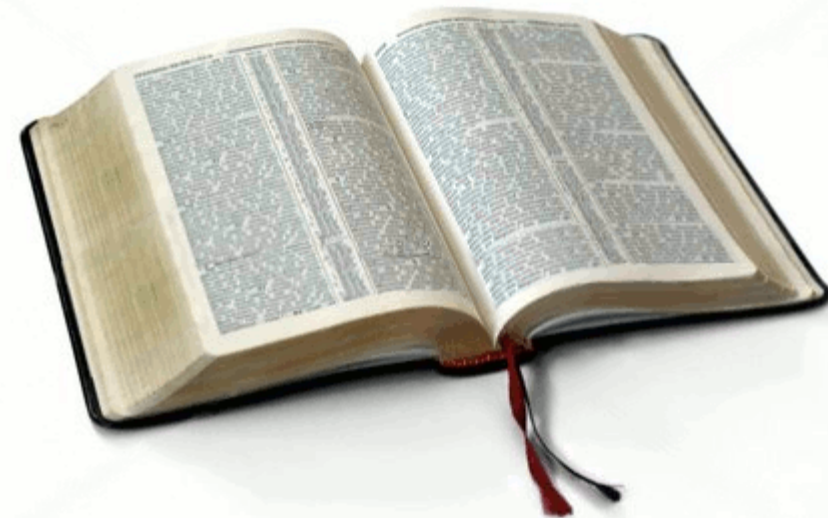


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A grayscale image of a hand holding a small, wrapped box. The box is tied with a string and has the words "FROM GOD" printed on it.

Understanding Your Spiritual Gifts!

Use It or Lose It!



Home Depot

- Is a place that helps people to use their own gifts and talents that they already possess.
- It also enables those who are dreamers to cultivate and develop their own gifts and talents for effective use.



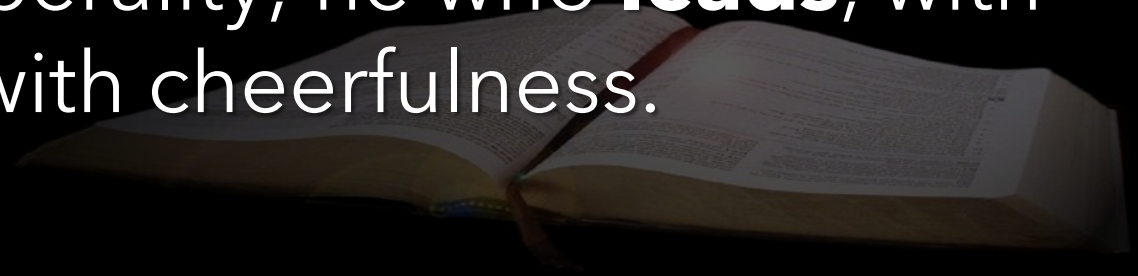
Why not use it?

- After leaving a Home Depot experience each person is empowered to labor according to their own gifts and talents they desire to develop.



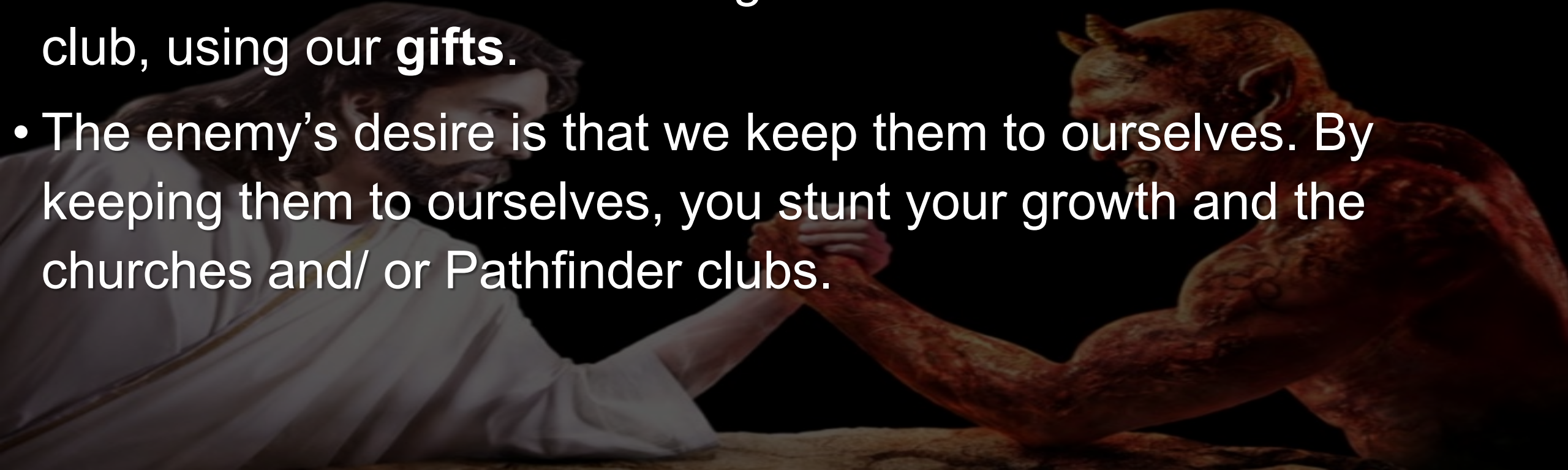
Romans 12:4-8 (NKJV)

- For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 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; or **ministry**, let us use it in our ministering; he who **teaches**, in teaching; he who **exhorts**, in exhortation; he who **gives**, with liberality; he who **leads**, with diligence; he who shows **mercy**, with cheerfulness.



God vs. The Devil

- The LORD has **equipped every person with at least one spiritual gift.**
- God's desire is that we would grow the church and/ or Pathfinder club, using our **gifts.**
- The enemy's desire is that we keep them to ourselves. By keeping them to ourselves, you stunt your growth and the churches and/ or Pathfinder clubs.



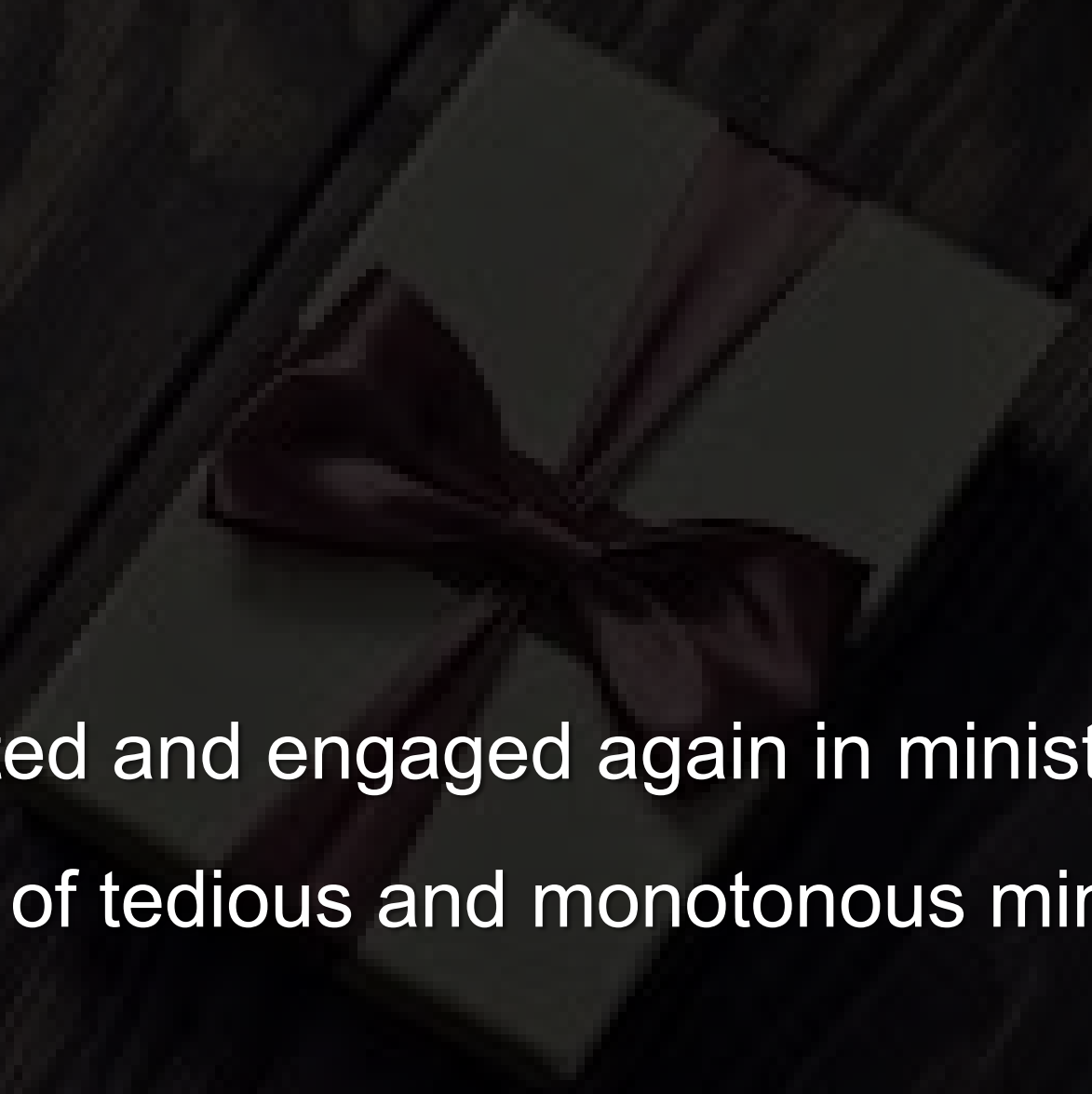
1 Peter 4:7-11 (NIV)

- Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may **pray**. Above all, **love** each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer **hospitality** to one another without grumbling. Each of **you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others**, as **faithful stewards** of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone **speaks**, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone **serves**, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.



Purpose of the Gifts

- To build up the church.
- To build up one another.
- To bring souls to Jesus.
- To help you to become excited and engaged again in ministry.
- To take away the frustration of tedious and monotonous ministry.



Reason for the Gifts

- The Holy Spirit distributes the gifts to believers, thus benefitting the whole church.
- **Acts 2:38** (NIV), Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And **you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

Assistance
Evangelism
Exhorting
Ministry
Interpretation
Praying
Compassion

Reason for the Gifts

- **1 Corinthians 12:7-11** (HCSB), A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person to produce what is beneficial: to one is given **a message of wisdom** through the Spirit, to another, **a message of knowledge** by the same Spirit, to another, **faith by the same Spirit**, to another, **gifts of healing** by the one Spirit, to another, **the performing of miracles**, to another, **prophecy**, to another, **distinguishing between spirits**, to another, **different kinds of languages**, to another, **interpretation of languages**. But one and the same Spirit is active in all these, distributing to each person as He wills.

Reason for the Gifts

- The Holy Spirit provides the special power necessary to proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth.
- **Acts 1:8** (NIV), But **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you**; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
- We need that power!!!

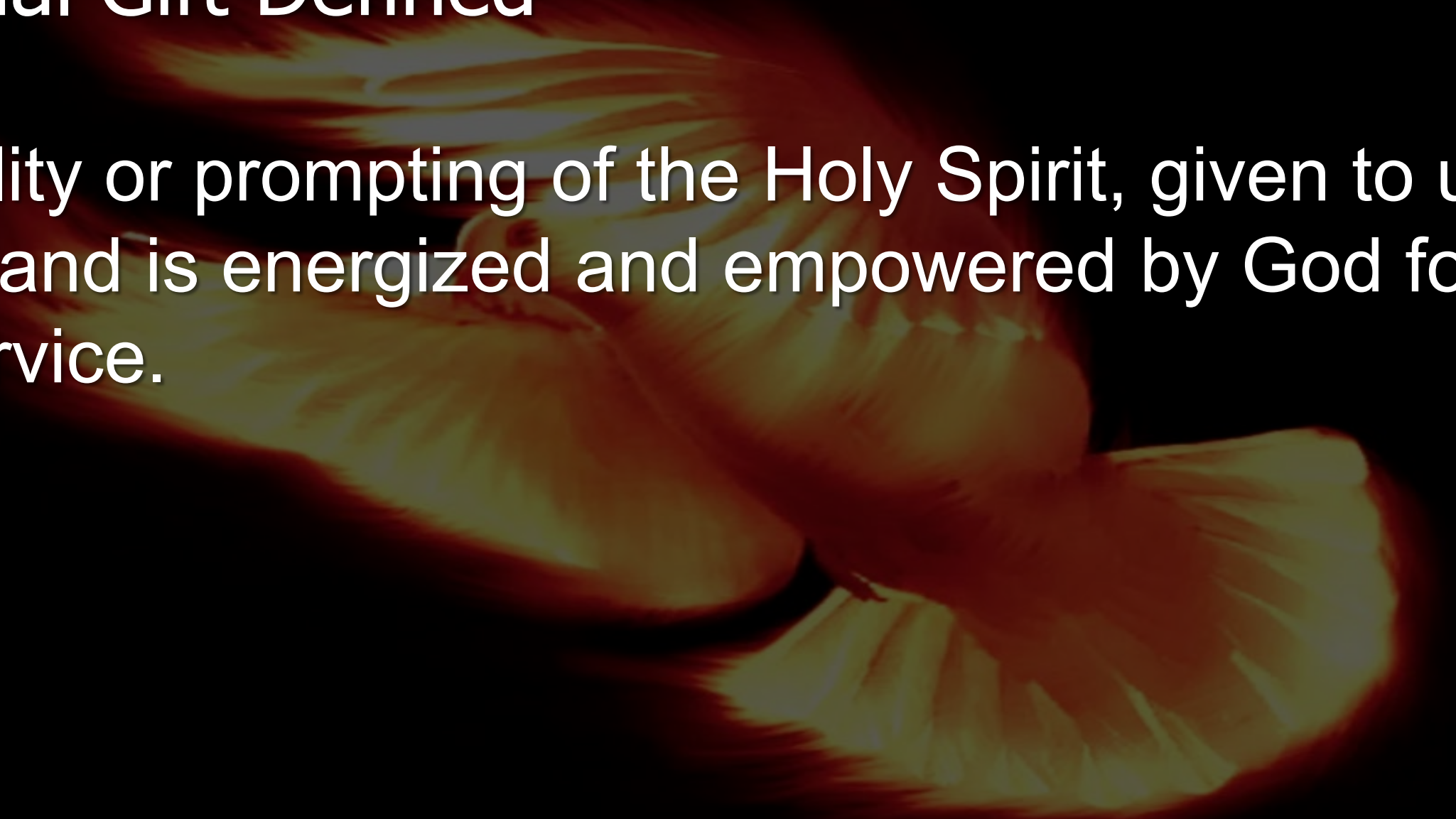
The Gifts of God are
to be used for the saving
of souls.

Ellen White



Spiritual Gift Defined

- An ability or prompting of the Holy Spirit, given to us freely, and is energized and empowered by God for His service.



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CeCe Winans



Oprah Winfrey





Which one is spiritually gifted
and which one is talented?



Breakout Rooms



Your purpose in life is to use your
gifts and talents to help other
people. Your journey in life teaches
you how to do that.

— Tom Krause —

What are some Spiritual Gifts?

- In **1 Corinthians 12**, Paul includes: *wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophesy, discernment, interpretation of tongues, helps and administration.*
- In **Ephesians 4** and **1 Corinthians 12**, Paul lists five equipping positions in the church.
These are: *Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers.*

No One is Excluded

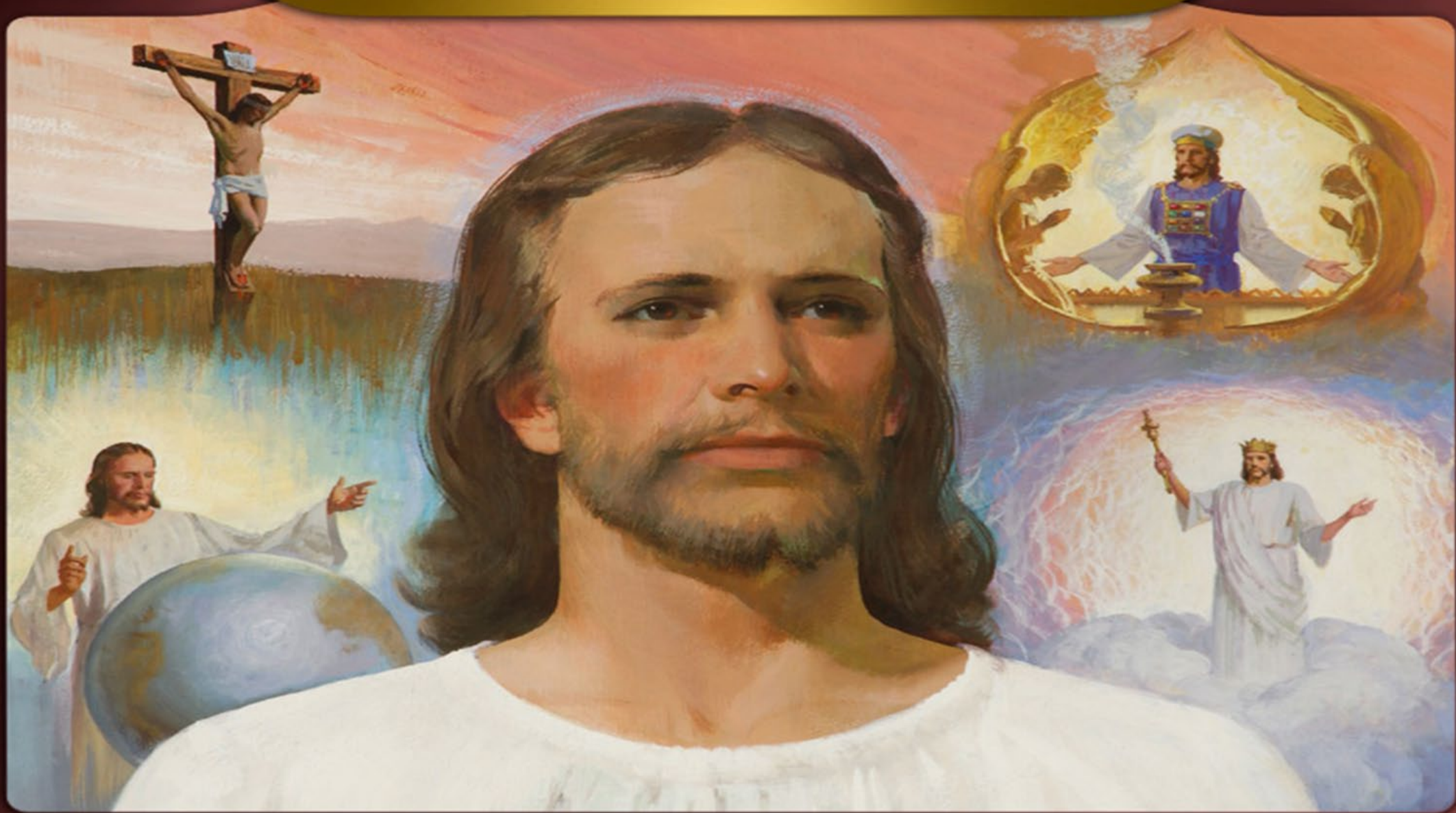
Everybody
Can Do Something



Where do you grow best?

The only way for the **gift** to grow is in the best soil.

The Church



What is my gift? 12:31 (NLT)

"So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts.
But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all."

Get ready to find out



Breakout Rooms

To summarize what the **seven spiritual gifts** look like in action, imagine seven people around a dinner table having dinner together.

The hostess walks in with a dessert tray, and she accidentally spills the tray.

How would the seven people representing each of the seven gifts in Romans 12:6-8 respond to a spilled dessert?

(1) The person with the gift of prophecy would say, **“That’s what happens, when you’re not careful.”**

His motivation is to convict people of their sin, what they did wrong.

(2) The person with the gift of serving might say, **“I will help you clean it up.”**

She has the desire to meet a practical need.

(3) The person with the gift of teaching might say, **“The reason that tray fell, is because you put too many things on this side, and you needed to balance the weight more carefully.”**

He wants to clarify truth.

(4) The person with the gift of exhortation would say, **“Next time, we can serve dessert with the meal.”**

She gives a practical solution to the problem, so it doesn't happen again.

(5) The person with the gift of giving would say, **“I will buy a new dessert.”**

He uses his personal assets to meet a practical need.

(6) The person with the gift of mercy would respond by hugging the hostess and saying, **“It’s okay. Don’t feel badly. It could happen to anyone.”**

She doesn’t care about the dessert.

She not focusing on the six people around the table.

She is empathizing with that one person who is in distress at the time.

(7) And the person with the gift of leading would respond to the spilled dessert by saying, “**Bob, would you get some towels to wipe up the table? Mary, grab the mop for the floor. And Jane, help me fix some other dessert.**”

That is the gift of leading.

Now, remember all of the spiritual gifts are necessary for the proper functioning of the body of Christ.

And most importantly, God wants us to exhibit characteristics of each of the gifts.

Discovering
Understanding
& Engaging

Your Spiritual Gifts



Where Do **You** Fit?

Knowing is Half the Battle

Exercise the Gifts God has Given to *You!*

QUESTIONS?