



OUR UNDERSTANDING OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

First Evangelical Free Church (FEFC) of Chicago, Illinois

We believe that God has given each of us a spiritual gift for the purpose of benefitting one another and finding our “fit” in church. The concept of spiritual gifts is mentioned in several key places in the New Testament, such as 1 Corinthians 12-14, 1 Timothy 4, and 1 Peter 4. Some gifts may sound pretty fantastic (like the gift of prophecy) and some may sound pretty mundane (like the gift of helps), but our understanding of our own giftedness helps us to serve God and one another in an optimally effective way.

We have offered multiple teachings on the specific way that we understand spiritual gifts to work in the church. If you want more information or are unsure whether you possess a spiritual gift at all, contact us for more information. In case the concept of spiritual gifts is unfamiliar to you in general, the following are key passages of scripture that inform First Free’s understanding of this matter:

- Only believers have Spiritual gifts - 1 Cor. 2:14
- Every believer has at least one gift - 1 Cor. 7:7
- No one receives all the gifts - 1 Cor. 12:27-30
- No single gift is given to everyone - 1 Cor. 12:29-30
- A spiritual gift cannot be earned - Eph. 4:7
- The Holy Spirit decides what gifts are given - 1 Cor. 12:11, 17-20
- These gifts are to be developed according to God’s design - 1 Tim. 4:14
- Believers are entrusted with gifts in order to faithfully utilize them - 1 Cor. 4:1-2 and Mt. 25:14-20
- Using my gift glorifies God, blesses others, and grows me - John 15:8 and 1 Peter 4:11
- One’s giftedness is not a substitute for godly character; we need both – 1 Cor. 13