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## THE COMMON GOOD: Week 2 2.24.13: I Corinthians 12:8-10, 28-30

### [setup]

What are a few natural talents or skills that you possess? How did you get these abilities?

What is the difference between a natural ability and a spiritual gift?

### [digging deeper]

Review our definition of a spiritual gift: - A supernatural ability activated and empowered by the Holy Spirit that enables a believer to build up the body of Christ in a unique way.

Although this may be a review, Read the following passages related to Spiritual gifts, then engage in the series of questions below:

Romans 12:6-8

1 Cor. 12:8-10, 28-30

Eph. 4:11

1 Peter 4:10-11

What spiritual gifts do you identify in those passages?

From memory, write down the gifts you can remember. Go back and write in any ones you missed to round off the list.

As you review the list, how would you define each gift?

Give an example of how each gift can be used in the church today? As you look around our church, what gifts do you see being used each week by faithful servants?

What controversies are you aware of or have heard of in the church today related to spiritual gifts? Why would these be considered a non-fundamental topic of debate rather than fundamental? What happens in the body of Christ when we are divided on such issues?

Read Hebrews 2:4 and 1 Cor. 12:11. How does it make you feel to realize that God the Holy Spirit, in His will, gave you specific gifts to use for His kingdom?

What spiritual gifts do you have? If you have taken a spiritual gift assessment, what do you typically score highest in? If you have not taken one, what gifts are you guessing you would score highest in?

Romans 12:6 says: "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them..." 1 Peter 4:10 says, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another." The message is clear... use your gift!

How are you using your spiritual gifting right now to grow Christ's church? (What area of ministry are you serving in, or preparing to serve in?)



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What happens when a person is serving in an area that they are not gifted in? What happens in the life of a person who is not using their gifts? What about those who are?

How can seeking out your spiritual gift and then serving in that gifting, increase your intimacy with God and expose you to more power of the Holy Spirit in your life?

## [living it out]

Take a spiritual gift assessment to either learn, or be reminded of your possible spiritual gifts. We recommend the following one

[http://www.spiritualgiftstest.com/index.php?option=com\\_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=3](http://www.spiritualgiftstest.com/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=3)

How can you further develop your spiritual gifts and use them with greater faithfulness and passion?

Think of 3 people in our church family that faithfully use their spiritual gifts (write names here:  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) ) \_\_\_\_\_

Commit to encourage them this week by letting them know how God has used them (note, email, face to face conversation)

As you close up this time in prayer:

Thank God for the gifts that He has given you.

Thank God for the fruit that has been produced by the use of your gifts

Ask God for greater insights into your gifts and obedience to use them

Ask God to help you use your gifts more faithfully for the common good of His bride