# “We Need the Holy Spirit (Part 5): Understanding Each Spiritual Gift (2)” – February 9, 2020

**“Teaching” -** The Spirit-given ability to accurately and clearly explain the meaning of the Bible, convey its doctrines and give its legitimate application to contemporary hearers. (1 Cor. 12:28, 29; Eph. 4:11; cf. 2 Thess. 2:15; 1 Tim. 6:2-3; Heb. 5:12-6:2)

**“Helps/Serving”** - The Spirit-given ability to meet the needs of others through practical means. (1 Cor. 12:28; Rom. 12:7; cf. Acts 20:3; 1 Tim. 6:2; Luke 10:40; Acts 6:1)

**“Contribution”** - The Spirit-given ability to give materially or financially to those in need with regular and unusual generosity. (Rom. 12:8; cf. Luke 3:11; Eph. 4:28)

**“Practicing Mercy”** – The Spirit-given ability to sympathize with the afflicted (the sick, the poor, the suffering and those in prison) and to provide practical resources or support to lessen their suffering. (Rom. 12:8; cf. Luke 10:37; Matt. 25:35ff; James 2:12-13, 1-2)

**“Gifts of Leadership/Management”** - The Spirit-given ability to oversee, organize, direct and manage the church community or a specific ministry according to biblical principles, values, goals and visions, using biblically-informed methods and in the manner which reflects Christ’s character. (1 Cor. 12:28; Rom. 12:8; cf. 1 Tim. 3:4–5, 12; 5:17; Prov. 1:5; 11:14; Acts 27:11)

#### Common Practices to Grow in Spiritual Gifts

A) Practice the gift by participating in a related ministry
B) Ask other believers for feedback to affirm your gifting or advise in how to use the gift
C) Grow in your faith (knowledge of God’s Word and related literature, Christian wisdom, holiness, intimacy with God)
D) Learn from other believers (hearing their testimonies, reading biographies, mentorship relationship)