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MODULE 3 — DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Equipped by the Spirit to Serve the Body of Christ

Module Overview

God has uniquely created every believer for a purpose.

No one in the Body of Christ is without value.

No one is overlooked.

No one is insignificant.

When you placed your faith in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit not only began transforming your life—He also equipped you for ministry. Every believer receives spiritual gifts that are intended to strengthen the Church, encourage other believers, and advance God's Kingdom.

These gifts are not rewards for spiritual maturity.

They are expressions of God's grace.

The Apostle Paul teaches that just as the human body has many parts with different functions, the Church is made up of many believers with different gifts. No one possesses every gift, and no gift is more important than another. Every gift is needed because every believer has a role in God's mission.

John Wesley believed every Christian was called to ministry. While not everyone is called to stand behind a pulpit, every believer is called to faithfully serve Christ through the gifts God has entrusted to them. Ministry happens in homes, workplaces, neighborhoods, hospitals, classrooms, construction sites, coffee shops, and churches—wherever God's people faithfully represent Jesus.

Discovering your spiritual gifts isn't about discovering your importance.

It's about discovering how God wants to love others through you.

As you begin serving according to your gifts, you'll experience the joy of participating in God's work and watching lives be transformed through His power.

The Holy Spirit never equips us for our own recognition.

He equips us so that Christ may be glorified and His Church strengthened.

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them."

— 1 Corinthians 12:4

Learning Objectives

By the end of Module 3, you will:

- Understand the biblical purpose of spiritual gifts.
 - Recognize that every believer has been gifted by the Holy Spirit.
 - Begin identifying your own spiritual gifts.
 - Learn how your gifts strengthen the Body of Christ.
 - Discover practical opportunities to serve.
 - Develop a servant-hearted approach to ministry.
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LESSON 9 — EVERY BELIEVER HAS GIFTS

Theme

Every follower of Jesus has been uniquely gifted by the Holy Spirit for ministry.

Key Scriptures

- 1 Corinthians 12:1–11
- Romans 12:3–8
- Ephesians 4:11–13
- 1 Peter 4:10–11

Big Idea

God has equipped every believer to participate in His mission.

Introduction

It's easy to believe that ministry belongs to pastors, missionaries, or church leaders.

The Bible teaches something very different.

Every believer is called.

Every believer is gifted.

Every believer has a purpose.

When the Holy Spirit comes into our lives, He equips us with spiritual gifts—not for personal recognition but to build up the Church and serve others.

Some believers teach.

Some encourage.

Some lead.

Some show mercy.

Some serve behind the scenes.

Some give generously.

Some pray faithfully.

Some welcome others with hospitality.

Each gift reflects the character of Christ in a unique way.

Together, these gifts allow the Church to function as God intended.

Every Gift Matters

Imagine a human body where every part wanted to be the eye.

The body couldn't function.

Likewise, the Church flourishes because God intentionally gives different gifts to different people.

Comparison steals joy.

Faithfulness brings fulfillment.

God isn't asking you to become someone else.

He's inviting you to become exactly who He created you to be.

Reflection

1. Have you ever compared your abilities to someone else's?
 2. Why do you think God gives different gifts to different people?
 3. How does knowing every gift matters encourage you?
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Weekly Challenge

Read Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12.

Write down every spiritual gift mentioned.

Ask God to begin revealing how He has uniquely equipped you.

Prayer

Father,

Thank You for creating me with purpose. Help me appreciate the unique ways You have gifted me and teach me to celebrate the gifts You've given to others.

Amen.

Memory Verse

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us."

— Romans 12:6

LESSON 10 — DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Theme

God reveals our gifts as we faithfully follow and serve Him.

Key Scriptures

- 1 Corinthians 12:27–31
 - Romans 12:6–8
 - Ephesians 2:10
 - James 1:5
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Big Idea

Spiritual gifts are often discovered through prayer, service, and affirmation from other believers.

Introduction

Many Christians ask,

"What are my spiritual gifts?"

The answer usually doesn't come from taking a test alone.

It comes through faithful participation in the life of the Church.

As you pray...

Serve...

Try new opportunities...

Receive encouragement from mature believers...

Patterns begin to emerge.

People begin noticing where God consistently works through you.

You discover what energizes you.

You see where your service blesses others.

God often reveals our gifts while we are actively serving.

Discovering Your Gifts

Ask yourself:

- What opportunities to serve bring me joy?
- What ministries seem to come naturally?
- Where have others encouraged me?
- What burdens has God placed on my heart?
- How have I seen God work through me?

These questions often reveal where the Holy Spirit is already at work.

Reflection

1. Where have you experienced the greatest joy while serving?
 2. What do mature believers encourage you to continue doing?
 3. What ministry opportunities interest you most?
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Weekly Challenge

Ask three mature Christians:

"Where do you see God using me?"

Write down what they share and prayerfully look for common themes.

Prayer

Holy Spirit,

Reveal the gifts You have placed within me. Give me humility to learn, courage to serve, and wisdom to recognize how You've uniquely prepared me for ministry.

Amen.

Memory Verse

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works..."

— Ephesians 2:10

LESSON 11 — SERVING THROUGH YOUR GIFTS

Theme

Spiritual gifts are meant to be used, not hidden.

Key Scriptures

- Matthew 25:14–30
- 1 Peter 4:10–11
- Galatians 5:13
- Mark 10:45

Big Idea

God gives gifts so we can faithfully serve others with love and humility.

Introduction

Knowing your gifts is only the beginning.

The real purpose of spiritual gifts is service.

Jesus demonstrated this perfectly.

Although He possessed all authority, He chose the path of humility and service.

The Holy Spirit equips us to continue Christ's ministry in the world.

Whether your gifts are visible or behind the scenes, every act of faithful service contributes to God's Kingdom.

The greatest ministries are often the quietest.

God sees every act of obedience.

Serving Faithfully

Healthy ministry is marked by:

- Humility instead of pride.

- Faithfulness instead of recognition.
- Love instead of obligation.
- Dependence on God instead of self.
- Teamwork instead of competition.

When everyone serves according to God's design, the entire Church becomes stronger.

Reflection

1. Are there gifts God is asking you to use more faithfully?
 2. What keeps you from serving?
 3. How does serving reflect the heart of Jesus?
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Weekly Challenge

Volunteer in one ministry this week that aligns with your interests or gifts.

Pay attention to where you experience joy, effectiveness, and God's presence.

Prayer

Lord,

Teach me to serve with humility and joy. Help me faithfully use every gift You've entrusted to me for the good of others and the glory of Your name.

Amen.

Memory Verse

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others..."

— 1 Peter 4:10

LESSON 12 — FINDING YOUR PLACE IN MINISTRY

Theme

God has prepared a place where your gifts and His mission come together.

Key Scriptures

- Ephesians 4:11–16
 - 1 Corinthians 12:12–27
 - Colossians 3:23–24
 - Matthew 5:14–16
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Big Idea

Your ministry begins where God has placed you today.

Introduction

Many believers spend years waiting for a "big calling."

Meanwhile, God is inviting them to be faithful in today's opportunities.

Ministry isn't confined to a church building.

It happens wherever people encounter the love of Christ through His followers.

Your home can become a place of ministry.

Your workplace can become a mission field.

Your neighborhood can become a place of compassion.

Your church becomes a family where your gifts strengthen others.

Faithfulness today prepares you for greater opportunities tomorrow.

God rarely asks us to leap.

He asks us to take the next faithful step.

Finding Your Place

Pray these questions regularly:

- Where is God already working?
- What needs do I consistently notice?
- Where do my gifts meet those needs?
- Who can mentor me as I grow?
- How can I faithfully serve where I am today?

Don't wait until you feel completely ready.

Most ministry begins with a willing heart.

Reflection

1. Where has God already placed opportunities for ministry around you?
 2. What next step is He inviting you to take?
 3. How can you faithfully serve your church, community, or family this month?
 4. Who could mentor and encourage you as you grow in ministry?
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Weekly Challenge

Choose one area of ministry where you can serve consistently over the next month.

Commit to showing up faithfully, praying before you serve, and asking God to work through your gifts.

Prayer

Father,

Thank You for preparing good works for me long before I recognized them. Help me faithfully use the gifts You've entrusted to me, serve wherever You've placed me, and trust that You will continue leading me into greater opportunities to glorify You.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Memory Verse

"To each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."

— 1 Corinthians 12:7

Module 3 Wrap-Up

God has uniquely created and equipped you for His Kingdom.

Throughout this module, you've discovered that spiritual gifts are not badges of honor or measures of spiritual maturity—they are expressions of God's grace, given so that His Church may be strengthened and His mission advanced. As you prayerfully identify your gifts and faithfully begin serving, you'll experience the joy of participating in God's work in ways that only you can.

Remember, God is less concerned with your abilities than with your availability. A willing heart in the hands of the Holy Spirit can accomplish far more than natural talent apart from Him. As you faithfully serve, your gifts will continue to develop, your confidence will grow, and your dependence upon God will deepen.

Before we can effectively lead others in ministry, we must first learn to seek God's heart through prayer.

In **Module 4 — Prayer That Moves Mountains**, you'll discover how prayer becomes more than a spiritual discipline—it becomes a partnership with God. You'll learn to pray with confidence,

intercede for others, discern God's direction, and develop a prayer life that fuels every aspect of your ministry.

The fire is being fueled.

Keep serving.

Keep growing.

Keep allowing the Holy Spirit to work through the gifts He has graciously placed within you.