10-11 with the Fruit of the Spirit in Gal. 5: 22-23. What are the similarities? Differences? What do these observations tell you about the source of power for using your spiritual gift? Where does that power come from?

- What is the result when we attempt to use our spiritual gifts in our own flesh? See Gal. 5:19-21; 6:7-8. What can you say about a person, or a church, which is dominated by conflict? 1 Cor. 3:3.

- Compare and contrast Eph. 5: 18-6:9 with Col. 3:16-25. What similarities do you see? What can you say about the meaning of the phrases “be filled with the Holy Spirit” and “let the Word of Christ richly dwell within you?”

Application

- Have you been a part of churches that are dominated by conflict, as opposed to simple disagreements? What was the impact on you? On the mission of the church?

- Is the Word of Christ richly dwelling in you? Why or why not?