

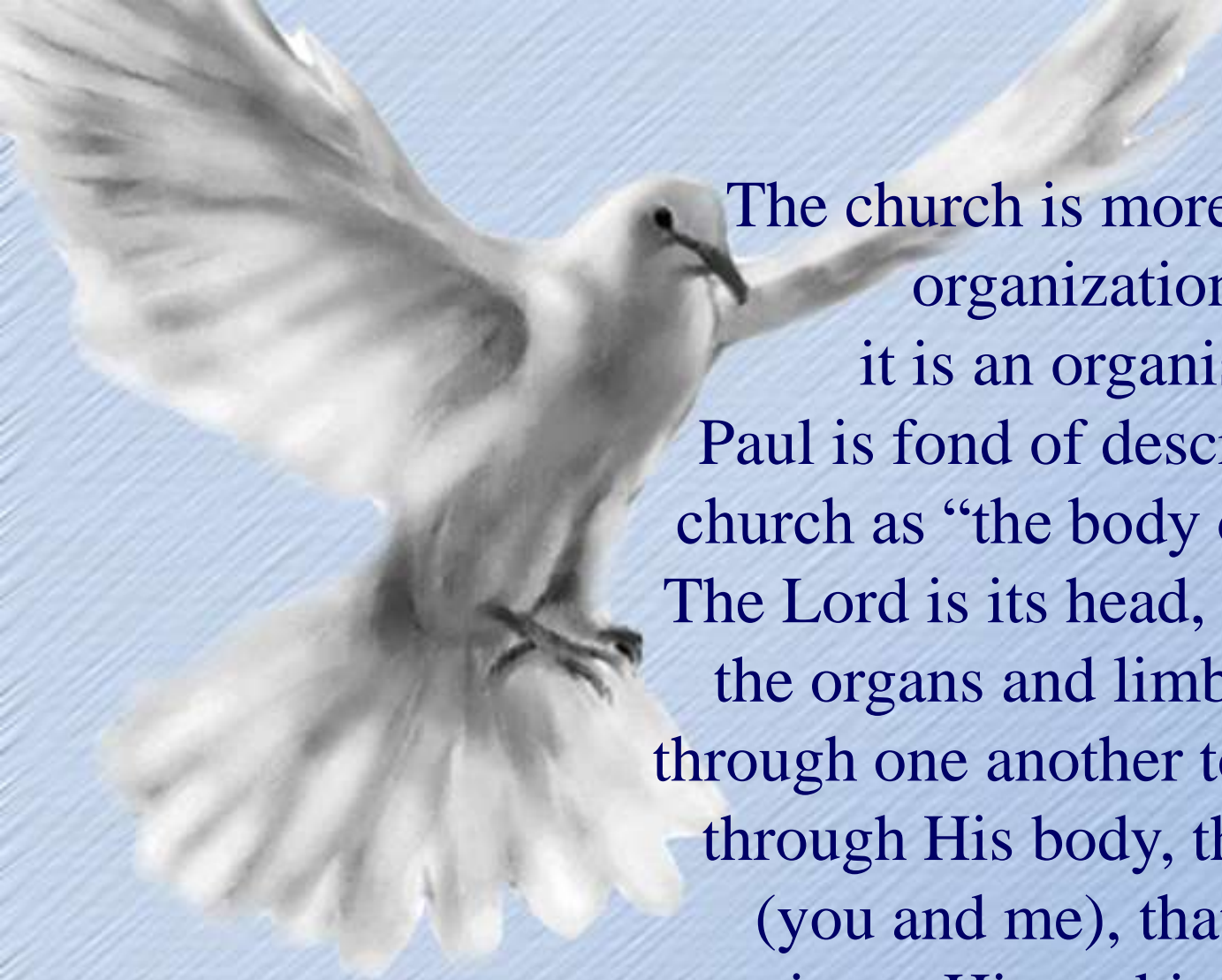


Spiritual Gifts

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

**Leadership
Certification**

**LEVEL
3**



The church is more than an
organization;
it is an organism.

Paul is fond of describing the
church as “the body of Christ.”
The Lord is its head, and we are
the organs and limbs, linked
through one another to Him. It is
through His body, the church
(you and me), that Christ
continues His seeking, serving,
saving work.




“To focus just on the giftedness
is like looking at one facet of a diamond and
missing the beauty
of the gem.”





- The Holy Spirit brings us assurance of our personal salvation
- He brings assurance that each one of us is special, and allows us to develop healthy self-esteem
- He brings us assurance that we can bear fruit and motivates us to personal growth
- He gives us special gifts to be used in our personal ministry



Fruit of the Spirit and Gifts of the Spirit

What a Christian is...

- Eternal
- God oriented
- For personal growth

What a Christian does

- Temporal
- Task oriented
- To be used in service



“Natural talents are the abilities we receive by birth and the natural man (or woman) is dependent upon himself to discover, develop and use his talent. The spiritual gift is given the moment we accept Christ, and the Christian can call on the Holy Spirit to reveal what gift he possesses, to discipline him in developing the gift, and to empower him in using the gift.”



- **What is a Spiritual Gift?**
- **When do we receive our gifts of ministry?**
- **How do we identify them?**



“Spiritual gifts are supernatural abilities given to Christians by the Holy Spirit so they can minister to others through nurture and outreach.”



“No woman or man in any church will be what she/he should be, what Jesus prayed that she/he should be, what the Holy Spirit gifted and empowered her/him to be, until she/he understands her/his spiritual gift or gifts.”



". . .each one of us has received a special gift...
(v.7). and that He (the Holy Spirit) did this to
prepare all God's people for the work of
Christian service in order to build up the body
of Christ (v.12)."



“He (she) who with a sincere and teachable spirit studies God’s word, seeking to comprehend its truth, will be brought in touch with its Author and except by his (her) own choice, there is no limit to the possibilities of his (her) development”.

~~Education, p. 125

How do we identify our gift(s)?



- Pray about it.
- Involve yourself in many different ministries.



- What types of ministry did I enjoy most?
- In what types of ministry did I see positive results?
- What spiritual abilities do others see in me?
- Which ministry have I been asked to do again and again?
- What types of ministry blend with my God given temperament?
- Which of my regular daily activities could have a spiritual application?



**Read through the 20 statements and
answer them as truthfully as you can**

**Consider your responses from two
perspectives:**

1. The degree to which the statements have been true or false in your life.
2. What you believe your responses would have been had you had the opportunity to be involved in the activities described.



- Try not to have too many 3's. If you have too many you will not get a true picture
- After answering all the statements, write the number circled for each statement in the appropriate squares
- Total the five columns
- The column with the highest score represents the area of probable giftedness



- It gives a sense of worth and purpose to know that God has a unique contribution for us to make.
- Because all the gifts/ministries are equally important there is no room for competition.
- It downplays feelings of guilt.
- We will be more enthusiastic and less frustrated and discouraged because we are serving in an area where we are gifted rather than struggling where we are not.



“ I don't believe that the sole reason for non-involvement is lack of commitment. Many Christians are convinced that they have nothing to offer.”



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