

PHIL'S OFFICIAL LIST OF 45 SPIRITUAL GIFTS NOT MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE

Everyone in my circle of Christian friends believes every saved person has a “spiritual gift” [Eph 4.11]. They also believe we each have service to perform in our local churches. But almost to a person they seem to think that everyone’s gift is in a list in some chapter of the Bible.

There is no list of all the gifts anywhere in the Bible.

We’ve all compared the 5 lists:

Romans 12

I Corinthians 12

I Corinthians 12 [the second list]

Ephesians 4 [one verse]

I Peter 4 [2 verses, 2 gifts]

None of the lists are the same.

The Bible never says name your gift. It only says use your gift.

Here’s help. Of course this list is funny, but that’s not why I wrote it. I’ll stand behind the probability that every one of these activities is part of somebody’s gift.

Maybe [part of] your spiritual gift is:

praying for every person in your congregation.

Maybe it is **teaching**

or **singing**

or **passing out** tracts

or providing **snacks** for a Sunday School class

or **counseling** friends

or **babysitting** during the teen youth meetings

or **parking** cars

or carrying **umbrellas**

or **praying** for youth group speakers

or making a copy each week of those who were saved

or by **country**

or **straightening** the hymnbooks

or **folding and stapling**

or **trimming** the pastor's bushes

or **shampooing** the pastor's rugs annually

or running church office **errands**

or making a **prayer list from requests** on Wed nite and distributing it by church email

or **vacuuming**

or being the permanent **babysitter** for families who go witnessing at the mall on Friday nites

or **trimming** bushes

or bringing two **small pots of flowers from your backyard** each week to put on the platform

or **washing** church windows twice a year

or finding ways to make the church leadership more **efficient**

or giving free **rides** to anybody - day or night

or taking every church **visitor** to Wendy’s after church [maybe once a month]

or talking to every visitor who **sits in your row**

or. . .well, you get it, [psst. . .you don’t need to know the name of your gift—just use it!]

or **helping**

or **inviting** folks to come to church

or **cooking** for church dinners

or **giving** 25% [you don’t have to have much]

or **nursery** care

or **driving** kids home after youth meetings

or **office** work

maybe it is **praying** for Sunday School teachers

or praying for AWANA leaders during meetings

over the internet and **praying for them by name**

or running the office **copy machine** once a week

or **shining** the pastor's shoes

or **washing** the pastor's car

or **buying** church supplies

or doing **hospital** visitation

or doing **odd jobs** around the church

or **planting and tending** the flowers at the church

or **Airport shuttle** for missionaries

It’s my observation [over 50 years as a church consultant] that **50% of most congregations** have the “gift of helps.” That probably includes you. So, just help every time you get a chance.

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