

Using Spiritual Gifts in the Home Church

1. **Faith** – The capacity to recognize what God intends to do in a given situation and to trust Him for it until He brings it to pass (1 Cor. 12:9, Acts 16:10, 18:10-11, 21:9-14, 27:22-26).
 - Throughout the week
 - Strong commitment to pray through individuals in the church
 - Learn apologetics to add substance to your faith
 - Take brave steps to increase your faith
 - At the meetings
 - Positive comments about God's goodness
 - Instill confidence in those who are doubting
2. **Prophecy** – The capacity to deliver truth either of predictive nature or as a situational word from God to correct/exhort others (Eph. 4:11, Rom. 12:6, 1 Cor. 12:10)
 - Throughout the week
 - Send a text, make a call, etc. when you get a word from the Lord for someone
 - At the meetings
 - Make comments during a teaching is where this gift stands out in Xenos
 - Make comments at CT
3. **Discernment** – The ability to distinguish truth, consistency, and right from wrong (1 Cor. 12:10, Acts 5:3-6, 14:9).
 - Throughout the week
 - Pray for wisdom on what might be going on below the surface with members
 - Seek those members out and ask questions to draw them out
 - At the meetings
 - See things that could've been misunderstood from the teaching and comment
 - Discern people who are fronting that they're doing well when really they're struggling and attempt to draw that out
4. **Counseling** – The capacity to help people see roots to issues and give them a framework for change (Jn. 4)
 - Throughout the week
 - Be willing to meet with those who are stuck, perhaps multiple times
 - At the meetings
 - Have conversations with those who are stuck
5. **Leadership / Apostleship / Visionary** – The capacity to create new ministry structures to meet needs and to develop and appoint leadership in these structures (Eph. 4:11, 1 Cor. 12:28, Rom. 12:8, Acts 13:1-4). Also, the capacity to exercise influence over a group so as to lead it toward a goal.
 - Throughout the week
 - Pray & consider the big picture of where the church is

- Develop the next line of leaders
- At the meetings
 - Think through the big picture
 - What values are we missing (wine)?
 - What structures could be in place to preserve those values (wineskins)?
 - Talk about big picture values that are missing in a positive, motivating way
- 6. **Pastoring / Mercy** – The capacity to exercise concern and care for members of a group so as to encourage them in their growth in Christ (Eph. 4:11). Also, the capacity to both feel sympathy for those in need (especially the suffering) and to manifest this in some practical way with a cheerful spirit (Rom. 12:8) so as to encourage and help those in need (See Dorcas – Acts 9:36).
 - Throughout the week
 - Earnest daily prayer for those in the church who are hurting (Jas. 5:16)
 - Send encouraging texts to those hurting (Heb. 3:13)
 - Prompt others in the church toward group serving for those hurting
 - At the meetings
 - Seek out the hurting
 - Ask good questions
 - Sit and listen sympathetically (Job 2:11-13)
 - Strong commitment to the prayer meeting – take notes
- 7. **Teaching** – The capacity to instruct, explain, or expose Biblical truth in such a way as to cause believers to understand (Paul in Acts 18:26, 19:9).
 - Throughout the week
 - Read books and study the Bible to increase your knowledge (2 Tim. 2:15)
 - At the meetings
 - Teach cell group
- 8. **Preaching** – The capacity to exposit Scripture in such a way that the Holy Spirit convicts believers and/or non-believers toward change (Acts 2:14-36, 13:16-41, Matt. 5-7)
 - Throughout the week
 - Help people develop teachings
 - Give people feedback on their teachings
 - At the meetings
 - Teach home church
 - Give feedback to home church teachers
- 9. **Helps** – The capacity to unselfishly meet the needs of others through very practical means.
 - Throughout the week
 - Help members with functional needs such as computers, cars, houses
 - Consider how to improve the setting for the meeting place
 - At the meetings

- Fix a technical issue
10. **Administration (governments)** – The capacity to manage details of service functions so as to support and free other leaders to prioritize their efforts (Acts 6:1-4).
- Throughout the week
 - Plan out the retreats, snack list, teaching rotation, group activities, etc.
 - At the meetings
 - Take attendance
11. **Giving** – The capacity to give liberally to meet the needs of others, with a purity of motive which senses that the giving is a simple sharing of what God has given (Rom. 12:8, Acts 4:34-37).
- Throughout the week
 - Cover the gap for the retreat
 - Chip in extra for babysitting for the workers meeting
 - Hire kids who want to go to a camp and pay them well
 - At the meetings
 - Supply the weekly boxed wine and/or coffee at home church
12. **Exhortation / Encouragement** – The capacity to urge people to action, to encourage, or to comfort people through Biblical truth (Rom. 12:8, Acts 4:36).
- Throughout the week
 - Pray for insights where you could bring unique encouragement
 - Write cards or send emails / texts with specific positive observations
 - At the meetings
 - Have the goal to encourage one person per week after a meeting
13. **Evangelism** – The capacity to challenge people through various communication methods to receive the Gospel of salvation (Eph. 4:11).
- Throughout the week
 - Take bold steps in conversations with non believers
 - Invite people to meetings
 - Prioritize the prayer meeting and inform workers of your outreach opportunities
 - At the meetings
 - Introduce your new friends to other trustworthy workers
 - Ask workers about their evangelistic opportunities and give them encouragement and advice
14. **Knowledge** – The capacity to know much of the Bible and understand difficult concepts. (Acts 18:24)
- Throughout the week
 - Read many books
 - Master the Bible
 - Memorize much scripture

- At the meetings
 - Humbly educate people on difficult truths
 - Casually bring up things you're learning to inspire people toward more knowledge
15. **Prayer** – The capacity to enjoy talking to God and to have the discipline to do it often. Also, a connection to God which leads to effective prayer (Jas. 5:17-18, Lk. 2:36-37).
- Throughout the week
 - Pray through the members of the home church
 - Pray one-on-one with people
 - At the meetings
 - Pray out loud at home church and CT
16. **Hospitality** – The capacity to make people feel comfortable and welcome.
- Throughout the week
 - Host dinners or parties
 - At the meetings
 - Be first
17. **Artistic gifting** – The capacity to provide aesthetic contributions to the church (Acts 16:14)
- Throughout the week
 - Consider creative ways to use your artistic gifting to build up others
 - At the meetings?