How to Discover and Walk in Your Calling

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> *What is the difference between spiritual gifts and the fruit of the Spirit? Learn how to bear fruit, discover your spiritual gift, and overcome the obstacles that stop believers from walking in their calling.*

Spiritual Gifts vs. Fruit of the Spirit: What's the Difference?

A **gift** is something we receive freely.
But **fruit** is something that must be cultivated.

This is a crucial biblical distinction that every believer must understand.

While **spiritual gifts** are given by grace, the **fruit of the Spirit** is developed through surrender, obedience, and spiritual growth.

Jesus said:

"…While every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful." – John 15:2

Pruning requires process. Growth requires cooperation. Bearing fruit takes work.

How Do We Bear the Fruit of the Spirit?

Many believers assume that the Holy Spirit automatically produces fruit in us. However, Scripture teaches that fruit must be nurtured.

When we are saved, the Holy Spirit indwells us — but the manifestation of the fruit depends on how we "water the tree."

How do we water the Tree of the Holy Spirit?

We water it through:

Daily surrender

Obedience to the Word of God

Prayer

Repentance

Spiritual discipline

The fruit that God desires us to manifest is clearly listed in **Galatians 5:22**:

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”

It is God’s will that every believer **bear much fruit**.

Fruit reflects character.
Fruit proves maturity.
Fruit glorifies God.

Are Spiritual Gifts Only for a Few Chosen Believers?

When it comes to the **fruit of the Spirit**, most believers agree that all Christians are called to manifest it.

But confusion often arises regarding **spiritual gifts**.

Some believe that spiritual gifts are reserved for a select few. Scripture says otherwise.

When the Holy Spirit descended in the upper room, He came upon **each and every believer present**.

Every believer has received at least one spiritual gift to fulfill their God-given purpose.

Romans 12:6 teaches:

“We have different gifts according to the grace given us…”

The passage then lists examples of spiritual gifts:

Prophecy

Serving

Teaching

Encouraging

Giving

Leadership

Showing mercy

Spiritual gifts are given **according to grace**, not merit.

Why Many Believers Don’t Walk in Their Spiritual Gifts

Unfortunately, many Christians do not know what their spiritual gifts are. There are three major enemies that prevent believers from walking in their gifting.

1■■ Comparison and Jealousy

Focusing on others — how they look, what they have, or the impact they make — leads to:

Jealousy

Competition

Self-rejection

Discouragement

Comparison distracts you from your assignment.

When you focus on someone else’s calling, you neglect your own.

2■■ Ignorance of Your Spiritual Gift

If you do not understand your gift, you may try to run someone else’s race.

The result?

Frustration

Failure

Self-pity

Blaming God

But God is not unfair. He distributes gifts wisely and intentionally.

You were designed with purpose.

3■■ Lack of Prayer

Prayer is essential for discovering and developing your spiritual gift.

Without prayer:

You will not grow in your gift

You may not recognize it

You may neglect it

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal your gifting so you can serve effectively in the Body of Christ.

How to Discover Your Spiritual Gift

If you're asking, **"How do I know my spiritual gift?"** — here are three biblical self-evaluation questions:

1■■ What do you do naturally that blesses others?

What comes easily to you but impacts others deeply?

2■■ What brings you joy and fulfillment?

Your spiritual gift often aligns with your God-given passion.

3■■ What brings glory to God?

Your gift should ultimately point people to Christ — not yourself.

The answers to these three questions often reveal your spiritual gifting.

Scripture encourages clarity:

"Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed." – 1 Corinthians 12:1

God does not want you confused about your calling.

Why Walking in Your Spiritual Gift Matters

Your spiritual gift:

Strengthens the church

Builds up the body of Christ

Advances God’s Kingdom

Brings personal fulfillment

Glorifies God

When you neglect your gift, the Body suffers loss.

When you walk in your gift, others are blessed.

The Balance: Fruit and Gifts Together

Fruit without gifts limits impact.
Gifts without fruit damage character.

God desires both:

Christlike character (fruit of the Spirit)

Spirit-empowered service (spiritual gifts)

Maturity happens when both operate together.

You are not giftless.
You are not forgotten.
You are not insignificant.

You have received grace for a purpose.

Discover your spiritual gift.Develop it in prayer.Demonstrate it with humility.
And bear fruit that remains

Prayer Points

1. Repentance for Lack of Fruit

Ask the Lord to forgive you where you have not surrendered fully to His Word, preventing spiritual growth.

2. Revelation of Your Spiritual Gift

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you answer the three discovery questions and reveal your gifting.

3. Gratitude for Your Calling

Thank God that you have been uniquely gifted to bless the Body of Christ.