

# A better me in 2023 for God's Glory

What are your Spiritual  
Gifts?



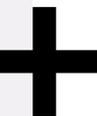
# VISION STATEMENT

Positively change  
the world through  
a better me and a  
better we in 2023.



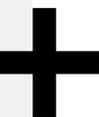
# Every believer has one gift

- As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (1 Peter 4:10)



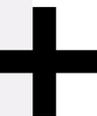
## No one believer has all the gifts

–Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way. (1 Corinthians 12:29-31)



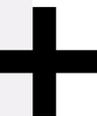
# The purpose of Spiritual gifts

- 1. Glorify God
- 2. Build up the church



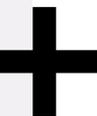
## Definition of Spiritual Gift-

–“A supernatural ability given by Christ through the Holy Spirit to the believer at the moment of his salvation.” Dr. Harold Willmington



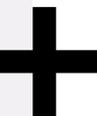
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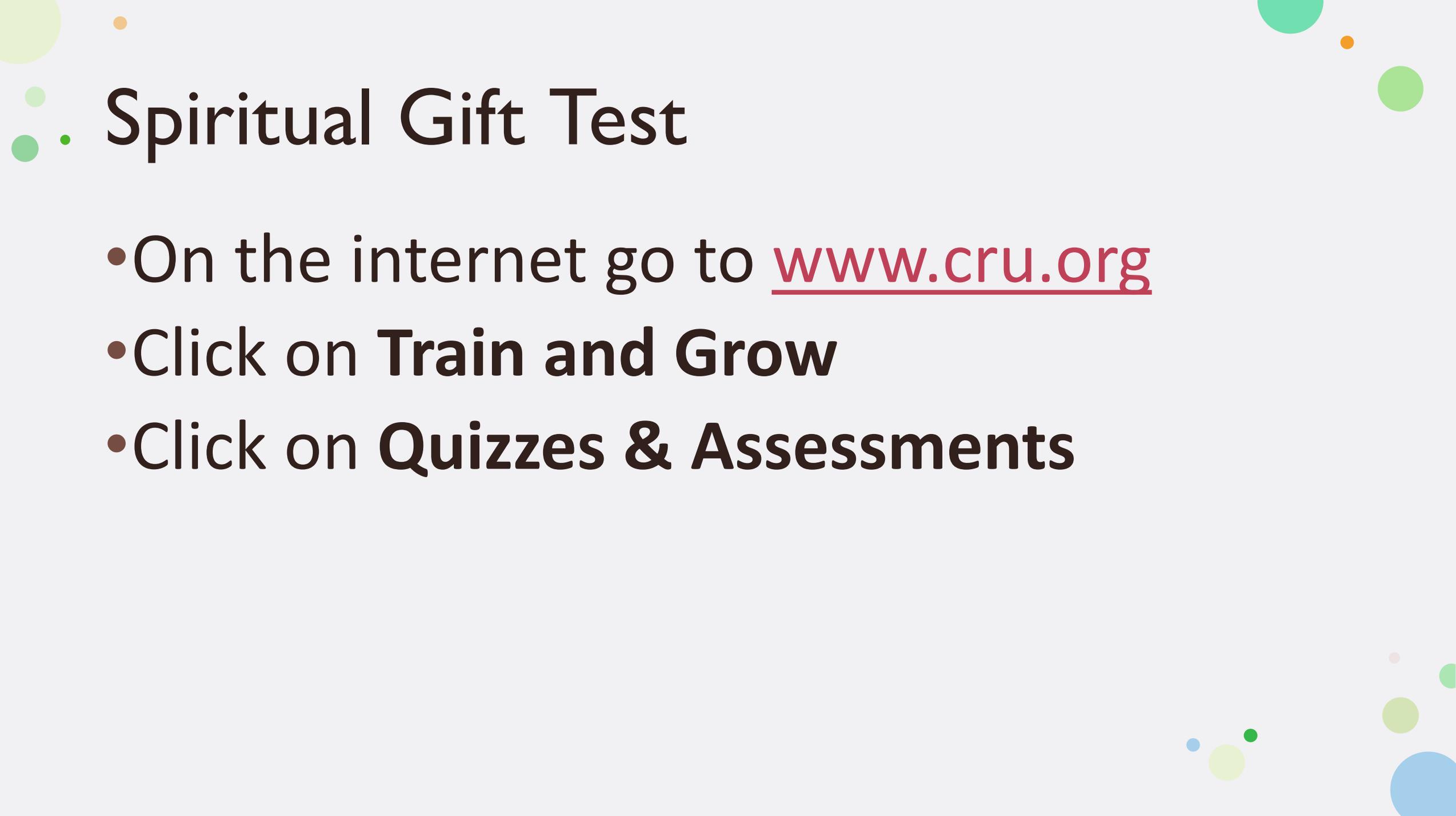
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– 1 Corinthians	<u>1Co 12:1-13</u>	<u>1Co 12:14-31</u>	<u>1Co 13:1-13</u>
– Romans	<u>Rom 12:1-5</u>	<u>Rom 12:6-8</u>	<u>Rom 12:9-21</u>
– Ephesians	<u>Eph 4:1-6</u>	<u>Eph 4:7-12</u>	<u>Eph 4:13-16</u>



## Study the Gifts of the Spirit

–Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.(2 Timothy 2:15)



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# Spiritual Gift Test

- On the internet go to [www.cru.org](http://www.cru.org)
- Click on **Train and Grow**
- Click on **Quizzes & Assessments**

# Leadership – Romans 12:8

- proistēmi - to set or place before
- 1a) to set over
- 1b) to be over, to superintend, preside over

## **Leadership – Romans 12:8**

“People with the Gift of Leadership tend to gravitate toward the “point position” in a ministry.”

# Leadership – Romans 12:8

- Do you usually take leadership in a group where none exists?
- Do you find leadership enjoyable rather than frustrating and difficult?
- Do others look to you to make the major decisions for a group or organization?

# Administration | Corinthians 12:28

- kubernēsis
  - 1) a governing, government
  - 2) To steer, pilotage

# **Administration | Corinthians 12:28**

“The gift of administration is the God-given ability to give direction and make decisions on behalf of others that result in efficient operation and accomplishment of goals.”

# Administration | Corinthians 12:28

- When things are poorly organized do you get frustrated?
- Can you bring order out of chaos?
- Do things like efficiency and promptness matter more to you than most people?

# Teaching | Cor. 12:28 & Romans 12:7

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“The gift of teaching is the God-given ability to understand and communicate biblical truth in a clear and relevant manner so that there is understanding and application.”

# Teaching | Cor. 12:28 & Romans 12:7

- Do you enjoy studying and researching?
- Do you enjoy imparting biblical truth to others?

# Knowledge | Corinthians 12:8

Greek Word - gnōsis

1) knowledge signifies in general intelligence, understanding

1a) the general knowledge of Christian religion

# Knowledge | Corinthians 12:8

“People with the Gift of Knowledge love to study, love to learn, and are not content with a surface-level knowledge of topics.”

# Knowledge | Corinthians 12:8

- Do you love to study?
- Have others frequently pointed out your ability to know and understand God's Word?
- Do people often come to you with difficult problems and questions from the Bible, seeking your insight because they know you will have the answer or find it?

# Wisdom | Corinthians 12:8

Greek Word - sophia

Thayer Definition:

1) wisdom, broad and full of intelligence; used of the knowledge of very diverse matters

# Wisdom | Corinthians 12:8

The gift of wisdom is the ability to have insight into people and situations that is not obvious to the average person, combined with an understanding of what to do and how to do it—specifically applying God's Word.

# Wisdom | Corinthians 12:8

Can you practically apply biblical truth to help counsel others to make good life choices?

Do you get frustrated when people make foolish decisions that damage their quality of life, because you know what they should have done instead?

# Prophecy - Romans 12:8

prophēteia

Thayer Definition:

1) prophecy

1a) a discourse emanating from divine inspiration and declaring the purposes of God, whether by reproving and admonishing the wicked, or comforting the afflicted, or revealing things hidden; especially by foretelling future events

# Prophecy - Romans 12:8

- Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;(Romans 12:6)
- to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.(1 Corinthians 12:10)

# Prophecy

- Foretelling has ceased
- Forthtelling is the preaching of God's Word

# Discernment – I Corinthians 12:10

Greek word - diakrisis

- 1) a distinguishing, discerning, judging
- 2) To separate

## **Discernment – I Corinthians 12:10**

“The spiritual gift of discernment is the ability to quickly perceive whether such things as people, events, or beliefs are from God or Satan.”

# **Discernment – I Corinthians 12:10**

Have you felt a special responsibility to protect the truth of God's Word by exposing that which is wrong?

Do you often make a swift evaluation of someone or something that was said, that others did not see but yet proved to be correct?

# Encouragement - Romans 12:8

Greek Word- parakaleō

1) to call to one's side, call for, summon

2) to address, speak to, (call to, call upon), which may be done in the way of exhortation, entreaty, comfort, instruction, etc.

2a) to admonish, exhort

# **Encouragement - Romans 12:8**

People with the Gift of Encouragement have an unusual sensitivity for and are attracted to those who are discouraged or struggling.

# **Encouragement - Romans 12:8**

Do people seek you out for advice and encouragement?

Do you enjoy walking with someone through difficulties?

Are you attracted to those who are hurting and needy?

# **Pastor / Shepherd - Ephesians 4:11**

**Greek Word - poimēn**

**1) a herdsman, especially a shepherd (only used once as pastor – other times as shepherd)**

# **Pastor / Shepherd - Ephesians 4:11**

In one sense, pastoring is the office reserved for those men who meet the biblical criteria (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9).

# **Pastor / Shepherd - Ephesians 4:11**

Do you have a deep love for people that compels you to care for them?

Do you enjoy meeting with people to listen to their life story and provide them biblical counsel?

# Faith – I Corinthians 12:9

Greek Word - pistis

Thayer Definition:

1) conviction of the truth of anything, belief; in the NT of a conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervour born of faith and joined with it

# Faith – I Corinthians 12:9

Do you view obstacles as opportunities and trust God for the impossible?

Do you find yourself frequently boasting about the power of God and what you have seen him do?

# Evangelism – Ephesians 4:11

Greek Word - euaggelistēs

Thayer Definition:

- 1) a bringer of good tidings, an evangelist
- 2) the name given to the NT heralds of salvation through Christ who are not apostles

# Evangelism – Ephesians 4:11

Do you enjoy being with non-Christians and sharing the gospel?

Are you able to effectively communicate to non-Christians in a language they can understand?

Does a person's conversion bring you profound joy?

# **Apostleship – Missionary**

**I Corinthians 12:28 – Ephesians 4:11**

- **Greek Word - apostolos**

**1) a delegate, messenger, one sent forth with orders**

# **Apostleship – Missionary**

**I Corinthians 12:28 – Ephesians 4:11**

The gift, not the office, of apostleship applies to such people as Barnabas (Acts 14:3-4, 14), Apollos and Sosthenes (1 Corinthians 4:6-9), Andronicus and Junias (Romans 16:7)

# Apostleship – Missionary

**I Corinthians 12:28 – Ephesians 4:11**

- Can you effectively minister cross-culturally?
- Are you called and qualified to plant a church?
- Can you start a church from nothing?

# Service or helps

I Corinthians 12:28, Romans 12:7

- Greek word antilēmpsis
- 1x: aid, assistance; meton, one who aids or assists, a help

# Service or helps

I Corinthians 12:28, Romans 12:7

- Loves to serve
- The person behind the scenes making sure everything comes together.

# Service or helps

I Corinthians 12:28, Romans 12:7

- When someone is doing a job poorly is your first instinct to help them instead of criticize?
- Do you prefer to work in a supportive rather than a leadership capacity?
- When you hear of someone with needs, do you offer your services if possible?

# Mercy

Romans 12:8

- Greek Word - eleeō<sup>ō</sup>
  - 1) to have mercy on
  - 2) to help one afflicted or seeking aid

# Mercy

## Romans 12:8

- The gift of mercy is the capacity to feel and express unusual compassion and sympathy for those in difficult or crisis situations and provide them with the necessary help and support to see them through tough times.

# Mercy

Romans 12:8

- Do you find yourself being drawn to people who are needy, hurting, sick, disabled, or elderly?
- Do you often think of ways to minister to those who are suffering?

# • **Giving** - Romans 12:8

Greek Word - metadidōmi

met-ad-id'-o-mee

to give over, that is, share: - give,  
impart.

## **Giving** - Romans 12:8

The gift of giving is the ability to give money and other forms of wealth joyfully, wisely, and generously to meet the needs of others and help support ministries.

## **Giving** - Romans 12:8

Do you tend to see the needs of others more than other people do?

Do you enjoy giving your time, talent, and treasure to others?

# Hospitality – I Peter 4:9

Greek Word

philoxenos

1) hospitable, generous to guests

# **Hospitality – I Peter 4:9**

The spiritual gift of hospitality is the ability to welcome strangers and entertain guests, often in your home, with great joy and kindness so that they become friends.

# • **Hospitality – I Peter 4:9**

- Is your home the kind most people feel comfortable in and drop by to visit unannounced?
- When you think of your home do you view it from the perspective of guests who will visit?