

Finding Your Laughing Place

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Overview

One of my favorite collection of stories as a kid was Walt Disney's *Song of the South*. The stories are a 1940's version of Road Runner and Wiley Coyote, with Brer Fox and Brer Bear trying to catch Brer Rabbit. One time, in order to escape, Brer Rabbit starts talking about his "laughing place." "I was goin' to show you my secret laughin' place in a hollow tree," said Brer Rabbit. "Makes me feel like laughin' just to think of it."

"Can't you tell us which tree?" they asked.

"Nope – got to show ya," Brer Rabbit said.

Brer Fox and Brer Bear put a rope on Brer Rabbit, and he leads them to a hollow oak. "There 'tis!" he yelled. So, Brer Fox and Brer Bear peeked in and out came a swarm of bees that chased them a-howling through the woods.

As Brer Rabbit rolls around on the ground laughing, he says,

"Yes sir, this sure is my laughin' place!"

Jesus said, "I came that they might have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10)

God desires for you to know your laughing place – that place of ministry that so fills you with joy that you're rolling around on the ground laughing on the inside!

C.S. Lewis has said that joy is the serious business of heaven.

Make it your serious business as well – discover your laughing place!

First Things First

**Fully Embrace Your True Identity
You Are A Child Of The King,
Choose to Live Accordingly!**

Regularly read out loud "I Am A Child Of The King" and "I Choose" to help you stay focused on the truth of who you are in Christ, and how that must determine your daily choosing, regardless of how you feel and the present look of things.

After salvation, spiritual evil is all about identity theft, hoping you never fully embrace who Jesus died for you to be! Believe the truth of who you are and choose to live accordingly!

Getting There

Dedicate, Eliminate, Evaluate, Cooperate, and Activate:

Dedicate Yourself to The King and Kingdom Purposes

“In him (God) we live and move and have our being.” Acts 17:28a

Daniel resolved (set his mind, determined) that he would not defile (pollute) himself. Daniel 1:8

“IT’S NOT ABOUT YOU. The purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment, your peace of mind, or even your happiness. It’s far greater than your family, your career, or even your wildest dreams and ambitions. If you want to know why you were placed on this planet, you must begin with God. You were born by His purpose and for His purpose. The search for the purpose of life has puzzled people for thousands of years. That’s because we typically begin at the wrong starting point — ourselves.

We ask self-centered questions like, ‘What do I want to be? What should I do with my life? What are my goals, my ambitions, my dreams for my future?’ But focusing on ourselves will never reveal our life’s purpose. The Bible says, ‘It is God who directs the lives of his creatures; everyone’s life is in His power.’” (Job 12:10 TEV) Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*

You are not on this planet for you. It is not about you. You are here for The King and Kingdom purposes, and Kingdom purposes alone! This must be your everyday, all day long mindset and intentional determination!

Eliminate Competing Distractions

“He (Jesus) must increase but I must decrease.” John 3:30

You can’t have it all, do it all, and be it all. You are going to have to choose.

What are you giving **too much** time, effort, and energies to?

What is **more** of a waste of time, efforts, and energies **than you want to admit**?

What do you **know you must give more** time, efforts, and energies to?

Because there will be more than a few things that come to mind:

Pick one thing you can make a change with and do it. Start there.

Do something rather than nothing.

How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time!

We must eliminate competing distractions.

Evaluate How God Made You and Is Shaping You

God's design for each of us is purposed! Not random or haphazard!

How God **made you, and is shaping you,**
determines your real time Kingdom purposes.

You will better understand your **right now Kingdom purposes** when you better understand how God *made you* and is in the ongoing process of *shaping you*. God has plans and purposes for you - not just one day - but this day, as you learn to do everyday life with Jesus.

God has been uniquely shaping you for Kingdom purposes every day since conception!
You're tailor-made!

*“O LORD, YOU have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit or stand. When far away you know my every thought. You chart the path ahead of me and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment, you know where I am. You know what I am going to say before I even say it. You both precede and follow me and place your hand of blessing on my head. This is too glorious, too wonderful to believe! I can never be lost to your Spirit! I can never get away from my God!
You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body, and knit them together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous – and how well I know it. You were there while I was being formed in utter seclusion! You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your Book! How precious it is, Lord, to realize that you are thinking about me constantly! I can't even count how many times a day your thoughts turn towards me. And when I waken in the morning, you are still thinking of me!” Psalm 139:1-8; 13-18 (LB)*

“What right do you have, a human being, to cross-examine God? The pot has no right to say to the potter. Why did you make me this shape? A potter can do what he likes with the clay!” Romans 9:20-21

We are to live in a manner worthy of our calling to Kingdom purposes. Eph. 4:1

We are to grow and become more and more like Jesus every day. Eph. 4:15

“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 2 Peter 1:3-8

God desires for us to utilize the hundreds of natural talents and abilities, specific personality traits and characteristics, intentional supernatural gifts and abilities, and our life experiences for his plans and purposes!

Rick Warren's SHAPE acrostic is a helpful way to evaluate how God made you and is shaping you. We will explore each aspect later.

Spiritual Gifts

What are you supernaturally gifted to do?

Heart

What has God placed in your heart to do?

Abilities

What natural talents and abilities do you have?

Personality

Where does your personality type and preferences best fit the needs of the body?

Experiences

What talents, skills, and abilities have you learned, and what life experiences have you experienced (good, bad, and ugly)?

**How God made you, and is shaping you,
determines your real time Kingdom purposes.**

Evaluate how God made you and is shaping you.

Cooperate With Other Believers

We are one body with many members.

"For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so

composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.” 1 Cor. 12:14-26

We are to be ONE as the body of Christ.
Every part of the body is necessary and important.
In fact, God declares you to be **INDISPENSABLE!**

We must do the hard work of **being a functional, godly family!**

Notice I said, “Hard work.”

Oneness does not just happen. It is **forged in the fires** we face TOGETHER with Jesus.

There are reasons God relocates us, locally and globally, but you do not abandon family because things are hard. Do the hard work of being family.

Activate Your Kingdom Involvement

“Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” James 1:22

Friends, I do not consider myself to have arrived – I don’t have it all together or have it all figured out. But this one thing I do.

Forgetting the things which are behind, and reaching forth to the things which are ahead, I bring all my energies to bear on this one thing – not where I’ve been, but where I’m going!

I press and push toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Phil. 3:13-14, Laymance Paraphrase

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:1-2,9-20

You may be on the sideline because you have not found where you fit.
Stay at it until you find it.

You may be on the sideline because of spiritual abuse and the actions of others.
Choose to work through what has occurred.
Do not allow what has happened to define you.

You may be on the sideline because of your past choices and decisions.
Don't allow guilt and shame.
Allow God to free you from that bondage.

**No one can go back and make a brand-new start my friend,
But anyone can start from here and make a brand-new end.**

If you are missing in action, sitting on the sidelines, disengaged,
the whole body loses. The Kingdom of God loses. YOU LOSE!

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I Am a Child of the King

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Because of who Jesus Christ is, and
because He is my Savior and my Lord:

I am a child of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
seated with Christ in the heavenly realm. I am chosen, accepted,
and included – a citizen of heaven and a member of God’s household.

I am loved by God unconditionally and without reservation.

I belong to Him, having been bought by Him with the
precious blood of Jesus. I have eternal life and will be
saved from all of God’s wrath to come – guaranteed!

I am a Christian. I am not just different in what I do.

My identity has changed. Who I am has changed.

Everything has become brand new.

I am a dwelling place in which God lives by His Spirit.

I have access to Him anytime, anywhere, for any reason.

I am God’s creation – His workmanship. I was created
by Him and for Him, so who I am and what I do matters.

I am spiritually alive. I have been set free from the fear of death
and have been given life to live and enjoy to the full.

I am forgiven – completely, totally, and absolutely.

I have been rescued from the dominion of darkness and
brought into the Kingdom of light – the Kingdom of the Son.

I have been free from the penalty of sin and the power of sin.

I am an enemy of Satan and at war with spiritual forces of evil,
but greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world.

If God is for me, it doesn’t matter who or what stands against me,
because nothing and no one can separate me from the love of Christ –
not hurt, pain, loss, problem, or brokenness;
not persecution, trouble, difficulty, or danger;
not abandonment, abuse, addictions, or appetites;
not desires, food, sexuality, or relationships;
not life or death, angels or demons;
not my past, the present, or the future;
no power, no person, no place, not anything in all creation;
not even Satan himself shall prevail.

I am in the hands of Jesus, in the hands of God, and nothing and
no one can snatch me out of God’s hands.

I will fear no evil because God is with me, and

He has promised to never leave me nor forsake me.

God’s presence is with me everywhere I go –
to the heights of heaven,
through the valley of the shadow,
to the ends of the earth – forever and always.

I am a Child of the King and choose this day to live as one.

(Rev. 1:8, John 1:12)

(Eph. 2:6, I Pet. 2:9)

(John 14: 1-6, Eph. 2:19)

(Rom. 5:6-8, I John 4:10)

(I Pet. 2:9, I Cor. 6:19)

(I John 5:11-13, John 3:16)

(Rom. 5:9, Eph. 1:13-14)

(I Peter 4:16)

(II Cor. 5:17, Gal. 2:20)

(Eph. 2:22, I Cor. 6:19)

(Eph. 2:18, Phil. 4:6-7)

(Ps. 139, Eph. 2:10)

(Col. 1:16, Gal. 6:7-9)

(Rom. 6:8-11, Heb. 2:14-15)

(John 10:10)

(I John 1:9, Ps. 103:8-13)

(Col. 1:13)

(Rom. 6:16-23, Gal. 5:1)

(I Peter 5:8, Eph. 6:12)

(I John 4:4)

(Rom. 8:31, Eph. 1:18-23)

(Rom. 8:35-39)

(Col. 2:15)

(John 10:27-28)

(Ps. 23:4, II Tim. 1:7)

(Heb. 13:5)

(Ps. 139:7)

(Matt. 28:19-20)

I Choose

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I choose to follow Jesus.

Luke 9:23-26

I choose to be who Jesus died for me to be.
I choose to go “all in” with him. He is all in with me.

Eph. 2:1-10, Rom. 5:6-11
1 Peter 2:9-10, Joshua 24:15

I choose to not be satisfied with business as usual.
I choose to not be an average believer, giving average time,
effort, energy, and commitment to the plans and purposes of God.

Rom. 6:1-14, Heb. 12:1-2
Eph. 5:15-17, John 10:10
1 Tim. 6:11-12, Eph. 3:14-20

I choose to not allow hurt or pain to define me, fear to dominate me,
selfishness to drive me, nor the success of evil to deter me.

Ps. 40:1-4, Ps. 23:4,
James 4:1-4, Rom. 8:31-39

I choose to not allow pride to rule me, unforgiveness to trap me,
doubt to block me, or difficulty to stop me.

James 4:6-8, Matt. 6:15,
Mark 6:5-6, 2 Cor. 4:8-9

I choose to not allow circumstances to overwhelm me,
the culture to conform me, anger to consume me,
or my passions to control me.

Ps. 9:9-10, Rom. 12:1-2,
Eph. 4:26-27, 1 John 2:15-17

I choose to allow God to define me, his strength to sustain me,
his sacrifice to drive me, and his sovereignty to assure me.

1 Peter 2:9-10, Is. 41:10
Is. 53:4-6, Is. 40:18-31

I choose to allow humility to rule me, forgiveness to free me,
belief to anchor me, and difficulty to motivate me.

Matt. 23:12, Rom. 12:17-21,
Matt. 16:13-18, 1 Sam. 17:48

I choose to allow God to guide me, his truth to transform me,
his love to consume me, and his passions to control me.

Prov. 3:5-6, Rom. 12:1-2,
2 Cor. 5:14-15, Phil. 3:13-14

I choose to fess up when I mess up.
I choose to get up when I get knocked down.
I choose to push forward when I fall behind.
I choose to not quit on God. He never gives up on me.

Ps. 32, Ps. 18:16-17,
Ps. 37:23-24, Heb. 13:5

I choose to establish a new normal. Just ok is not ok.
I choose extraordinary over ordinary.
I choose to live far beyond average.
I choose to live as a child of the King!

Rev. 3:15-16, 2 Cor. 5:17,
Is. 43:18-19, Eph. 3:20,
Habakkuk 1:5, Jer. 33:3

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Spiritual Gifts

There are four major lists of spiritual gifts in the Bible: Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, 27-31; Ephesians 4:11-12; and 1 Peter 4:9-11.

There is no single list that includes all the gifts mentioned.

There is no total number of gifts identified in the Bible.

The gifts mentioned could be examples, not a closed list.

Basic Truths

Gifts are given to individual believers by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of serving one another, equipping one another for Kingdom work, building up the body, facilitating unity, growing maturity, and fulfilling what God intends.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another 1 Peter 4:10

Gifts were given “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.” Eph. 4:12-13

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 1 Cor.12:4-7

Only Believers receive spiritual gifts.

“The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.” 1 Cor. 2:14

Every Believer has at least one gift.

But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. 1 Cor. 7:7

No one receives all the gifts, and no single gift is given to everyone.

“Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 1 Cor. 12:29-30

Spiritual gifts are given, not earned, or worked for.

As each has received a gift 1 Peter 4:10; Gifts were given Eph. 4:12

The Holy Spirit decides how you are gifted.

“All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportioned to each one individually as He wills.” 1 Cor. 12:11

You are supposed to develop the gifts God gives you.

“Do not neglect the gift you have” 1 Tim. 4:14a

We need supernatural gifts and abilities in our conflict with spiritual evil.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Eph. 6:12

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵ We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,” 2 Cor. 10:3-5

Differences

Don't confuse gifts from the Holy Spirit with fruit of the Holy Spirit.

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.” Gal. 5:16-26

Gifts from the Spirit are supernatural abilities given to facilitate Kingdom ministry. The fruit of the Spirit are characteristics resulting from growth and maturity as we do life with Jesus.

Your gifting drives you to specific ministries and determines how you want to minister.

Fruit is evidence of the growth and development of godly character.

Don't confuse gifts with roles and responsibilities.

If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ² Therefore an overseer must be above reproach...Deacons, likewise, must be... 1 Tim. 3:1-2,8

“Your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope” 1 Thess.1:3

“Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.” 1 Tim. 4:12

There are many roles and responsibilities in the church. A spiritual gift is not required or even necessary to give leadership, minister to people, or facilitate Kingdom purposes.

However, invest most of your ministry time and energies where you can best utilize your gifting.

And because we are family, “stuff needs to get done”. So, jump in and help. Be family!

Don't confuse natural talents, abilities, and skills with spiritual gifts.

“But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.” 2 Cor. 8:7

“And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help causes of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.” Titus 3:14

“Also to his son Shemaiah were sons born who were rulers in their fathers' houses, for they were men of great ability.” 1 Chron. 26:6

There are aspects of the gifts that are supposed to be characteristic of all believers:

Caring, serving, encouraging, giving generously, praying, believing God for miracles and healing, proclaiming truth, receiving divine revelation and wisdom, recognizing and dealing with the intrusion of Darkness, and sharing Jesus with those who do not know Him.

But spiritual gifts go beyond this.

You:

Are drawn to specific Kingdom work, motivated to get involved, and energized when involved.

Notice a minimum weariness and maximum effectiveness in how God is using you.

Become aware that you are experiencing supernatural abilities and supernatural results.

Experience joy and desire for God to use you in this way more – it is a laughing place!

Discovering Your Spiritual Gifting

There are not tight restrictions concerning the definitions of gifts in the Bible.

The definition for each gift in the following check list is meant to be a starting place.

In your first read through the list, go with your initial impression.

Put a check mark by any gift you think you probably have, and a question mark for possibly have. Leave the rest blank. The Holy Spirit oversees gifting, not you! Don't box Him in with what you think is probable, possible, or a definitive yes or no.

As you reflect on the definitions given:

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you from your initial response to next steps.

Spend time in the Word asking for revelation and wisdom concerning gifting.

Participate in different kinds of Kingdom ministry. The Holy Spirit loves to surprise us with discovery through involvement!

Ask others that know you well what possible gifting they see with you.

Your gifting requires training and development. Don't leave a gift un-wrapped or partially opened simply because you didn't understand it or know how to immediately use it.

The gifts in the following checklist are drawn from the four major passages noted.

Remember, this is only a starting place for discovery. Use other resources as well.

Gifts Checklist

Prophecy

The supernatural ability to persuasively communicate God's Word in an inspired way that convinces unbelievers, and both challenges and encourages believers.

Evangelism

The supernatural ability to recognize effective ways to engage unbelievers with the gospel and lead other believers to do so as well.

Apostle (Missions)

The supernatural ability to adapt to or connect with a different culture or people group for the purposes of establishing, developing, and building new works and advancing the Kingdom.

Teaching

The supernatural ability to equip and train believers for ministry by clearly explaining and applying biblical truth in a way that leads to a greater knowledge and understanding of God's Word.

Service

The supernatural ability to recognize unmet needs and take the initiative to provide practical assistance quickly and gladly.

Mercy

The supernatural ability to detect hurt and provide compassionate support to those experiencing distress, crisis, or pain.

Exhortation (Encouragement)

The supernatural ability to motivate and challenge God's people to apply and act on biblical principles, especially when they are discouraged or wavering in their faith.

Pastoring (Shepherding)

The supernatural ability to care for the spiritual needs of a group of believers, facilitate their growth, and equip them for ministry.

Giving

The supernatural ability to earn, invest, manage, and generously give material resources so that the Kingdom of God may grow and be strengthened.

Word of Wisdom

The supernatural ability to understand God's perspective on life issues and situations, and share those insights in a simple, clear, understandable way. This is a result of the Holy Spirit revealing wisdom, not human logic, or reason.

Word of Knowledge

The supernatural ability to receive knowledge and information from God for the purpose of communicating that understanding to individuals or the church. This is a result of the Holy Spirit revealing knowledge, not human logic, or reason.

Discernment

The supernatural ability to recognize the source of words, actions, knowledge, information, experiences, etc. as being of God or from spiritual evil. This gifting varies in how the Holy Spirit chooses to expose and reveal spirit world activity.

Healing

The supernatural ability to recognize God's prompting to ask Him for a specific healing of body, soul, or spirit.

Miracles

The supernatural ability to recognize God's prompting to ask Him to intervene regarding a humanly impossible situation.

Administration/Leadership

The supernatural ability to organize, coordinate, motivate, mobilize, execute plans, and give direction concerning people/resources/time, etc. for more effective Kingdom ministry.

Faith

The supernatural ability to take great risk pursuing a God-given vision, challenging believers to act in faith, regardless of the obstacles.

Tongues

The supernatural ability to speak or pray in a God given language for a God directed purpose.

Interpretation of Tongues

The supernatural ability to understand and explain the meaning of the words expressed through tongues.