

FAMILY TALK BACK QUESTIONS

1. What does the Holy Spirit do in your life? In the church? In the rest of the world?
2. Which fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22, 23) are the most developed in your life? Which ones are getting or needing special attention right now? How does the Holy Spirit develop these fruits in your life?
3. What is the reason the Holy Spirit provides us with spiritual gifts (Ephesians 4:12, 13)? Describe examples of spiritual gifts you've seen and how they were used.
4. What spiritual gifts does it seem the Holy Spirit has given you? How have you used them? What has been the results?
5. What spiritual gifts have you seen others use? What will you do to let them know you've seen those spiritual gifts in them?
6. Discuss the spirit of prophecy. What message have you received from prophets? How does God send us messages today? Why would God want his people to have the spiritual gift of prophecy.
7. Read all of 1 Corinthians 12 from a version of the Bible you like and can understand well. What are three key elements that stand out for you in this chapter?



NEXT TIME: THE STATE OF THE DEAD.



Lesson 7.

Spiritual Gifts

Name: _____

THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

All they had was a promise. At another time in his ministry Jesus had said that he was going to send them another helper, to help them in the task ahead. Jesus reminded them of this promise again, just before he ascended into heaven. 'Wait for the gift my Father promised,' He had said. (Acts 1:4)

What gift was this? And what would they receive
ACTS 1:4-5,8 (p. 768) _____



A few days later the promise came true. As they were praying a loud noise filled the room and flames of fire came and rested on each of them and they were filled with the *Holy Spirit*. (See Acts 2). With this new *power* in their hearts they literally changed the world through proclaiming the gospel. But it didn't stop there—it continues down through today.

As you are taking charge of your spiritual life, there is an important ingredient that you must have. Notice what the Bible says about people who repent and are baptised. Read the following verse and write what it means in your own words.

ACTS 2:38 (p.770) _____

Who is this promise for? Acts 2:39. (p.770) _____

Hey that's you. We are a part of those who are a long way off. That's amazing! God the Holy Spirit can live inside you. You may have seen evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence in others by noticing how some people live there lives.



Where have you seen the Holy Spirit?

Having the Holy Spirit live in you doesn't mean you have it all together. It means that the Holy Spirit shows Himself through you at times. And that's a reasons to celebrate.

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

One of the many Spiritual Gifts is the gift of prophecy. What do you think of when you hear about prophecy?

A prophet is mealy a spokesperson for God. That person receives a message from God and then passes it on. Sometimes it's a message for a specific person. At other times it's a message for a group of people. The message can be spoken or written. Our Bible is a collection of messages God gave to prophets.

How would you define a prophet in your own words

The gift of prophecy is one of the gifts that God uses to communicate with his people. So we would expect God to continue to communicate with his people today. Look up the following text and write down in your own words what you think it means.

Joel 2:28 (p 638)



Seventh-day Adventists have an incredible collection of messages from a prophet who provided valuable input during the formation of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We take that as affirmation that the spiritual gift of prophecy was given to us to. But according to our text we can expect lots of people to receive that gift.



The followers of Jesus are given the Holy Spirit, who lives inside of us. By staying connected to God, the Holy Spirit develops the "fruit" of the spirit in your life. He also gives you spiritual gifts to build up His church.

Do you want to discover and use your gift for Jesus? [] YES [] NO.

FINDING YOUR GIFT.

So what is the gift that God has given you? One way to help you to discover this is by remembering the letters to the word SHAPE.

S stands for unwrapping your _____. As we have said everyone has a gift. What does 1 Peter 4:10 (p 864) say we should do with our gift? _____

H stands for Listening to your _____. This really is all about discovering your passion. What are you passionate about. God fires each of us up in different ways—what is it that you love—discover that then go and make a difference for God.



A stands for Applying your _____. Romans 12:6 (NLT) says *God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well.* What abilities do you have that God has given you that you do well.



P stands for Using your _____. God has given each of us different temperaments and different personalities. We are to use the way that God has wired us up for His glory.

E stands for Employing your _____. We each have different experiences in life, and God can use these to help others on their journey.

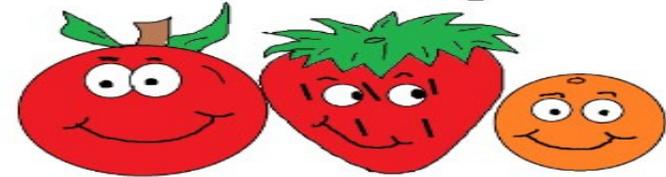
Perhaps one of the most important things to do, is to start experimenting. If you think you have the gift of singing, give it a try. If people come up and say, that was fantastic, then you probably have this gift. If others come and say that was horrible, you might want to experiment with something else!

HIS FRUITS.

But how can you know if the Holy Spirit lives in you? It's really quite simple. The Bible give us the answer in that it talks about the Fruit of the Spirit.

What are these fruits? Look up **Galatians 5:22 -23** (p825) and fill in the blanks.

Fruit of The Spirit



THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT ARE:

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Keep in mind that fruit takes a while to develop. You can't plant a seed and get fruit the next day! It takes time. Be on the lookout for the development of "spiritual fruit" in the lives of others. Tell them what you see. This isn't to give them a big head; its to let them know that the Holy Spirit is working in their lives.

What fruit of the Spirit do you like best, which ones do you need to develop more?

As we said in the last lesson, it is important to remain connected to the vine. Fruit won't grow unless it is connected to the vine or tree. Living for Jesus isn't a matter of gritting our teeth and trying harder to be good. It's a matter of staying connected to Jesus and letting the Holy Spirit develop the "fruit of the Spirit" in our lives.



SPIRITUAL GIFTS TO EACH BELIEVER

Not only are there fruits but there are also *gifts of the spirit*.

Are we to know about these? What does the Bible say in regard to this?

1 Corinthians 12:1. (p811) _____

God wants us to know all about and to use our spiritual gifts. How many people get a spiritual gift and what is it given for?

1 Corinthians 12:7 _____

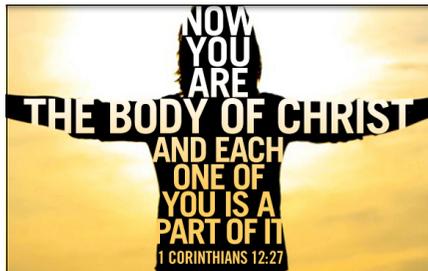
If you are a believer and have received the Holy Spirit, you are gifted. Who determines who gets what gift?

1 Cor 12:11 _____. You can't decide which gifts you get, the Holy Spirit gives one or more to gifts to you.

The entire chapter of 1 Corinthians 12 deals with Spiritual gifts. It compares it to a body.

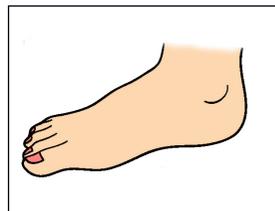
Write what the following text says in your own words.

1 Cor 12:27 _____



You have a role to play, and your role is vitally important. There are no one part of the body that is more important than the other parts. The foot can't say because I am not a hand I don't belong to the body, and the ear can't say, I'm not an eye so I don't belong.

We all belong! And we all have a part to play.



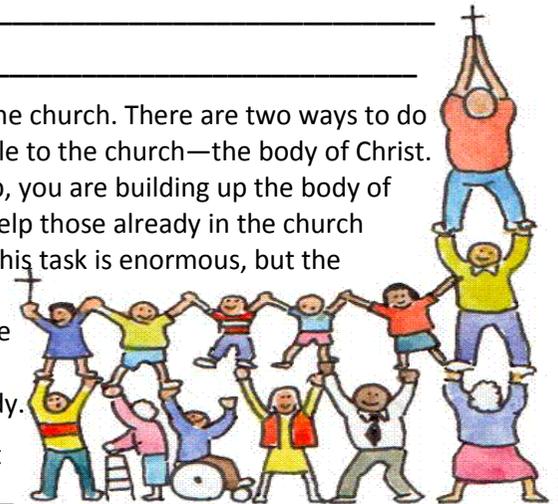
WHAT ARE GIFTS FOR?

So if everyone has been given a spiritual gift. What exactly is the purpose of the spiritual gift?

Write what you think the following text means.

Ephesians 4:12,13.(p 828) _____

Your gift is there to build up the church. There are two ways to do this. One way is to bring people to the church—the body of Christ. By adding people to the group, you are building up the body of Christ. The second way is to help those already in the church mature in their spiritual life. This task is enormous, but the resources are supernatural. And we get to be in the middle of the action.—God working through us to build up His body.



How do you feel knowing that God can use you? _____

Spiritual gifts are so important that they are mentioned a number of passages in the Bible. Read through the list on this page. **Which gifts do you think you the Holy Spirit may have given you?**

Listing of Spiritual Gifts

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| <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><u>Romans 12</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouragement Giving Leadership Mercy Prophecy Service Teaching | <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><u>1 Corinthians 12</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration Discernment Healing Interpretation of Languages Languages Prophecy Wisdom | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apostle Faith Helps Knowledge Miracles Teaching |
| <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><u>Ephesians 4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apostle Pastor Teaching | <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><u>Evangelism</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prophecy | <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><u>1 Peter 4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serving Teaching |

*The gifts in italics are repeated in one of the other passages.